

*March 16, 2025 – The Second Sunday in Lent  
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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+ + + **THE GATHERING** + + +

**Prelude:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - arr. Victor Labenske

**Greetings & Announcements**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P) Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) **Amen.**
- P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P) Merciful God,
- C) **we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and are not worthy to be called your children.  
Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.  
Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**
- P) The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.
- C) **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: "Thy Holy Wings"



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will-ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid-ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten-der care.  
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

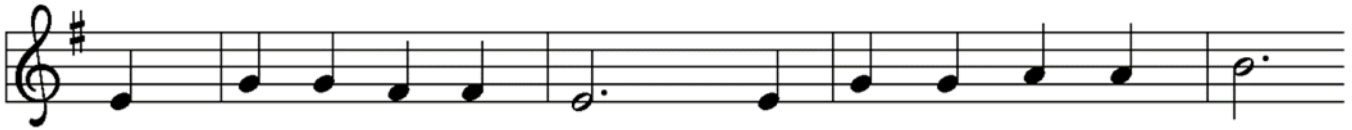
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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**

## Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

- P) Let us pray ... God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

### +++ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +++

#### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

C) **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 27** (Read responsively by whole verse)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

**Wait for the LORD and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

C) **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P) *The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

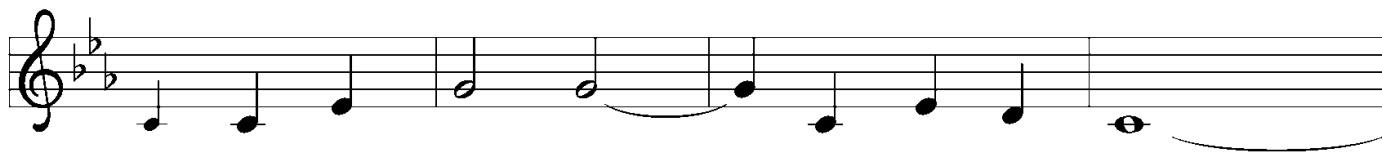
P) *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

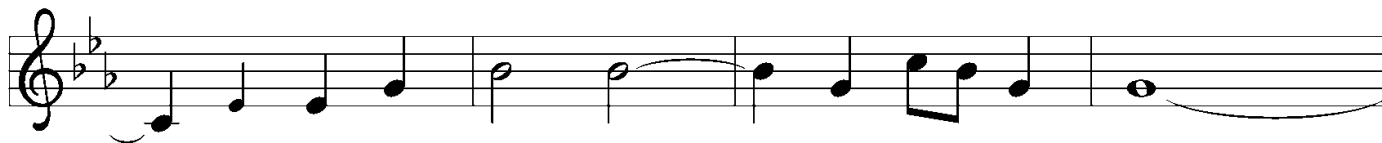
**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

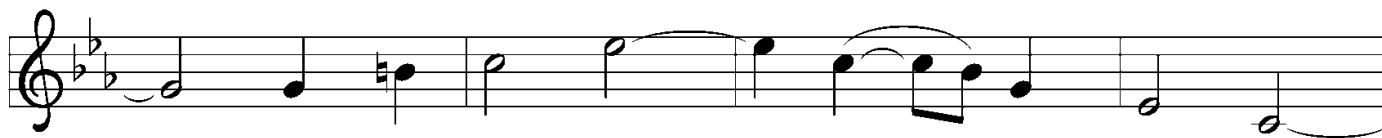
Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"



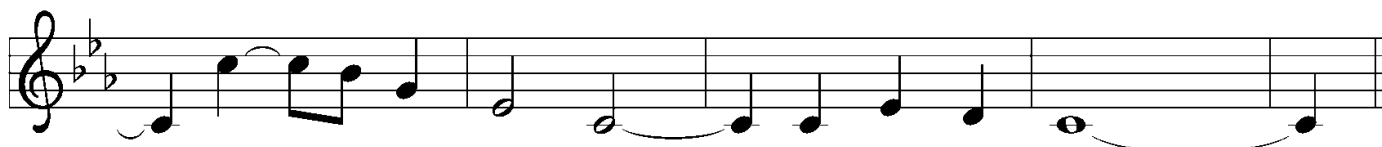
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



## Nicene Creed

**C) We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

- P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition concludes:*

- P) Lord, in your mercy,

- C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C) **And also with you.**

