

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
July 26, 2020

Mission Statement

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in faith and reaching out in love

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020



ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal

P-Pastor R- Reader C-Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

Beautiful One

Tim Hughes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN

Shout to the Lord
(Sing twice)

ELW 821

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
 power and majesty, praise to the King.
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
 at the sound of your name.
 I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
 forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain

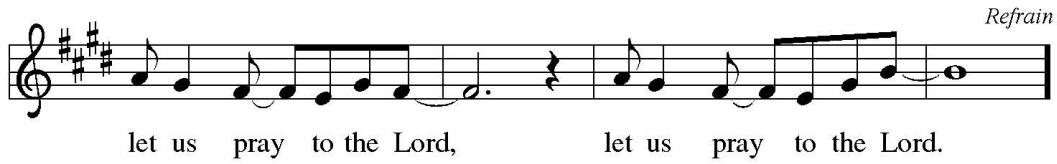


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
 Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a

great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also

justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being

killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor

rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had

and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV 783

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3 Matt. 4:4

Music: Karen Lafferty

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APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

John 3:16

Colleen Perrine

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen

PRAYERS

Petitions end: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: You hear our prayer.

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

FINAL BLESSING

P May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C Amen

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Send Me Out

Verse 1

Jesus Lord of my salvation

Savior of my soul

Send me out to the world to make You known

Jesus King of ev'ry nation

This world's only hope

Send me out to the world to make You known

Send me out to the world

Chorus

I wanna be Your hands and feet

I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak

I wanna run to the ones in need

In the name of Jesus

I wanna give my life away

All for Your kingdom's sake

Shine a light in the darkest place

In the name of Jesus

(In the name of Jesus)

Verse 2

Carry to the broken-hearted
Mercy You have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
To the ones in need of rescue
Lead me I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known
Send me out to the world

Bridge

Here am I
I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for ev'ry soul
Send me out send me out
Here am I
I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for ev'ry soul
So send me out

Chorus

I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need
In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away
All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place
In the name of Jesus
(In the name of Jesus)

Steve Fee

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DISMISSAL

P Prince of Peace is a family of Christians, growing in faith and reaching out in love.
Be at peace. Christ is with you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Faith

Wedgworth/Feliz/Duncan



LIVESTREAM COMMUNION LITURGY

HYMN

Blessing, Honor and Glory

ELW 433

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.
 Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!
 Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
 God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Blessed are you O God, for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
- C Blessed are you.
- P In Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
- C Blessed are you.
- P You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
- C Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to all.

INVITATION

- P Come to the Table. Those who are hungry, come, eat and drink.
C Bread for the journey. Drink for the desert.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor will lead this, line by line; you are invited to repeat each line and do the same actions. When we have finished these words, then communion may be shared.)

- P In the night in which our Lord was betrayed ... *(repeat)*
he took bread and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise bread)*
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, ... *(repeat)*
saying, Take and eat; this is my body given for you ... *(repeat)*
Do this for the remembrance of me *(repeat)*

Again, after supper he took the cup, and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise cup)*
and gave it for all to drink, ... *(repeat)*
saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... *(repeat)*
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin *(repeat)*
For as often as we eat of this bread ... *(repeat)* and drink from this cup ... *(repeat)*
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.... *(repeat)*

(You may now share the bread and wine with one another. You may use these or similar words.)

- This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
- This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Parents/Caregivers speak a blessing over younger children who have not completed communion instruction, saying, "Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!" (or another blessing listed below - on page 10).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Great God of gifts,
C We Thank You!
P You feed us in many ways
C and we are grateful to receive!
P We look to you;
C we look to each other, and we praise your name.
P As you've fed us,
C now make us food for the world!
P As this meal empowers us
C To Grow in Faith and Reach out to others in Love! Thank you, Great God of gifts! AMEN

DISMISSAL

- P Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

What to do about blessing children?

Parents/Caregivers should speak a blessing over younger children who aren't communing. Please do not commune children who have not completed instruction from PoP. You may place your hands on their heads as you speak the blessing. Both parents/caregivers can do this together. Here are some suggestions. You may use these or similar words that come from your heart.

- Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!
- May you always know Jesus loves you!
- Jesus died and rose again for you and for all and watches over us.
- May God keep you in the covenant of your baptism.

What to do with the leftovers?

Any bread or wine/grape juice that is left over may be consumed. Even though it has been consecrated for this meal, it is not any more holy than ordinary bread, wine or grape juice. It is to remind us that all food is holy and is a gift from God. Wine may be consumed or poured out on the ground as a sign of God's gift poured out for all on the earth. Bread may also be placed outside to benefit God's creatures or used in one's daily meals as a reminder of God's gift of our daily bread. If you have a loaf of bread left over, why not use this as a gift to share with your family or neighbors. Include a little note that says something like, "Jesus is the Bread of Life. Here is a gift of bread that was made for your daily life! Enjoy!"

A final favor!.....Let us know how it went!

This is first communion for many of our youth who have completed "First Communion Instruction," but it is also first communion for many of us too, Livestream that is. However, if we go back to the earliest days in Christian history, this was how communion was done, in peoples' homes. Of course, they didn't have computers or cell phones to unite them all together, but we do! So, we would like to see and hear your stories. Send us a picture or two, or even a video (popappleton.org) of how you set your table, what bread or wine you used, who was there (names optional), greetings to other members of the Church Deployed! Then come back to the Table on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!



