

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Brookfield, Connecticut*



*Outdoor Service
for the
Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation*

*August 1, 2020
5:00 p.m.*

GREETING AND WELCOME

Pastor Paul Lutz

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God who we know best through Jesus Christ, today we are crying out, how long, O Lord?
How long until we can touch our parents and beloved elders, neighbors and friends? (even as we thank you for each day we have with them).
How long until we can have things on our calendar to look forward to that don't involve staring at a screen? (even as we thank you for the abundance of celebrations and movies and live music and meals with friends that we have been granted up until a few months ago....even as we thank you for the gift which technology can be to us).
How long until we can gather together again to sing your praise? (even as we thank you for inspiring our virtual worship and calling an assembly in the streets to overturn the tables of injustice and racism).
How long until the dying ceases, the brutality ends, the anxiety abates?
How long until justice rains down like waters? How long, O Lord?
We're not asking for a date. We're asking for the faith that a date will come.¹

Response: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LUKE 4:14-21

Liz Davies

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke, the 4th Chapter.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ**

HOMILY

Pastor Paul Lutz

ANTHEM

Confirmation Hymn
~A Joyful Noise and Joy Singers~

(C. Chamberlin)

CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Andrew Confortini

I present *Cassandra Buzzell, Emma Cable, Ava Cantone, Andrew Confortini, Morgen Kleppin, Chris Mattera and Riley Roksvold* who desire to make public profession of their faith, to re-commit to the Christian life, and to receive the laying on of hands.

Pastor Lutz:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we thank you for Cassie, Emma, Ava, Andrew, Morgen, Chris and Riley, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Pastor:

Today we celebrate God's work in your lives.
Have you faithfully attended worship and class, in person and virtually?

Buzzell Family

We have faithfully attended worship and class, in person and virtually.

Pastor:

Have you participated in worship leadership roles and completed Sermon Notes?

Cable Family

We have participated in worship leadership roles and completed Sermon Notes.

Pastor:

Have you asked good questions.? Have you expressed doubts?

Confortini Family

We have asked good questions and expressed doubts.

Pastor:

Have you wrestled with faith and with God and with each other?

Mattera Family

We have wrestled with faith and with God and with each other.

Pastor:

Is Christian faith being perfect or completely confident, knowing all the right answers all the time?

Roksvold Family

No, it is not about knowing all the right answers all the time.

Pastor:

Is the Christian faith about coming together with other Christians and being kind to those with whom we share our lives?

Cantone Family

Yes, the Christian faith is about coming together with other Christians and being kind to those with whom we share our lives.

Pastor:

And are you now people who are striving to end racism, hatred and poverty,

Kleppin Family

Yes, we are people who are striving to end racism, hatred and poverty,

Pastor:

It is in so doing that you will meet God, be comforted in faith, and learn to live as Christians in the world.

Pastor: Today you're making promises to keep up the good work, to keep being the church, to keep asking good questions. This isn't the end of your learning and growing and forming in faith. In many respects, it's just a new beginning.

Pastor: And so I ask you:
Do you intend to *continue* living in the covenant of baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

You won't do these things perfectly. None of us do.
But do you intend to try to do these things, to the best of your ability,
and to join with us, the people of Prince of Peace in such trying?
If so, say, "I do, and I ask God to help me."

Response: **I do and I ask God to help me.**

Pastor: People of God, these are your sisters and brothers in Christ.
They have been committed partners in ministry and faith for years,
and today they recommit themselves.
Do you promise, to the best of your ability,
to support these sisters and brothers in their faithful living,
their questions and their struggles,
their service and their passion,
their hearing and receiving the Word and sharing of the Good News of God?
If so, say, "We do, and we ask God to help us."

Response: **We do and we ask God to help us.**



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Cassie, Emma, Ava, Andrew, Morgen, Chris, and Riley:
Surrounded by these sisters and brothers in Christ,
and with their words and faith holding you,
I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
to reject sin,
and to confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: **I renounce them. (Hold up sign)**

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: **I renounce them. (Hold up sign)**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: **I renounce them. (Hold up sign)**

Pastor: People of God gathered here today, please join these sisters and brothers in confessing our common Christian faith, using the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?
Response: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Response: **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,
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Response: **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.**

Those making affirmation may kneel. The family gathers around the confirmand, a representative of the household lays hands on the confirmand following the lead of the Pastor's prayer for God's blessing.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your forehead, a sign of God's love and mercy for you. Continue your journey to know and follow Christ.

Response: By this sign may you receive Christ's love and always follow him.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your ears, that you may hear the Gospel of Christ, the word of God

Pastor: Receive the cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ, illuminating your path for deeper wisdom.

Response: By this sign may you receive Christ's love and always follow him.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your lips, that you may sing the song of the church.

Pastor: Receive the cross of your heart, that God may dwell there by faith

Response: By this sign may you receive Christ's love and always follow him.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your works.

Pastor: Receive the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

Response: By this sign may you receive Christ's love and always follow him.

Pastor: I seal you with the sign of eternal life in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit

*Response: Amen.*³

The entire family is invited to lay hands on the confirmand and repeat this prayer along with the pastor.

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Father in Heaven, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and
the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

Those making public affirmation stand and face the Pastor.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with Cassie, Emma, Ava, Andrew, Morgen, Chris, and Riley, our sisters and brothers in Christ.

*Response: Thank you for your faith. We are united in Christ.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.*

Pastor: Go now in peace. Go now together.
Be sure once again God's love has no end and you are its beginning.
Go now in peace, choose kind.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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+ OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY +

Congratulations to the seven young people who are Affirming their Baptism today:

***Cassandra Buzzell, Emma Cable, Ava Cantone, Andrew Confortini, Morgen Kleppin,
Chris Mattera and Riley Roksvold***

May God bless them as they continue to live as disciples of Jesus.

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