

Sunday Worship



July 19, 2020 • Lectionary 16

SUNDAY MORNING
ONLINE ZOOM MEETINGS

Sunday School Grades K–7

9:30 am

**Online Worship (Watch Party)
& Coffee Hour**

10:00 am Meeting ID: 815 3735 0415

Sunday School Grades 8–12

11:30 am

[contact Nicole Meyer](#)

For if we are forbidden to uproot the tares, and if we are to wait in patience until the harvest time, how then are we to cast out certain persons from amongst us? Between the true wheat and the tares, while the latter is still green, and the stalk has not yet come into ear, there is a great similarity, and little or no difference between them, so as to tell one from the other. The Lord therefore warns us that in the beginning we are not to be too ready to deliver judgment, where anything is uncertain; but that we leave judgment to God.
– *Jerome, 331*

GATHERING

WORD OF WELCOME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord*
Dieterich Buxtehude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Water is poured at the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

For the Fruits of All Creation

ELW # 679



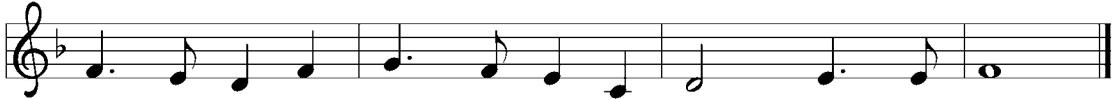
- 1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *[silence]*

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

LESSON — Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and de-

*God speaks
to Jacob in
a dream.*

scending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Holy wisdom, Holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1–12, 23–24

Lord, you have searched me out;

 O Lord, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?

 Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
 and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The Parable of the
wheat and weeds:
Who is to judge
what is good and
evil?*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW # 632



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people respond to each petition:

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

A SENDING PRAYER

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

On What has Now been Sown

ELW # 550



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Voluntary in C

Henry Purcell

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher

Bryon Hansen

Organist

Jeffrey Cooper

Lector

Brian Kreger

Cantor

Paul Georgeson

Videographer

Walter Zamojski

Next Sunday

July 26, 2020

Lectionary 17, Year A

Lessons

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

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For the Fruit of All Creation. *Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000*

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past. *Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748.*

Music: William Croft, 1678–1727.

On What Has Now Been Sown. *Text: John Newton, 1725–*

1807. Music: John Darwall, 1731–1789.

Announcements

PRLC Summer Strolls Last week we eleven humans and three dogs took advantage of the unseasonable mild and dry weather and closed to through traffic 17th Ave NW to enjoy a 3.5 mile walk in the heart of Ballard. This Sunday, July 19 at 6pm, we will gather at the south end of Licton Springs Park (Woodlawn Ave N and N 95th Street) for a four mile walk north through Seattle "Stay Healthy Streets" (closed to through traffic) and the Interurban Trail to N 125th St and back. As always, all ages and non-Phinney family and friends are welcome.

Upcoming Walks:

Today: Licton Springs/Interurban Trail

July 26: Cedar Park/Lake City

August: 2: Myrle Edwards Park

August 9: Golden Gardens Drive/Sunset Hill

August 16, 23, and 30: TBD

Questions? Contact Don Boelter (206-276-4687).

Our Child Development Center is open! You can help us thrive. The PRLC Child Development Center, which employs more than 20 staff and serves about 70 families, has been closed since mid-march. Thanks to the PPP loan, we were able to pay our staff fully through the month of May while no tuition was collected. The families of the CDC generously donated to a fund to continue paying teachers through June. They were able to raise more than \$70,000 and we are so grateful! That said, our school will still face a deficit as we reopen to a lower number of families in July. Many PRLC members have offered to help close the gap, and we thank you for your interest. The easiest way to contribute is simply to go to PRLC.org and click on "Online giving." There you will find several accounts to give to. Select "Preschool COVID 19 Closure" and enter in the amount you want to donate. These funds will go directly to covering the deficit incurred by our school. In the meantime, everyone can help by praying for our staff and students as they return to the building this week. We give thanks that God has given our congregation a love for this ministry, and an ongoing commitment to serving our neighbors through a school we are all so proud of. Contact CDC Director [Matt McKenzie](#) if you have any questions.

Virtual Vacation Bible School: August 10–14 We can stay home, stay safe, AND Jesus' power will STILL pull us through! ZOOM along the Rocky Railway with us August 10–14 daily at 10:00 a.m. With videos, songs, stories, skits, experiments, snacks, discussions and much more we'll engage in online faith focused fun and exploration. Stay on track supply packs, including a t-shirt, music album, and lots of fun surprises will be provided for each participant. Cost per person is \$30. Scholarships are always available if needed. Opportunities for safe and distanced in-person gatherings may be added as government and health guidelines progress and permit. Online registration is now available at prlc.org.

