

*April 5, 2026 – The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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Welcome to Prince of Peace! This morning's complete service is printed in this booklet.
A supervised nursery is available during the worship service.

+++ THE GATHERING +++

Prelude: *In Pride of May* by Thomas Weelkes, transcribed by Verne Reynolds

Greetings & Announcements

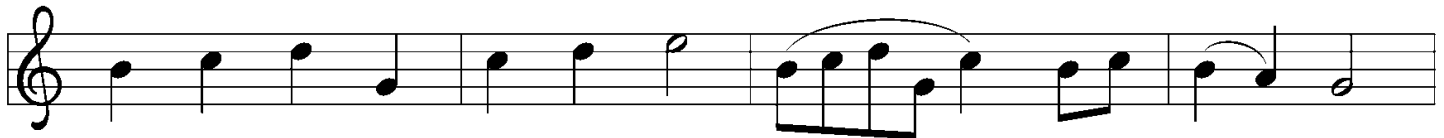
Opening Hymn: “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C) **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C) **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



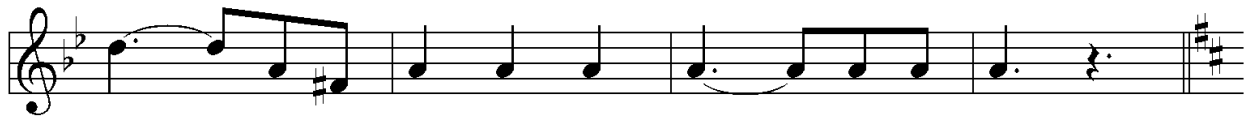
☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

II Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be² to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P) Let us pray ... O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our 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: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

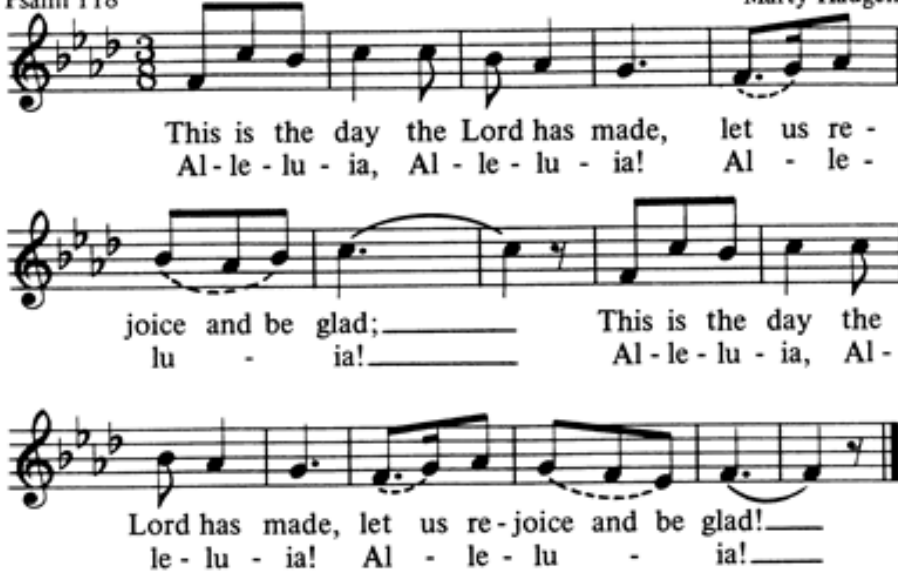
C) **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118 (The Congregation joins in singing the response below)

Let Us Rejoice

Psalm II for the Easter Season

Psalm 118 Marty Haugen



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

joice and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad! _____
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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Verses:

- 1) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever; Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."
- 2) The hand of the Lord has struck with power, his right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
- 3) The stone which the builders rejected as become the cornerstone, the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

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

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon
Sermon

Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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) Rejoicing in God's marvelous works of new life, let us pray for renewal in the world, in the church, and in every living creature.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) To you, O God of newness and renewal, we lift up all for whom we pray, through the one whom you lifted up from death and the grave, Jesus Christ our risen 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