## The Offering

*We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!*



## The Offertory

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me - arr. Sharon Wilson*

## Offertory Prayer

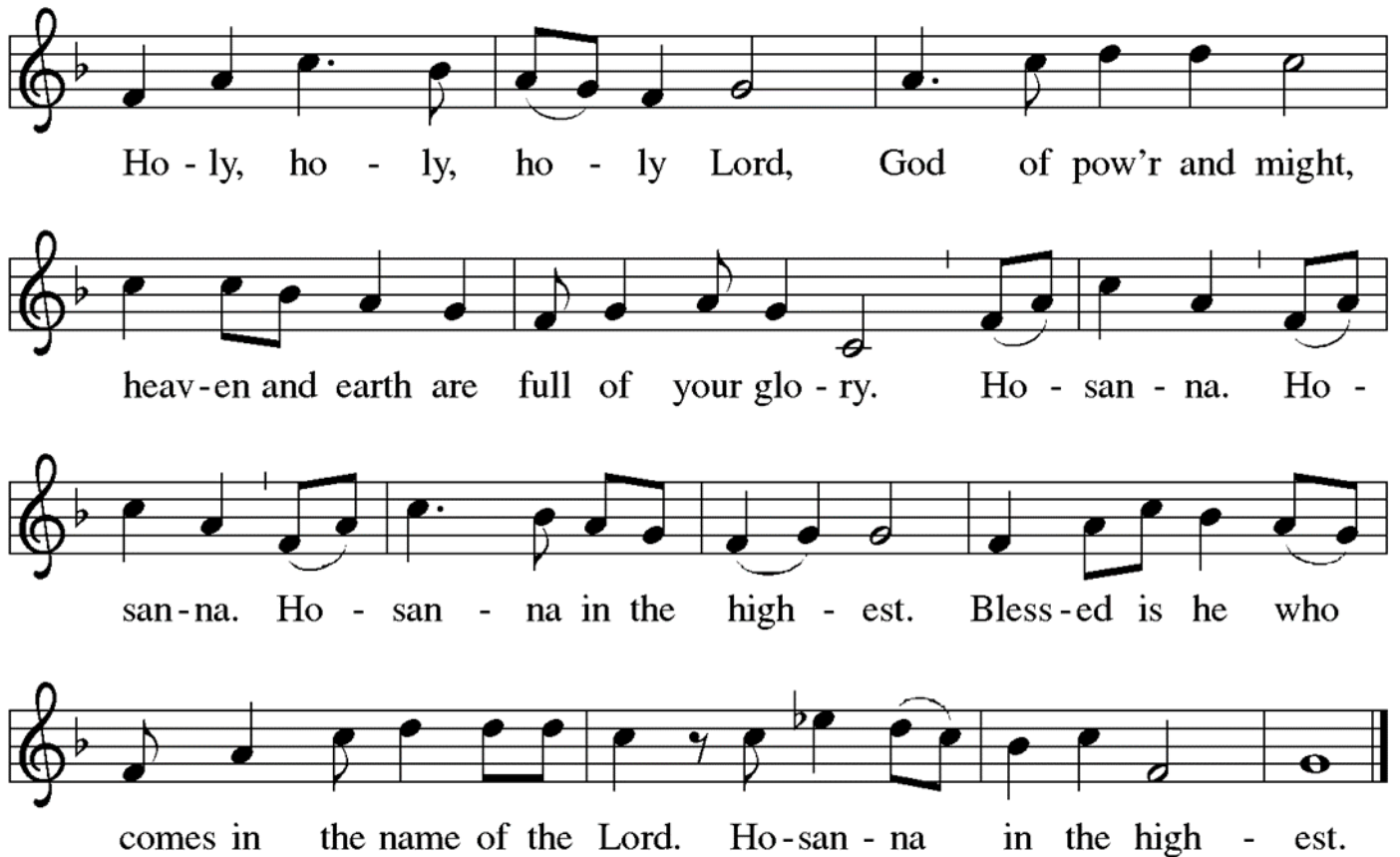
- P) Let us pray... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
- C) **And also with you.**
- P) Lift up your hearts.
- C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## The Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father,  
throughout the ages, you act to save and guide your people,  
and so together with all your people and all your creation  
we bless and magnify you and give you thanks.

You led your people Israel through the desert.

You fed them with bread from heaven  
and provided them with water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock, our Water, and our Bread,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the life of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin and renew our faith,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C) Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, 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.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Communion**

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:  
*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

## **Music During Communion**

*Better Is One Day* - arr. Lloyd Larson

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: "Bless Now O God, the Journey"



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

**Please also join us on:**  
**Wednesday, March 19**  
**Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:15 pm**  
**(in-person & [live stream on Facebook](#))**

**Sunday, March 23**  
**Worship @ 10:00 am**  
**(in-person & [live stream on Facebook](#))**  
**Sunday School @ 11:00 am**

Check out our [Lent web page](#) for more information about our Lenten activities!