Furnishing a Vicarage Our next vicar, Sara Funkhouser, will be joining us in August! We expect to rent Sara an apartment in the Greenwood neighborhood, and we will need to furnish it. If you have gently used household items (especially furniture) that you can share, please contact [Pastor Van Kley](#). Thank you to those of you who have already reached out to me. Some of the items still needed:

Arm chairs, side tables, coffee table

Office desk and chair

Blankets, bedding for Queen Sized bed (new or very gently used, please)

Decorative items, lamps

Patio furniture (small) and grill

Cleaning supplies

PRLC member Abby Cress has been extended a call to serve as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, Montana. Recently graduated from United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg), this will be Abby's first call. Details forthcoming around her ordination.

Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

“let us exalt God’s name together...” Psalm 34:3 + “pray without ceasing ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need and your prayers. Please email office@prlc.org or call 206-783-2350 with requests. Prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; if you wish to keep a request on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office. New requests for the week are in **bold type**.*

As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Prayers and Christian sympathy are offered today for the family and friends of Les Filion, who died peacefully in his home on Saturday, July 11. Les and Virginia have been members of PRLC since 1957. He will long be remembered for his gracious and gentle spirit, kindness, and generosity. Remember Virginia and family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

We pray for...

the church of Jesus Christ in every land ...

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
The ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
Missionaries in Hungary, Pastor Rachel Eskesen and Pastor Zach Courter
Ecumenical partners – United Methodist Church
Partners in our Synod – Faith Lutheran
Partners in the Seattle area – Woodland Park United Methodist Church

healing in body, mind, and spirit ...

Beau, son of Ryan and Christine, health struggles

For safe travel and comfort for Sally LeBoeuf, friend of Sallie Shippen, as she moves to Utah and enrolls in Hospice.

Celia, sister-in-law of Brian and Peggy Kreger, breast cancer, and her husband Dan Debi, friend of Brian and Peggy Kreger, recurrence of breast cancer

Jean Hansen, mother of Pastor Bryon, hospitalized

Suzanne, sister of Ruth Moore, heart bypass surgery

Michael Simpson, brother of Monica Hartley, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Lisa, sister of Paula Eisenrich, stage 4 colon cancer

John Breen, recovering from surgery

Janice Stamey, cancer

Rex Wood, Luci Baker Johnson’s cousin’s husband, suffering from COPD

Bruce Weaver II, friend of Luci Baker Johnson, reemergence of bone/pelvis cancer

Diana Kunde, cancer treatment
John Rost, cancer treatment
Diane Hart-Hamilton, surgery on June 8th
For all infected with COVID-19
Mabel Rockness
Gretchen (daughter of Peter and Ann Marie Wick), brain cancer
Eunice Baker, in home hospice for dementia and vascular disease

those preparing for baptism ...

Musashi Shutes-David, Lana Shutes-David, Genevieve Ferguson, Olive Bailey, Alice Bloom

those preparing to renew baptismal vows ...

Kate Bailey, Kate Cleveland, Kent Buttars, Lauren Bloom, Linda Currey, Robyne Curry, David Gehlen, Julia Gehlen, Patrick Hinshaw, Renée Knepper, Nicole Meyer, Mary Murphy, Sabine von Preyss
Brigid Collins, Col Snelling, Isaac Liljegren, Charlotte Van Kley, Lily Huber, Vassar Price, Finn Vickers, Kristen McGregor, Tess Van Sanford

the homebound members and friends of Phinney...

Virginia Schafer, Eunice Baker, Margie Conover, Brian Cummins, Gloria Swisher, Borgny Eriksen, Jean Hansen, and many others

for those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness...

Carolyn Love, Ray Price, Margaret Wallace, Bonnie Hartmann, Warren "Andy" Pease, Ardy Wisch, Arnold Boelter, Carman, Heather, Shirley Sutherland

the faithful departed ...

David Van Sanford, father-in-law of Kari

Erma Kahle, grandmother of Matt Langston

Tobin Zerba, partner of Shawn Sutton; died June 21

Pastor Eldon Olson, died June 20

peace and justice in all lands and the well-being of creation ...

