

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**June 29, 2025**

**Holy Disruptors – St. Francis of Assisi**

Welcome to the second Sunday of our 8 week series on Holy Disruptors.

What is a Holy Disruptor?

Someone who follows God's hopes for the world and makes holy trouble...non-violently, with great courage, and with a love for all people that shines through.

Thinking through history, who would you put on this list?

Our guest preacher today is Brian Strom, a member who participated in the PLTS Lay-Preaching class earlier this year.

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*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold type indicates everyone's response.**

## Gathering

**Prelude** *Reverie*

Alfred Reed

## Welcome

### \*Opening Litany

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates, The One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

**C: "Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place."**

P: In every generation around the world, there arises powers that seek to destroy, to dominate and oppress for their own gain. In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression. Whether these destructive powers come from unjust laws and policies, or from beliefs and cultural practices that harm the soul, whether they come from government, society, or from the church itself, we are called to make good trouble.

**C: "Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place."**

P: To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus. To be a disciple is to see Christ in the face of the oppressed and suffering. We are called to be sacred interrupters, refusing to participate in the Domination Way,

but instead learning to walk the Good Way. One of courage, collaboration, compassion, and integrity. Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harms and invest our hearts, minds, and actions in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness to all living things.

**C: “Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.”**

Pastor: Today we walk alongside St. Francis and St. Clare, who devoted their life to simplicity in peace in a time of violence and war.

**C: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!**

**\* Gathering Hymn** *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

*(printed on the next page)*

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

*From the Prayer of St. Francis “Make me a channel of your peace”*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is discord, union. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.**

**Where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

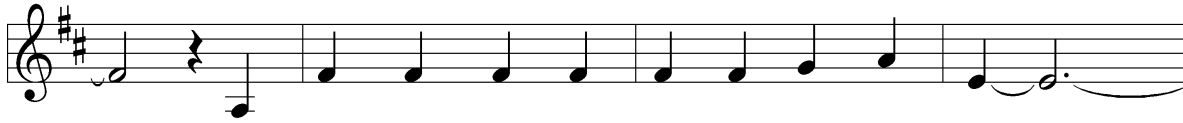
**And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## *Prayer of St. Francis*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

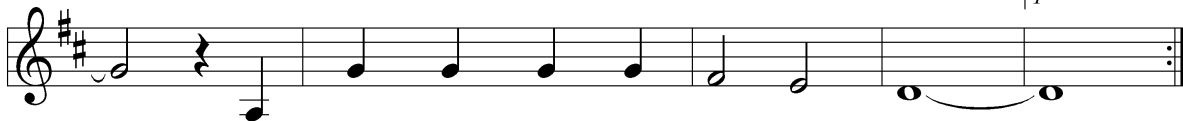


Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

# The Word

## \*Gospel Reading

**Matthew 5:38-48, 6:19-21**

<sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thank God.**

## Children's Message

### Homily

Brian Strom

**\*Song of the Day** *Gather Us In* (printed on next page)

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c. 1181 – 3 October 1226), known as Francis of Assisi, was an Italian mystic, poet and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. Inspired to lead a Christian life of poverty, he became a beggar and itinerant preacher.

We also have a local connection to St. Francis as the namesake of San Francisco.

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Prayers of the People

*We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.*

**L: Hear us, O God,**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## Passing of the Peace

*We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.*

## Offering

*Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...*



To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded... Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

Communion is a place of unity and gathering. I think another example of what Eternal Life looks like inside the City of God. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

## The Meal

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\*Words of the Institution**

### **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.*

### **\*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 tresspasses,**

**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 Music** *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*      Choir

*"Tranquillo", from Trinitas*      by Eleanor Daley

## **The Sending**

### **Announcements**

#### **\*Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### **\*Sending Song** *O Day of Peace*

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#### **\*Dismissal**

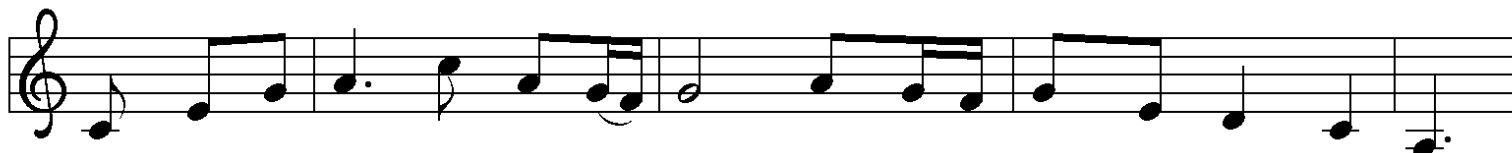
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

**Postlude:** *"Con gioia", from Trinitas*

by Eleanor Daley

## O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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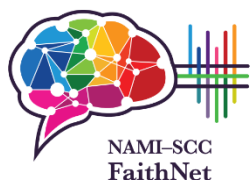
We're so glad you joined us! Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: [propeace.org](http://propeace.org).

Prince of Peace is a congregation of the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA* .

We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation , publicly affirming our commitment to being a welcoming faith community for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also members of *NAMI-FaithNet* , which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.



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## Our theme for 2025:

*Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.*