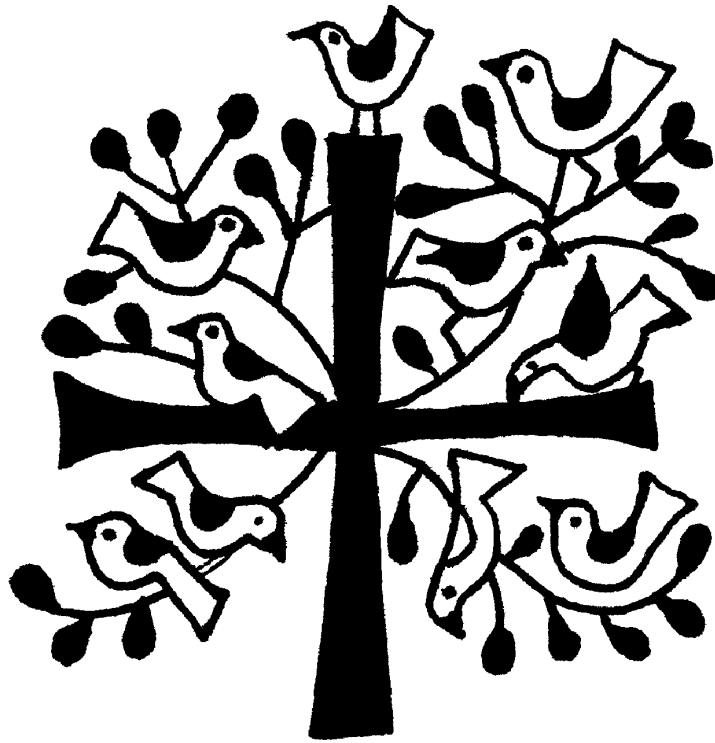


Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Brookfield, Connecticut



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. Inside Service

11:00 a.m. Outside Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul Lutz

PRELUDE

Grant Underwood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

APOSTOLIC 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.**

A Kyrie may be spoken.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy people, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. **Amen**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

L: A reading from Corinthians

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Paul Lutz

Gospel: Mark 4:26-32

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

THE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen

OFFERING MOMENT AND PRAYER

P. Heavenly Father, you have offered us such abundance. We are so very blessed. Yet, we often think that we have so little. Some of us may even feel as though our gift is too small. Thank you for reminding us that even our mustard seed-sized gift may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, we place before you all amounts of gifts – some quarters from children, some \$1 bills from adults, some larger bills and checks – knowing that you transform our scarcity into your abundance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**DIALOGUE**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

- P.** The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C.** **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P.** Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
- C.** **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P.** The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.
- C.** **Amen.**

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Watch for the kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grant Underwood

The flowers at the altar are given by Allen & Pam Nemetz in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

Upcoming Week at Prince or Peace

Monday June 14	Tuesday June 15	Wednesday June 16	Thursday June 17	Friday June 18	Saturday June 19	Sunday June 20
	5:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting at P.O.P.	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting via Zoom				9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship and Zoom 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Outside Worship

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUMMER

We offer the following weekly worship and learning opportunities through the summer (or until COVID recommendations suggests otherwise).

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the building, in-person, worship with communion following all the COVID -19 precautions. Registration required - See Prince of Peace website to register.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. will also be on Zoom and streamed to our Facebook page.

Meeting ID: 893 6306 3583
Passcode: 689284

Sundays from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. Sunday School in-person in the Green Room or playground (weather permitting) for children 1st-5th grade. See the [Sunday School](#) page on our website for details.

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. outdoor, parking lot, worship with communion. This service will not be on Zoom or streamed. Park in the lower parking lot and walk toward the church with your folding chairs. Bring your own bread and wine or use the kit provided. ***According to the CDC, for those fully vaccinated, no masks are needed for outside worship.*** In case of inclement weather, service will be broadcast over FM radio in the parking lot.

With the Summer Worship Schedule...

...comes new opportunities for worship leadership.

If you have already decided which Sunday worship service you will regularly attend - 9:00 a.m. inside or 11:00 a.m. outside - please consider assisting with worship leadership for that service.

There is an opportunity for you to be a part of the Welcome Team (greeter, temperature taker, attendance taker, help with seating, lector, etc.) at the 9:00 a.m. indoor service and the Welcome Team (set-up manager, greeter, bulletin distributor, offering collector, parking assistant, lector, etc.) at the 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of these two essential Welcome Teams. For more information and an opportunity to serve, contact Pastor Lutz today.

Altar Guild

We now have an opportunity for you to assist with Altar Guild. Currently this is a group of ladies but we can welcome gentlemen, to set and clean up after services in the church. At present there is very little to do. More responsibility will come as more in person services are scheduled.

A team of three is scheduled for each weekend of the month. You will not be on your own until you feel comfortable with the procedure. You will be trained. Please call 203-744-2033 or email.

lleh45@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Thanks, Susan Lehmann

Congregational Meeting

Our congregational meeting will be today at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and over Zoom.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Quorum/Secretary
- Call to Order - Susan Lehmann
- Opening Prayer - Pastor Lutz
- Approval of Agenda - Susan Lehmann
- Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2020 Congregational Meeting - Susan Lehmann
- Presentation of Proposed 2021/2022 Prince of Peace Pre-School Budget - Heidi Riddle
- Vote on Pre-School Budget - Susan Lehmann
- Update on sale of Misty Hollow - Steve Kleppin
- Update on church organist/musician search - Tina Giubileo
- Nominating Committee Report and Introduction of Nominees for Church Council - Liz Davies
- Additional Nominations from the Floor - Susan Lehmann
- Vote on Nominations - Susan Lehmann
- Update on 2021 Program of Ministry/Budget - Susan Lehmann
- Adjournment - Susan Lehmann

Flowers at the Altar

Most Sundays during the year, we have a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the altar that was created by the members of Altar Guild. Those flowers are dedicated and paid for by members of the congregation.

The arrangements cost \$25.00. If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to the glory of God, or in honor of a person or event, you can sign up for your chosen date on the Flower Chart between the bathrooms in the Narthex. You also need to fill out a flower request form, which is located next to the Flower Chart, and put it in Rene Tuccillo's mailbox. Your name and dedication will appear in the worship bulletins. If two people sign up for the same date, flowers can be placed in other locations in the Sanctuary, such as on the organ or piano or at the baptismal font. We do not have flowers at the altar during lent.

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