

WORD AND WORLD

Sunday, 1 August 2010

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher	Patrick Meagher Minister of Outreach
Presider	Pastor Donald Maier
Assisting Ministers	Leonard Ruff (8:30) Sarah Carr (10)
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Gail Claus (8:30) John & Mary Cooley, Cathy Bachmann(10)
Lectors	Steve Milliren (8:30) Rosalyn Breen, Bob Hofstatter (10)
Acolytes	Avery Carlson (8:30) Jamie Beers (10)
Harp	Rose Hendrix
Organ	Valerie Shields

We welcome all who worship with us today. Visitors, we hope that you will find this a place where we gather to raise our voices in song, to offer our prayers, to lift up the Word of God and to be nourished with God's holy meal, all in order to serve Christ in the world.

There is a staffed nursery available for children from birth through age 5 on the sanctuary level down the hall past the nursery. Restrooms are also located in that area. An usher will be glad to direct you.

We ask all worshippers to complete the "Count Me In" slip inserted in your bulletin. You may place it in the offering plate as it is circulated during the service.

The "Grace Station" is an outreach of the church office available every Sunday morning. Office Administrator Don Boelter is there to provide information about our church and to receive information such as address, phone or email changes, prayer requests and news about illness or hospitalizations. Sign up sheets are also located there. Look for the "check in desk" in the church gathering area.

Light snacks, coffee, tea and lemonade are available between services in the Fellowship Hall, one level below the sanctuary. All are welcome to gather in fellowship before or after the services.

Whether this is your first time with us or you have worshipped here for years, you are important to this community and we welcome you.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

^{1:2}Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1–16

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds
me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid
they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after
them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places
from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

¹³Such is the fate of the foolhardy,
the end of those who are pleased with their lot.

¹⁴**Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd;
straight to the grave they descend, and their form
shall waste away;
Sheol shall be their home.**

¹⁵But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he
will receive me.

¹⁶**Do not be afraid when some become rich, when the
wealth of their houses increases.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

For homebound members and friends of Phinney

Jerry Abrahamson, Helen Hankins, Myrtle Nelson

For our partner congregations

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

Recent Hospitalizations, illnesses, and other concerns

Jeff Hendrix, recovering from knee surgery on 7/29

Rachel Brosten, anticipating surgery on 8/3

Nancy Harris, recovering from broken arm at home

Charlotte Gaddis, health concerns

Lana Meredith, granddaughter of Bob, leukemia

Jay Swick, son of Cathy Bachmann

Earl Peterson, father of Karen Peterson, end of life

Norma, surgery complications

For persons diagnosed with cancer, undergoing treatments

To add a name to this portion of the prayer list, please use the back of the Count Me In form in your bulletin. Take care to check the box for permission to publish the name.

Trish Hagen, Fred Page, LaDonna, Liz Diesner, Paul Mockett, Sr., Marlene Worthy, Ruth Berven

For persons with ongoing needs

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Buffy, Deirdre, Donna Hendrix, Bernice Anderson, Karen Buchholz, Phyllis McMaster, Sharon Alley, Jena Meagher, Mickey Morris, Bart Brosten, Bob Ramborger

Special requests for prayer

The people and environment of the Gulf Coast

Troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, diplomats, & peacemakers

The unemployed

+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 Jean Anderson who died on July 27, 2010. Services for Jean will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m. at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. +

Announcements

Summer Fellowship Time Hosts Needed

We are still in need of hosts for the fellowship time between services for **Aug. 8, 22, & 29; Sept. 5**. Please sign-up with Don at Grace Station this morning or in the church office during the week if you are available to host. Thank you.

Looking Ahead

The long Pentecost season will take a short break on the 15th of August. That day we will celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary answered the call of the Holy Spirit to step into a role that she did not seek or desire. So we, too, are asked to "take on Christ" and when we do, nothing is ever the same again. Wear **blue** that day in honor of Jesus' mother.

Share your good health! Give blood.

The Puget Sound Blood Center will be at PRLC on Sunday, August 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The blood donor sign-up sheet is located at Grace Station. You can also help by **bringing cookies** for donors and blood center workers. Please sign up on Count Me In if you'd like to bring treats.

