Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Brookfield, Connecticut



8th Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. Inside Service 11:00 a.m. Outside Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

Pastor Lutz Grant Underwood

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. 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 fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

L: A reading from Jeremiah

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

L: A reading from 2 Ephesians

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia. (John 10:27)

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P. The Gospel of the Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pastor Lutz

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. Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- P: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.
- C. Your mercy is great.
- P: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P. Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P. Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P. You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P. We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen

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OFFERING MOMENT AND PRAYER

P. Glorious God, we like to practice random acts of kindness. Your Word even confirms that we further your kingdom when we show kindness and compassion to another person. We pray that Jesus' life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, and offerings. We humbly give our offering as an expression of our faith. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grant Underwood

The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Gary Weisensee given by Mary Weisensee.

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 with a lessening of COVID-19 precautions. .

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

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 <u>Sunday School</u> 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.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



Friday, July 23rd 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Laura & Bill Duffy

17 Pilgrim Lane Sandy Hook, CT 06482

A little about Friday Night Live...

FNL is an evening consisting of adult couples and individuals, with good food and fellowship. We meet the 3rd Friday evening of the month. We usually meet at a host home, or the host can decide to have it at church.

Vaccinated Adults of all ages are welcome!

If you would like to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the church or you can e-mail the host. Couples bring an entrée to serve eight and either an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert. Individuals bring one item.

If you are more comfortable bringing your own lawn chairs to sit in the backyard and socialize - feel free!

Please sign-up at the church or e-mail Laura Duffy at **I.duffy@charter.net** if you would like to attend and what you will bring.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening!

CALUMET WALK THE WALK 2021

There is still time to register! So far 1,634 people and dogs are participating!

The goal: 1,500 registrants, trekking 200,000 miles over 62 days to raise \$106,250 or more for Calumet. There is still time to register! Each registrant receives an official "Walk the Walk 2021" T-Shirt.

If 1,500 sign up to participate, Calumet will receives \$37,500 in matching funds they won't otherwise receive.

Each participant (including dogs) joins a Team and Jim and I decided this would be a great thing for POP to join in so we will be the Team leaders. You can walk, run, bicycle, or swim. Four times during the 62 day event, participants will report their mileage to us and we will report to Calumet.

Registration fee is \$25 which goes to Calumet. If the participants...together...reach the 200,000 mile goal, Calumet will receive thousands of dollars in pledged money from Angel Donors they otherwise wouldn't receive.

The link to register is https://www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk

Please let us know if you are joining our Team.

Marci & Jim Sharp....(203) 775-4657 or e-mail: bowmanrae@aol.com



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

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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