

Welcome to Prince of Peace!
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

September 20, 2020
9:30 am

Gather

Prelude

Opening Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen.**

Greeting

P The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond
of peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Word

- P I will bless the Lord at all times; the Lord's praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1).
- C **Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst. Amen.**

Reading **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm **Psalm 145: 1-8**

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

- I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter.
C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **Matthew 20: 1-16**

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *The Other Side*

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Response

Apostle's Creed

**C 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

P Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

P God of mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Concluding petition:

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Offertory Prayer

- P Gracious God,
C **everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

- P My Jesus,
C **I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**
(Attributed to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Lord's Prayer

- P Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

Announcements and Community Concerns

Benediction

P Mothering God,
 Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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*The chancel flowers are given by the Schoppe family
in celebration of Ella's 15th birthday.*

Announcements:

Reparations Adult Forum begins this Morning

The Adult Forum begins this morning via zoom with a discussion on reparations. Christians often talk about reconciliation for racial justice, but reparations, work to repair systems that are broken. This work is often the quickest and most effective way to heal racial division. Join the discussion. The zoom class will begin at 11am.

Pastor Class - Reformation Quincentennial Meets on Thursday Evening

The Reformation took root in 1520 that sealed Luther's fate and was the beginning of his actual break from the Roman Catholic Church.

Pastor will explore three writings of Luther from 1520 - *The Babylon Captivity of the Church, The Freedom of the Christian, and The Christian Nobility of The German Nation.*

We will also discuss the papal bull from 1520 calling for Luther's excommunication.

Join Pastor Froehlke on Thursdays via Zoom at 7pm.

Confirmation Orientation September 23rd

Confirmation begins with an orientation for parent and students this Wednesday September 23, at 7pm We're going to try and do this in person and outside in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting. Pastor would like to hold in person class outdoors as long as the weather permits. Class will be Wednesdays at 5:30 for all 6-8th graders.

Youth Walk With Pastor September 27

This doesn't sound very exciting, but maybe a walk together with friends can be a safe and welcome activity during a pandemic. Come and meet our new intern Kayla Hopgood and our Field Ed student Becca Laabs. We'll walk around Community Park at 4pm. All youth through high school are invited.

Coming October 4th...

a children's lesson/sermon recording to be posted for all families. Stay tuned for more details.

Christ in Our Home devotionals for October, November and December are available in the breezeway.

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns out loud during the Prayers of the Church. There will be an opportunity to speak individual names and concerns during the prayer petitions offered by the pastor or assisting minister.

In addition, the following names and situations will be sent to you weekly in an updated email.

Praying People Prayer List as of Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Please pray for the following people and situations this week:

...reasons to give thanks

for all those caring for COVID19 patients and those working on efforts to curtail the virus
for the birth of a new granddaughter, Joanna Christine, to Audrey and Denis Oehm
for the birth of a new granddaughter, Emma Katherine, to Dorothy and Peter Safranek
for Pastor Froehlke, Pastor Selover, and the Prince of Peace Staff
for our Congregation Council

...for those who grieve

family and friends of Garret Christino (friend of the Morris family); Allison Polanski (teacher in the East Windsor School District)

...for those who are ill or hospitalized

those suffering with the COVID19 virus; Richard Selover (Pastor Dale's father); Mike and Lori Fabian; Holly Koblish (friend of Nancy Reyes); David Wirth (friend of Berta Schott); Dan K. (friend of Barbara Kelly); Joseph C. (friend of Elizabeth Wagner); Cathy Anzuini (former colleague of Megan Peterson); Jud Smith (father of Brandi Hebert); Maureen Reyes (cousin of John Reyes); Doris Gorman (friend of Nancy Reyes); Audrey Oehm; Liz Zarillo (friend of Prince of Peace); Jennifer Hall
Mason (friend of Megan Peterson); Ellie Crawford

...others for whom we should pray

those working with COVID19 patients; Joan New; Roger Gleason (cousin of Dave New); Peter Safranek; Eileen Parker; Cathie Balgowan

all the unemployed and the underemployed

all who struggle with addictions and all who seek to help them

all those who serve in the Armed Forces, their loved ones and friends - LTCOL Karl Wethe, USMC and family

all those who travel

Prayer

Lord God, Rock of our salvation, we come before you with thanksgiving and praise for your love and mercy. Pour out your Spirit on us all, that those who are sick or hurting may be comforted. Help us to see others as you do, that we may be caring shepherds to all those in your flock that we encounter each day. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Please help us to keep our list of prayer concerns up to date by letting us know when someone should be removed. Names will be removed after one month. Please email or call the church to have a name put back on



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