

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Brookfield, Connecticut



9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

9:00 a.m. Inside Service

11:00 a.m. Outside Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lutz

PRELUDE

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.

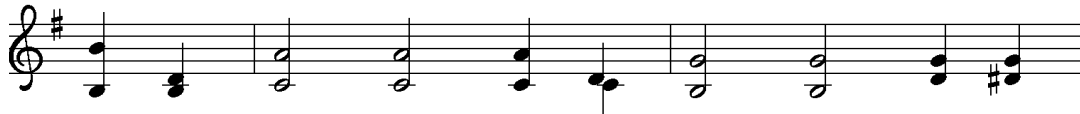
Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

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.

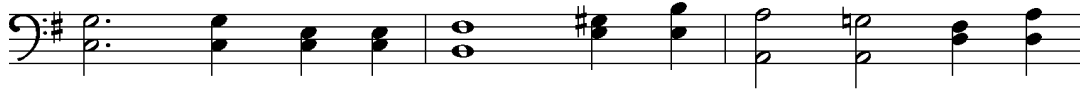
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. **Amen**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

L: A reading from Second Kings, Fourth Chapter

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

L: A reading from Ephesians, the Third Chapter

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us!

Alleluia. (Luke 7:16)

Gospel: John 6:1-15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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. 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: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P. We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P. We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P. We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. 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

OFFERING MOMENT AND PRAYER

- P. Awesome God, Jesus fed thousands of people with seemingly little effort. Yet, we have grave difficulty feeding children in our own country -- let alone the entire world. Even while we are praying this prayer, someone has died from starvation and the lack of food. When we share resources with care-giving ministries, your hand is upon our shoulders, just like it was upon Jesus' shoulders the day he fed his followers. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to change lives by becoming generous caregivers of the resources that you first gave to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.**

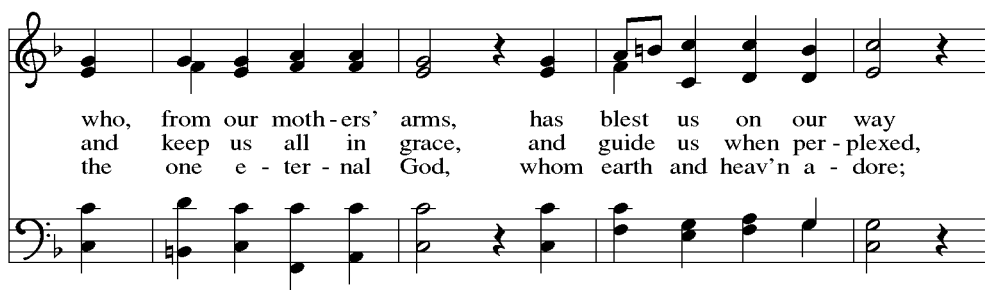
Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grant Underwood

***The flowers at the altar are a thank offering to God
for Gail & Ernie Lehman's 59 years of marriage.***

Changes in Worship -

A moving target *...

At the July Worship and Music Committee meeting the following changes were made to our worship offerings. Effective August 1, 2021 there will be:

- No online registration is required. Everyone will be, however, asked to sign in upon arrival.
- Masks are not required for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- The single-use bulletins will remain, but the hymns will be sung from the hymnal.
- While social distancing will be encouraged worshipers may sit wherever they prefer.
- Communion will continue to be with the communion kits where you are seated.
- Offering will be gathered when worshipers arrive and brought forward during the service.

*These precautions are subject to change based on the spread of the virus, the state of Connecticut, and any federal recommendations.

With the Summer Worship Schedule...

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.

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 receive \$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



In 2020, 1,000 folks trekked 115,000 miles.
The goal for "Walk the Walk 2021" —

1,500+ people
62 Days
200,000+ miles
\$106,250

Join the fun!
www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk

Come and Work with PoP's newly forming Finance Committee

Openings now exist to get in on the formation of this essential ministry team! If you have the desire and willingness to help your congregation remain good stewards of all our financial resources, you are the perfect fit for this team!

For more information about this committee please reach out to Lorraine Lavery at marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to serve as PoP's new Treasurer?

The newly forming Finance Committee is anticipating supporting a new church treasurer. This will be a stipend position with oversight for Congregational finances.

Please see the bulletin board for a specific job description or email Lorraine Lavery at marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com for more information. This is a limited-time opportunity. Is God calling you?

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