The Dut Chuei family in South Sudan, for family unity and safety

Thanksgiving for Todd Johnson, friend of Luci Baker Johnson, recovered from COVID-19, home and back to work

The vulnerable and endangered, and all who support and care for them, in particular Stephen, ER physician and son of Don Swisher; and Jeff, ICU nurse and son of Don and Sylvia Maier

Wisdom and safety for health-care workers, first responders, and public leadership in dealing with the spread of illness from the coronavirus

All affected by COVID-19

For all who grieve the death of George Floyd

Racial justice in America	Immigrants seeking a homeland
Thanksgiving and protection for Rev. Katherine GrayBuck and all hospital chaplains	The children who were taken illegally from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border
Tensions in the Middle East, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo	All single parents everywhere
Wisdom in dealing with climate change	Those suffering from addiction and other mental illnesses

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses ...

Commemorations and Festivals for the Week

Mary Magdalene, Apostle *Wednesday, July 22*

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373 *Thursday, July 23*

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

James, Apostle *Saturday, July 25*

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Psalm 139:13–18	Genesis 32:3–21	Revelation 14:12–20
Tuesday	Psalm 139:13–18	Genesis 33:1–17	Galatians 4:21—5:1
Wednesday	Psalm 139:13–18	Genesis 35:16–29	Matthew 12:15–21
Thursday	Psalm 105:1–11, 45b	Genesis 29:1–8	1 Corinthians 4:14–20
Friday	Psalm 105:1–11, 45b	Genesis 29:9–14	Acts 7:44–53
Saturday	Psalm 105:1–11, 45b	Genesis 29:31—30:24	Matthew 12:38–42

Church Groups on Zoom

The WAY

Sunday at 12:30 am

[contact Pastor Bryon Hansen](#)

The WAY continues through the virtual realm. We meet at for about an hour or so beginning 12:30 on Sundays. If you are a WAY participant or companion, please join us for mutual conversation, prayer, and reflection.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

6:30 am

[contact Chris Shultz](#)

Are you an early riser? Are you craving conversations about something other than COVID-19 or the weather? Then ZOOM in to the Wednesday morning Bible Study from your home. This study is open to anyone, male or female, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. We take a look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and discuss them. Come and join us!

Wednesday Morning Prayer

10:00 am

[contact Pastor Bryon Hansen](#)

The gift of praying at certain times of the day is a way to mark God's presence throughout the day. One of these is Morning Prayer, a time to open our hearts and voices to God's presence, pray psalms, hear and reflect upon the day's scripture, give thanks and pray for others. Join us as we give thanks for the resurrection dawn of a new day and join in the ceaseless prayer of the church at all times and in all places.

Quench for Youth

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

[contact Nicole Meyer](#)

Students in grades 6–12 are encouraged to meet up for virtual quenching of our social and spiritual thirsts. There are always some shenanigans and laughter too! Join the youth email list to receive up-dates and info about the theme of the week.

Spirited Women

Thursdays at 10:00 am

[contact Pastor Anne Van Kley](#)

Spirited Women are now reading Melinda Gates' book, *The Moment of Lift*. If you would like to be added to our email list, contact Pastor Van Kley. Consider yourself invited!

Holy Happy Hour

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

[contact Pastor Anne Van Kley](#)

Pour yourself your favorite beverage and join us for an informal, authentic conversation about theology, philosophy, scripture, or whatever else comes up! Your only job is to come with a question, any question. It can be as big as "why do bad things happen to good people" and as obscure as "what is wormwood, anyway?" No pressure, though. You can also pass and just enjoy listening to the conversation. Let's try it!

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Nursery Care

Our congregation participates in a Lutheran counseling organization with congregations from across the Puget Sound area. **Lutheran Counseling Network** is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors who provide therapy in a variety of settings for a variety of needs. One such office is located in our building, with Counselor Rosemary Raynaud providing therapy on an appointment basis. Learn more at www.lutherancounseling.net. You can also reach Rosemary by phone at 206-364-1046, ext. 3.

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GIVING THANKS AT THE TABLE

During Ordinary Time feel free to use one or more of these prayers at Mealttime. Join hands around the table as a sign of peace and unity. Whether alone or with others, make the sign of the cross after each prayer. These prayers echo the Great Thanksgiving Prayer used at the Sunday Eucharist.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, O God. You give food to every living creature.
Fill our hearts with joy and delight.

Give us what we need and enough to spare for works of mercy
in praise of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Through Christ may glory, honor, and power be yours forever. **Amen.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to use be blessed.

May every table, everywhere
receive from you a goodly share. **Amen.**