

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Brookfield, Connecticut



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

9:00 a.m. Inside 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.

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-9

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵ Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶ **The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷ Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸ **For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹ I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

L: A reading from James, the third Chapter

1Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Alleluia. (1 Pet. 3:18)

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Lutz

Blessing of the back-packs and those who nurture faith

SERMON

Pastor Lutz

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P. Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. On this 20th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OFFERING MOMENT AND PRAYER

P. Father, you challenge us to deny ourselves in order to follow you. We are not accustomed to denying ourselves often. Our pop culture promotes instant gratification. Self-help experts profess self-care as the key to contentment. Financial consultants advise clients to pay themselves first. Yet, you call us to give in return for life, to deny ourselves to follow you, to set our minds on divine things rather than human things. Help us in this offertory moment to focus on you as we sacrificially give our tithes and offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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. Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C. Amen.

BLESSING

- P. People of God
you are Christ's body,
bring new life to a suffering world.
May the holy Trinity, + one God.
Bless you now and forever
C. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Keep your Mind on Divine Things.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grant Underwood

*The flowers at the altar are in honor of
a happy 70th birthday for Rudy Confortini
and a happy heavenly birthday to his son John.*

WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the building, in-person.

- **No online registration.** Everyone will be, however, asked to sign in upon arrival.
- **Masks are NOW required** regardless of vaccination status.*
- 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 use **the communion kits** where worshipers are seated.
- **The offering will be gathered** when worshipers arrive and brought forward during the service.

***from the Town of Brookfield - Effective Monday, August 16th, the use of face masks that cover the nose and mouth is mandatory in all indoor areas, both public and private, regardless of vaccine status, where safe social distancing cannot be maintained. This includes all indoor spaces that are open to the public.**

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

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. **In case of inclement weather, service will be broadcast over FM radio in the parking lot.** Those fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks.

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 donor or recipient of the flowers are welcome to take their arrangement after the last service on Sunday.

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.

Upcoming week at a glance at P.O.P

Sunday 9/12	Monday 9/13	Tuesday 9/14	Wednesday 9/15	Thursday 9/16	Friday 9/17	Saturday 9/18
9:00 a.m. Inside Worship 10:00 a.m. Rally Sunday Celebration 11:00 a.m. Outside Worship		7:00 p.m Worship & Music Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m. Dress a Girl Workshop 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting		6:00 p.m. Friday Night Live	



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Rally Sunday

Sunday September 12th
Kick off the Sunday School,
adult forum, faith formation
for all ages!

Celebration will begin at
10am!!

Join us for worship at 9am
inside service or 11am
outside service.

Rain Date: September 19th

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
119 Junction Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804
(203) 775-9070

outdoor fun games fellowship



*During both services today we will offer a
back-to-school blessing to all students and
teachers.*

Dress A Girl Around the World Sew-A-Thon

Please Sign up in the narthex for the Sew-A-Thon on October 2 at 9:00 a.m. or contact Nancy Carlson. Please tell us whether you will bring your sewing machine to sew or help with other related tasks. You can press fabric, trim threads or sort dresses for sending. We also need a few people to provide snacks and several people to help clean-up when we are done.

Backpacks for Salvation Army children

We provided 20 backpacks for the Salvation Army children. This is the first time many children came to school. We are pleased to have the packs loaded with school supplies. Thank you to all who met the needs of the children.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

Thank you to those who continue to donate food to the Pantry. People in need continue to come for food. Our members respond to the call and open their hearts and pockets to those in need. Please check their request list to get suggestions of their needs.

Nancy Carlson

Dear Members of Prince of Peace:

We hope that you are all well and enjoying the Summer. We are excited about the increasing opportunities for in-person worship and our steady return to more in-person fellowship.

These positive changes enable us to now shape our identity and focus relentlessly on our mission and purpose for the future. As mentioned in previous communications this Spring, the Congregational Council together with the Forward Leadership Team have been working to organize a series of small group discussions with all of you to help us shape our mission and define our calling as a church family.

We kicked off these conversations in May and after a pause for the busy Summer we are now resuming. These conversation will take place in groups of four members and facilitated by two members of the Forward Leadership Team/Council. We intend to keep the session to one hour and focus the conversation on the following three questions:

1. What brought you to Prince of Peace for the first time?
2. What keeps you coming to Prince of Peace?
3. What do you love about Prince or Peace?

Through these questions, we intend to gain insights on our core strengths as a congregation and use those strengths to define our “why” and establish a roadmap moving forward.

The upcoming dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday 9/21/21 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Sunday 9/26/21 9:50 a.m. (Prince of Peace - Outdoors)

Sunday 10/3/21 9:50 a.m. (Prince of Peace - Outdoors)

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48ada72ba5f8c07-prince> to sign up for the date and time convenient for you. If you are uncomfortable using Sign-up Genius, you can also call the church office and Rene will put you on the schedule. It is very important that you make sure to sign up in a timely fashion to help us with planning and implementation.

We encourage you to join us on this exciting journey and thank you for your commitment!

In Christ,

Council and Forward Leadership Team.



Prince of Peace

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Friday, September 17th 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Nancy & Juri Tolmoff

31 High Ridge Road Brookfield CT

A little about Friday Night Live...

FNL is an evening consisting of adult couples and individuals, with good food and fellowship. We usually 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.

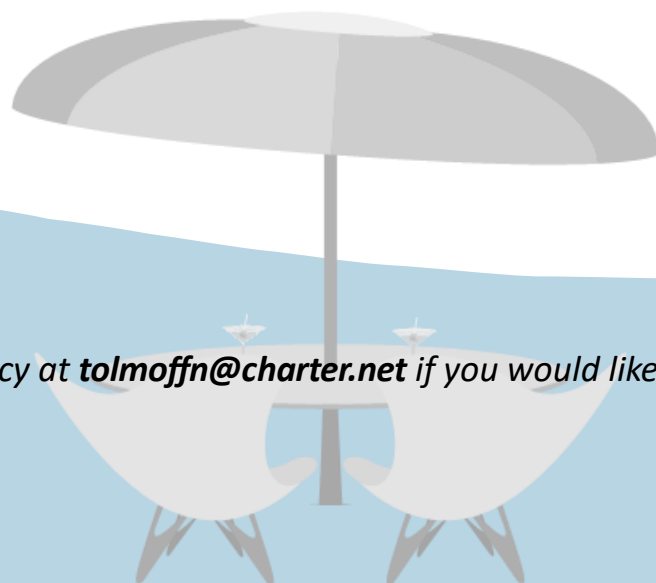
Vaccinated Adults of all ages are welcome!

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.

Please sign-up at the church or e-mail Nancy at tolmoffn@charter.net if you would like to attend and what you will bring.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening!



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