**Come join us in person or [livestream](#) as we continue [our Lenten journey](#)!** Each Wednesday in Lent, we will have a service of **Holden Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm**. On **March 26 and April 9**, the service will be preceded at 6:15 pm by a time of fellowship with wine, cheese and finger foods. On **March 19 & April 2**, Social Justice Ministry will lead a time of focus on Afghan refugee needs beginning at 6:15 pm.

**Wednesday March 19, join us at 6:15pm for fellowship featuring Afghan food and focusing on Afghan immigrants.** Taste bolani and chai, try our interactive activities, and learn about the refugees and immigrants served by Global Refuge.

**This year, our Lenten Sharing Bags are going to our littlest New Neighbors through NNIA.** Bring your items to PoP between **Ash Wednesday, March 5 and Palm Sunday, April 13**. We are collecting new, unopened: Baby wipes, Diaper cream, Onesies, all sizes Training pants, toddler sizes. \*The families already receive diapers through a grant.\*

**Upcoming Adult Coffee & Conversation - Sundays at 11:00am**  
**3/16 12:00 – 2:30 pm Special Event - Emergency Response Training**  
**3/30 Melissa Blackstone - TVAR - 7 Dimensions of Wellness**

**CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training on Sunday, March 16 from noon - 2:30PM** Do you know how to assist your neighbors and co-workers in an emergency situation? Will you be able to help if Emergency Services are delayed? If your answer was not a resounding yes, then consider taking the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training being offered by Montgomery County, right here at Prince of Peace **and lunch (pizza/subs) will be available for participants.** SSL hours will be given to teens who complete the training. Topics covered will include rescuer safety, hands-only CPR and AED, and



stopping life-threatening bleeding. To learn more, visit <https://montgomerycert.org/cert-training/>

**Ladies' Dinner Announcement** Calling all ladies! Join us for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and delicious dining at our upcoming Ladies' Dinner! **Date:** March 20th **Time:** 6:30 PM **Location:** Bota Nero, 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville MD – Kings Farm. Let's come together and enjoy a memorable evening! **Please RSVP by March 17th** to ensure we have enough seats reserved. Please use [link to signup genius](#) or email [Cherie](#) to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there! For more details, contact [Cherie DeGeorge](#) or [Wendy Dinova-Wimmer](#).

**Euchre/Game Night** There will be a Euchre/Game Night held in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 28 from 6:00-9:00pm**. Join the Euchre competition or bring your own game to enjoy. Drinks will be provided - bring a finger food or dessert to share. Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry Kienzle](#) with questions.

**Refugee Resettlement Needs – Three Ways to Help Now** - Prince of Peace is partnering with New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance to support newly arrived refugee families. NNIA currently supports 27 families, mostly Afghan. The federal government has pulled funds for refugee resettlement. Approximately 350 refugee families in Montgomery County have lost services and financial support. NNIA has been asked to help furnish homes for some of the very recently admitted refugees. The following (new) items are desperately needed – twin sheets, blankets, quilts; large 8-quart pots (Afghan families cook for family and friends regularly); instant pots or pressure cookers; blenders/juicers/meat grinders; irons and ironing boards; sewing machines and fabrics; lamps. Please bring them to POP. Without federal funds, the newly arrived refugees cannot pay rent; donations to help pay rent are needed. Go to <https://nnia-maryland.org/serve/> to donate online. Lastly, NNIA invites everyone to volunteer; there are opportunities – great and small, working directly with refugees or supporting them indirectly. Go to <https://nnia-maryland.org/sample-page/> to sign up. Or contact [Jennifer Maloney](#) or [Sonvy Waidler](#) with questions.

**Haven Universe “Saturday Night Alive!”** Non-profit, Haven Universe has been partnering with Prince of Peace for several years and invites you to volunteer (or be a guest!) at HU “Saturday Night Alive.” These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers. **“Saturday Night Alive” events will occur on the following dates from 4:00-6:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: April 5, May 3.** Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, gym setup/takedown, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling

with participants. This is a chance to see God's work through our hands. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions. We hope you can join us to be a witness of Christ to others!

**Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2025 Registration is OPEN now.** Please visit our website and choose your favorite camp or camps before the sessions sell out. We can't wait to see you on the Ridge! Scholarships are available for anyone in need of assistance. We are committed to providing a safe, enjoyable camp experience for everyone, regardless of your ability to pay. **CAMP DAY: Join us March 23, 1-4 pm for this free event.** You'll have a chance to tour camp, meet some staff, try activities, and enjoy the view! No RSVP necessary.

[View the Schedule](#) (note: Middler Horseback is closed) [Register today!](#)

**Food for Thought:** Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. (*Zechariah 10:1*)

**Prince of Peace welcomes people** as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

[Isaiah 55:1–9](#); [Psalm 63:1–8](#); [1 Corinthians 10:1–13](#); [Luke 13:1–9](#)

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