

# **WORD AND WORLD**

Sunday, 5 September 2010

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY**

**Presider & Preacher** Pastor Beverly R. Piro

**Assisting Ministers** Dana Visser (8:30)  
Patrick Meagher (10)

**Eucharistic Ministers** Emily MacEwen,  
Linda Quammen (8:30)  
Francine Barr &  
Virginia Mack (10)

**Lectors** Doreen Burris,  
Dick Diesner (8:30)  
John & Rosalyn Breen (10)

**Acolytes** Emma Maier,  
Karsten Hendrickson (8:30)  
Claire Hostetler (10)

**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**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.**

**Second Reading: Philemon 1:1–21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Remember, Next Sunday  
is a BIG DAY for PRLC**

Take note of all these things that will happen on September 12:

1. **Service times return to 8:30 and 11:00 with Education Hour from 10:00 to 10:50;**
2. **Education for all ages begins: Sunday School for ages 3 through High School; Young Adults Class and Adult Education;**
3. **Sunday School and BFJ Teachers will be installed at the 8:30 service;**
4. **Vicar Boyce will be installed at both services; and**
5. **A Blessing of Backpacks and School Kits during Children's Word (more information below).**

## Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

### **For homebound members and friends of Phinney**

Clara Hammer, Jean Graf, Brian Cummins, Ingrid Siedler

### **For our partner congregations**

St. John United Lutheran Church

### **For the Family & Friends of the Recently Deceased**

Gary Filion, youngest son of Les & Virginia Filion, died Aug. 29

### **Recent Hospitalizations, illnesses, and other concerns**

Bob Meredith, diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer

Ethel Claus, diagnosed with cancer of gums and bone

Harriet Brakken, in health center at Ida Culver

John Nielsen, recovering from surgery on 10/2

Jill Hendrix, recovering from foot surgery on August 16

Lorraine Olson, in hospice care following a stroke

Lin Smith, recovering from surgery on 9/2

Ruth Berven undergoing radiation treatment

Rachel Brosten, recovering from surgery on 8/3

Charlotte Gaddis, health concerns

Patricia Olson, friend of Borgny Ericksen, recovering from brain surgery

Liz Diesner, undergoing chemotherapy

Kristyn, friend of Walter Zamojski, recovering from surgery

Lana Meredith, granddaughter of Bob, leukemia

Earl Peterson, father of Karen Peterson, end of life

Norma, surgery complications

Terry and Pickrell Families, friends of Wendy Weber

### **For persons diagnosed with cancer, undergoing treatments**

Trish Hagen, Fred Page, LaDonna, Paul Mockett, Sr., Marlene Worthy

### **For persons with ongoing needs**

Wally, Iris, Jared & Bailey, Jon, Michelle, Buffy, Nancy, Deirdre, Donna

Hendrix, Bernice Anderson, Karen Buchholz, Phyllis McMaster, Sharon

Alley, Jena Meagher, Mickey Morris, Bart Brosten, Bob Ramborger, Ruth

Jackson, Marisue Thomas, John, Rebecca, Marian, Mike, Jane, Sue, Debra,

Ryan, Bonnie, Barbara W-J, Kerstin, Nikki, Tenesha, Carla, Barb, Robin,

Wayne M., Scott

### **Special requests for prayer**

The community at the Convent of St. Helena, Atlanta

The people and environment of the Gulf Coast

Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, diplomats, & peacemakers

The unemployed

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 8:30 AM / 115 ; 10 AM / 109

**Next Week's Lessons:** Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;  
Luke 15:1-10

## Announcements

**Please note, the church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.**

**Quarterly statements** are available for pick up in the Narthex.

**CORRECTION:** When e-mailing Vicar Debbie Boyce, please use dlynnboyce@comcast.net instead of the address listed in last week's bulletin.

### **Fill the Basket with Non-Food Necessities**

During the month of September, the PRLC Food Bank is asking for dish soap/laundry 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.

### **Acolyte Training**

On September 19 at 10:00 a.m. meet Tina Georgeson in the Sanctuary to learn how to be an acolyte. This is for all people 3rd and above. It is a wonderful way to serve God and this congregation. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please call Tina at 784-1336.

**Bread for the Journey (BFJ)** begins Wednesday, September 15. BFJ Brochures are available at the Grace Station.

### **Attention Thrivent Members**

You should have recently received your Thrivent Choice letter. You may either go online or call the 800 number to designate where you want Thrivent to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars. As the letter said, you can choose from among thousands of Lutheran organizations, such as schools, camps, seminaries, campus ministries... and local congregations. Some Thrivent members have already directed Thrivent Choice dollars to Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. We encourage you to go online or call 1-800-857-4836 and direct your Thrivent Choice dollars.

