

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
September 13, 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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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P-Pastor R- Reader C-Congregation



“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

GATHERING MUSIC

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Tom McElrath

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

*In Thee Is Gladness*

ELW 867

In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely  
and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory  
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his

brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise

those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord

that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to

the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! Play mu-sic to

praise His name! Al - le - lu - le, al - le - lu - ia

*Verse*      **3**      *Final Refrain*

...ter - nal life. Sing praise to the Lord,

all the earth! Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;

and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SONG

Brigetta Wingender & Colleen Perrine

### *May the Words of My Mouth*

#### *Verse 1*

May the words of my mouth  
And the thoughts of my heart  
Bless Your name  
Bless Your name Jesus  
And the deeds of the day  
And the truth in my way  
Speak of You speak of You Jesus

#### *Chorus*

For this is what I'm glad to do  
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You  
And I will give my all to You  
Surrender everything I have and follow You  
I'll follow You

#### *Verse 2*

Lord will You be my vision  
Lord will You be my Guide  
Be my hope be my life and the Way  
And I'll look not for riches  
Nor praises on the earth  
Only You'll be the first of my heart *Chorus*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*You Are Mine*

ELW 581

"I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."

*Refrain*

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

"I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

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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 PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Hear Our Prayer*

(1<sup>st</sup> time - Cantor; 2<sup>nd</sup> time - ALL)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
 peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
 God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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## PRAYERS

Petitions end: Lord, we pray with confidence, knowing...

Response: **You hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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**

(ALL repeat *Hear Our Prayer* one time through.)

FINAL BLESSING

P Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

*Beautiful One*

*Verse 1*

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious how beautiful You are

*Chorus*

Beautiful One I love You  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing

*Verse 2*

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous how wonderful You are

*Chorus*

Beautiful One I love You  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing

*Bridge*

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

*Chorus*

Beautiful One I love You  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Tim Hughes

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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.**



## LIVESTREAM COMMUNION LITURGY

HYMN

*Lamb of God*  
*Your Only Son*

ELW 336

*Verse 1*

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

*Chorus*

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in your precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

*Verse 2*

Your gift of love we crucified  
We laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble king we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God *Chorus*

*Verse 3*

I was so lost I should have died  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God *Chorus*

Twila Paris

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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).*

## 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 Livestream Communion is new to us during this pandemic. 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!