The Gift of the Psalms

Maybe you've noticed the inclusion of the Psalms in the summer liturgies and thought, 'what's all this, then?' Their presence has reminded me of a specific appreciation for these invaluable pieces of our sacred scripture. While some Christian messages seem bent on encouraging us to deny the pain of life and force a smile when circumstances actually warrant a scowl, the Psalms embrace us wherever we happen to be emotionally. As Kathleen Norris concludes in *The Cloister Walk*, "In our skeptical age, which favors appraisal over praise, the Psalms are evidence that praise need not be a fruit of optimism." In essence, the Psalms remind us that we are still praising God when we call out amidst pain, confusion, anger, and despair right along with joy, exultation, and hope. What a gift we have in the Psalms: evidence that God desires us when we are a complete mess.

~ Patrick Meagher, Minister of Outreach

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers and help I received last Sunday morning. My doctor has given me a clean bill of health and I'm doing well.

*God Bless,
Anne Heinz*

Food Bank non-food necessity of the month

During the month of August, the PRLC Food Bank is asking for deodorant/hand soap as a part of our non-food necessities program. Your donations will help meet the many needs of our clients. Please bring the requested monthly items to the church and deposit them in the baskets in the entryway. Thank you.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

We are beginning the process of gathering supplies for our annual fall school kit project. To fill our school kits this year we need:

- Wide ruled notebooks
- blunt scissors
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- color crayons
- construction paper in assorted colors

Monetary donations are also needed to help with the high cost of shipping. Please drop off your donation at the church office or Grace Station or mark your check for "school kits".

Financial Update

	June	Year to Date
Income	55,303	342,610
Expenses	64,490	389,640
Net Income (loss)	(9,187)	(47,030)

Despite budget reduction actions taken by the Congregation Council of over \$32,000, we have continued to see a negative cash flow. The Council at its May meeting, approved further cuts to the budget if needed, to be implemented automatically as the need arises.

1. Reduce LYONS giving by 1 month \$2,333
2. Discontinue Facility Savings for rest of year \$2,000
3. Reduce LYONS giving by an additional month \$2,333
4. Eliminate Staff Cont. Ed. Funds \$4,027
5. 1 week staff furloughs \$7,500
6. Reduce Minister of Outreach to 3/4 time \$1,075/month

Step 1 was implemented this month. The council will continue to closely monitor our fiscal situation and take appropriate action. The staff has also been working with our vendors to insure that we are receiving the best value for the services received. This month we have cut our yearly phone bill by 15% and negotiated an 11% reduction in insurance costs for the church and CDC. We continue to look at ways to reduce costs in these trying economic times without severely impacting our important ministries. With all of us working together we expect to end 2010 in a healthy financial position.

Attendance Last Sunday:

8:30 AM / 104; 10:30 AM / 98; 7:00 PM / 16

Next Week's Lessons: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22;
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Looking Ahead

(full parish calendar at www.prlc.org)

- 13 AUG **Greenwood Summer Streets**
FRI 6-9:00 p.m., Greenwood Avenue
- 15 AUG **Mary, Mother of Our Lord**
SUN 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 22 AUG **Blood Drive**
SUN 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 22 AUG **Holden Evening Prayer**
SUN 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- 12 SEPT **Sunday School Resumes**
SUN Weekly, 10-10:50 a.m.
- 15 SEPT **BFJ Resumes**
WED Weekly; dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
- 3 OCT **St. Francis Celebration**
SUN Blessing of the Animals
- 9 OCT **Extra Touch Gala & Auction**
SAT Benefit for Foss Home & Village
- 17 OCT **St. Luke Healing Service**
SUN Sunday Worship
- 17 OCT **The WAY Begins**
SUN 5-7:00 p.m.

This Week at PRLC

Sunday, 1 August

+Summer 10

8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary

Tuesday, 3 August

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Library
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Tree of Life
2:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank
6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee	Conference Call
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	301/302

Wednesday, 4 August

1:00 p.m.	Jean Anderson Memorial	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Drama Troupe	Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Tree of Life

Thursday, 5 August

2:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank
7:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank

Sunday, 8 August

+Summer 11

8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 4:30

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If you are in need of emergency pastoral care outside of normal office hours, please call the church emergency pager at 206-579-3766.