**Spirited Women** begin meeting on Wednesday, September 15 with a video series on Prayer. All women are welcome. Child-care is provided by Jo-Ann Cress. 10-11:30 a.m. in the Tree of Life Room.

**Local Picnic with LPPO and Community on Labor Day!**

Looking for family-oriented fun in our neck of the woods this Labor Day? Join Lutheran Public Policy Office and their friends at the King County Labor Council for a **Labor Day Celebration Picnic at Woodland Park**. In addition to live music, enjoy complimentary ice cream, hot dogs, kettlecorn, clowns, games, face painting and raffle prizes. The fun times run on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm at the Lower Shelters 1, 2 and 3 at Woodland Park.

**Is Sunday morning coffee fellowship important to you?**

The latte cart will be running as usual between services, but Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship as we have known it for several years is going away. If it is important to you that it continue, we need your help. Sign up on Count Me In to be part of a small group to re-imagine a new way for between service fellowship time.

**Sept 12 & 19 – Election Forums at PRLC**

These days, it's not difficult to lose your appetite for participating in the political process. Partisan cable news shows and pie-in-the-sky politicians may activate a queasiness in your metaphorical stomach of civic participation. In light of our baptismal call to engage in our world, let's do something different. On September 12 & 19 during adult ed, we'll build a conversation around the delectable feast of the Gospel, and digest together the issues we are asked to vote on this Fall. The goal of these Election Forums is not to tell you what to do, but rather to foster a deeper connection between your absentee ballot and your life of faith. Please plan to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Tree of Life Room, and leave the antacids at home!

### **Blessing of Backpacks and LWR School Kits**

Children of all ages are invited to bring their school backpacks to church on **next Sunday** and lay them in front of the altar. During Children's Word, we will bless the backpacks that will accompany our children throughout the year as well as the school kits that will help children in developing countries be successful in their schooling. Young children are welcome to bring a special "lovie" that is important to them.

### **School Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

We are continuing 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".

**LYONS Update.** The Board is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Interim Director position with the goal of having a candidate in place by Labor Day. We continue to work on the covenant during this time with the goal of delivering a first draft to the Councils of the LYONS congregations by October. The Board asked Julie and Billy to create a LYONS programming blueprint which they finished in July. We are working with our wonderful LYONS volunteers to act on that blueprint until such a time that the Interim Director is onboard and feels settled enough to take over leadership of the programming. Our first event will be the 6th grade welcome event on Sept.19.

### **LYONS Sixth Grade Welcome Event!**

#### **Sept. 19th...3:00-4:30pm at the LYONS Den**

You've heard about LYONS. You've dreamt about LYONS. Now YOU'RE in LYONS! Here is your first chance to see what LYONS is all about! Come have an ice cream sundae, meet some pretty cool people and see what it means to be in LYONS. This is an event just for you sixth graders!

## Circles in September

Plan on joining Minister of Outreach Patrick at September's circle meetings where we'll discuss the challenging Parable of the Shrewd Manager from Luke 16:1-13. What exactly is Jesus asking us to be shrewd about?

- +Mary/Martha**      Wednesday, September 8  
1:00 p.m. in Tree of Life
  
- +Salem Circle**      Wednesday, September 15  
9:30 a.m., Hazel Olson's
  
- +Bethany Circle**      Monday, September 20  
9:30 a.m., Carolyn Henry's

## Looking Ahead

(full parish calendar at [www.prlc.org](http://www.prlc.org))

- 15 SEPT      **Bread for the Journey Resumes**  
WED      Dinner served at 6 in Fellowship Hall
  
- 3 OCT      **Volunteer Food Bank Meeting**  
SUN      10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
(for all current & interested volunteers)
  
- 9 OCT      **Foss *Extra Touch* Gala & Auction**  
SAT      Benefit for Foss Home & Village
  
- 10 OCT      **St. Francis Celebration**  
SUN      Blessing of the Animals
  
- 17 OCT      **St. Luke Healing Services**  
SUN      Sunday Morning Worship
  
- 17 OCT      **The WAY Begins**  
SUN      5-7:00 p.m.

# This Week at PRLC

<b>Sunday, 5 September</b>		<b>+Summer 15</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Monday, 6 September**  
 Labor Day—Church Office and CDC Closed

<b>Tuesday, 7 September</b>		
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

<b>Wednesday, 8 September</b>		
1:00 p.m.	Mary/Martha Circle	Tree of Life
6:00 p.m.	Gospel Choir Open House	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Tree of Life
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

<b>Thursday, 9 September</b>		
2:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank
7:00 p.m.	Food Bank	Food Bank

<b>Saturday, 11 September</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Narthex

<b>Sunday, 12 September</b>		<b>+Summer 16</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:40 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks	Outside Rm 301/302
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Young Adults	Tower Room
10:00 a.m.	Election Forum	Tree of Life
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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#### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 4:30  
Friday 8:30 to 12:30

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