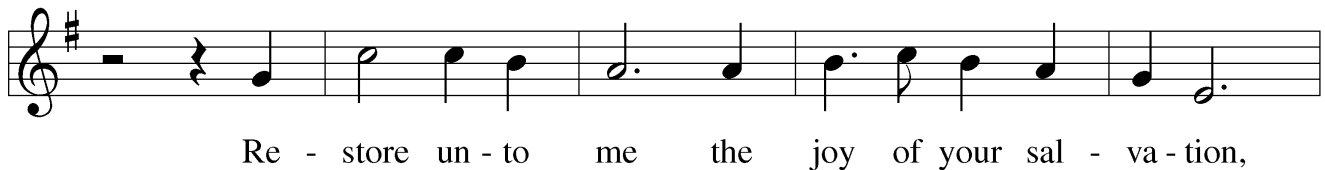
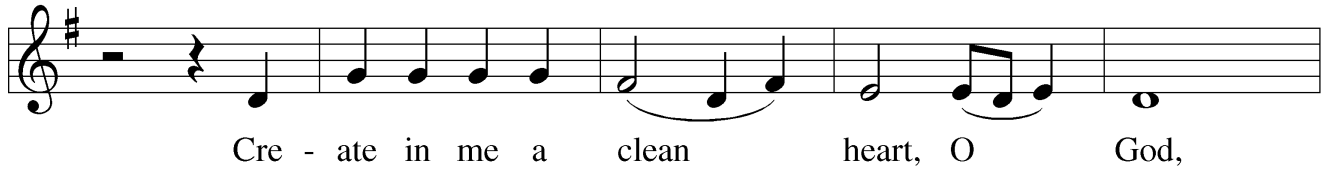
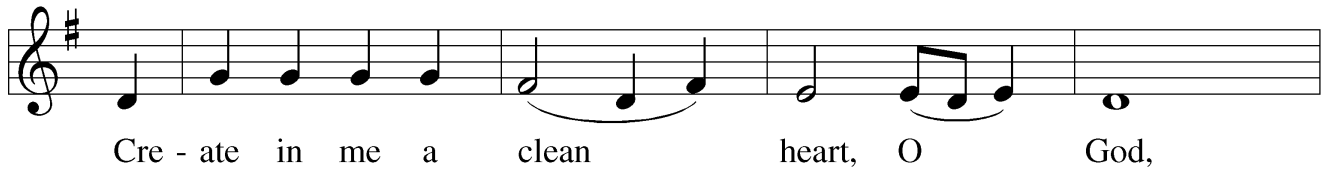
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The Offertory

Non Vos Relinquam Orphanos by William Byrd, arranged by Richard McCready
Three Pieces (Intrade and Bal) by Johann Pezel, Edited by Robert King

Offering Response



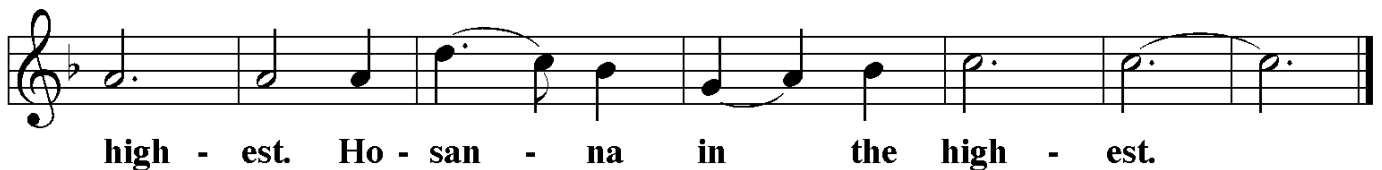
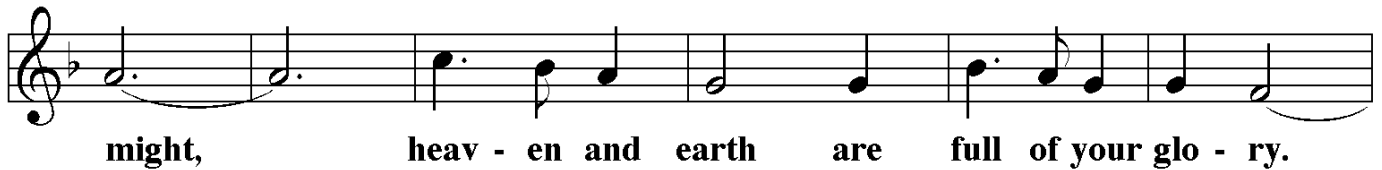
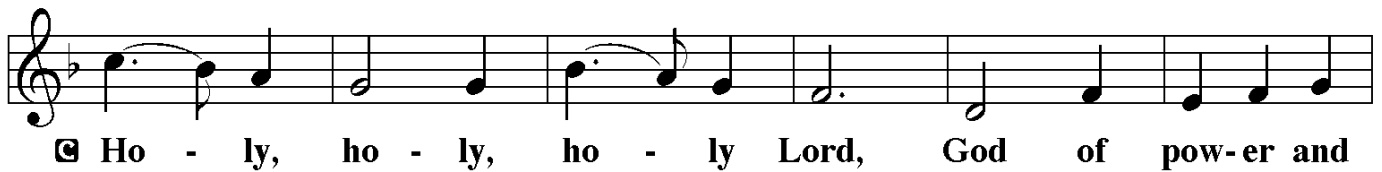
Offertory Prayer

P) Let us pray... Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you made yourself known to your first disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, and form us into your risen body in the world.

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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Eucharistic Prayer for Easter

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
you bring light from darkness, speech from silence, and life from death.
We praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for the prophets words which will not be in vain.
But mostly we give you thanks for Jesus, your Son,
who, living among us, forgave sinners,
healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for us.

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-giving death and his glorious resurrection,
we await the fullness of your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your risen people,
clothed in the righteousness 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, 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd, arranged by Charles Knox
Come Sunday by Duke Ellington, arranged by Klaus Dietrich

- 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... Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with the risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, strengthen us to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

- P) The God of peace – who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant – make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C) **Amen.**

- P) May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
- C) **Amen.**

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

Closing Hymn: "Christ Has Arisen"

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Tanzanian traditional

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Dismissal

- P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P) Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder*, Anonymous, Edited by Robert King

Special thanks to the Monumental Brass Quintet for playing for us this morning!

Please also join us on:

Sunday, April 12

Worship @ 10:00 am

(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

This year's Easter Egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, beginning at 11:00 am!

Blessing of the Quilts - On April 7, we will hang the quilts in the sanctuary. **On the 12th**, they will be blessed for their journey to their new home and **on the 17th**, we will deliver them to the area Ingathering of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The next men's book club will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 pm at the house of Dick Moore. The book is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market starts Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm in the back parking lot. Come each Thursday May 7 – November 19, 3:00 – 6:30 pm (except May 28). Come browse and shop through and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community. For more information, email farmersmarket@poplutheran.org

Rest & Recharge on the Ridge ([Mar-Lu-Ridge!](#)) on April 26 from 2-5:30 pm

Mar-Lu-Ridge is hosting this free event for you to find a quiet space to reconnect with nature, engage in a favorite creative hobby & recharge your soul. Hiking, mindfulness, yoga, hymn singing, arts & crafts, hammocks, nature activity guides, & a light meal at 4:30 pm. It's always helpful to know folks are coming! Email mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org to RSVP.

Haven Universe “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 **on the following dates from 3:00-5:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: Apr. 18, May 16.** Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions.

Food for Thought: Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. *Hosea 6:3*

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.

Important Upcoming Events!

- Farmers & Artisans Market Thursdays, beginning on May 7, 3:00 – 6:30 pm
- Yard Sale May 30, 2026, 8:00am – 1:30 pm
- Honduras Mission Trip June 18 – 28, 2026
- VBS July 19 – 23, 2026
- Interfaith 5K September 7, 2026

Next Sunday’s Readings

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#); [Psalm 16](#); [1 Peter 1:3-9](#); [John 20:19-31](#)

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