

*May 24, 2026 – The Day of Pentecost
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.

Prelude: *Made Me Glad* - Miriam Webster

Greetings & Announcements

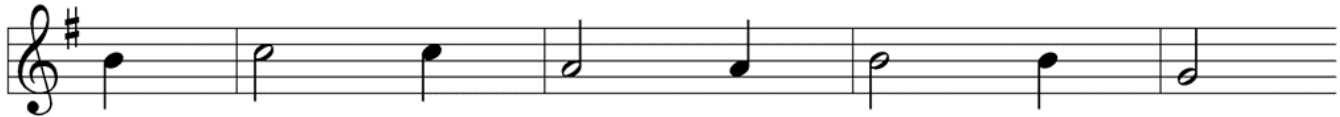
Opening Hymn: “*O Spirit of Life*”



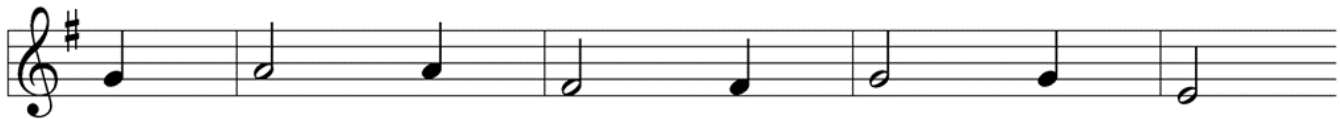
1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,



in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
make us to love your sa - cred word;
en - light - en us by that same word;



pro - ceed - ing forth from God's great throne,
un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
teach us to know God's ra - diant love,



from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;



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Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948

Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

- 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.**

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 ... God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) Amen.

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Read responsively by whole verse)

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

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.

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 7th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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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.**

- P) Rejoicing in the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

- P) Most merciful God,

C) **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Resurrecting - arr. Victor Labenske

Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. 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-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer for Pentecost

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
You are the Breath of life and the Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.
We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

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 death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.
Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

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

Glorious Day - arr. Melody Bober

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... O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

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

C) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Altar flowers are given by Diane & Michael Shell to the glory of God!

Please also join us on:

Sunday, May 31

Worship @ 10:00 am

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

Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market is now being held each Thursday through November 19 from 3:30 – 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

Yard Sale is May 30! Here are ways to help today:

Volunteer! Sign up either online or on the lists in the narthex. **To volunteer for prep week (May 24-29)**, help advertise, or lend items, use the [PoP Yard Sale – Preparation Help](#). To volunteer for sale day, use [PoP Yard Sale Dept Volunteers](#)

- You don't need an account to use SignUp Genius. The Yard Sale planning team and department heads thank you!
- Facebook folks, both the Declutter Donation Drive and Sale Day events are on PoP's Facebook Events page. Click "Share," and be sure to share to your Feed or to Your Story. If you see these events pop up in your feed, please "like" or comment on the posts, so our events will reach a wider audience.
- Be sure to check out the [May Glad Tidings](#) Yard Sale articles (p. 1 and 3-4) for additional information. The articles provide all the necessary links and information for volunteering, advertising, and donating, allowing you to participate in this meaningful and enjoyable experience.
- Check the [Yard Sale 2026 Handbook](#) for ongoing updates on what is and is not accepted and where the departments are located.

- Donation Hours - The church will be open for donations, pricing, and sorting from:
 Sunday, 5/24, 12pm – 5pm
 Monday, 5/25, 10am - 6pm
 Tuesday through Thursday, 5/26-5/28, 5pm – 7pm
 Friday, 5/29, 5pm – 7pm, pricing and sorting only
- Meals for Volunteers - Meals will be provided for volunteers with lunch on Sunday and supper from Tuesday – Friday!

Bake sale at yard sale! PoP youth will continue their fundraising efforts for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in summer 2027 by hosting a free-will donation bake sale during yard sale on May 30. **Donations** of baked goods (anything from single serve baggies of cookies or other treats to whole pies or cakes) will be **accepted on Friday, May 29 from 5-7 PM and Saturday morning, May 30 until 8 AM. Youth helpers are needed to man the bake sale table from 7 AM-1 PM.** Please sign up at [Prince of Peace Youth Gathering Bake Sale](#) and also stop by on the day-of to donate and eat!

Juneteenth Celebration, "It's Our Story", on Friday, 6/19 at 7pm Please join Prince of Peace and the other congregations of the [Rt 28 Quince Orchard Interfaith Team](#) on Friday, 6/19 at 7pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Kentlands Ward, located at 16 Kent Gardens Circle, directly across from Rachel Carson, ES. This year's celebration, *It's Our Story: 250 Years is Only the Beginning*, will focus on Montgomery County's 250th anniversary and the changes seen up and down Route 28 over that time, through gospel songs, historical reflections, and more. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Hope that you can join us!

Honduras Mission Trip 2026! Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe on a mission trip to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 18-28, 2026.** We are excited to support the following PoP members in this mission: Luke Dillon; Ric, Sherry, and Sydney Kienzle. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers in the weeks leading up to the trip! The itinerary will include planned medical brigades and construction projects for those living in remote communities. Donations are being accepted to fund these projects, and we give thanks for all the generous contributions thus far! If you are interested in learning more about how to support this year's trip, please contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle.

Pleasant View Restoration and Reopening Celebration - All are Invited! Located right next door to Prince of Peace at 11810 Darnestown Road, come and celebrate the restoration of Pleasant View's historic church and school on **Saturday, June 20th from 10am-2pm.** There will be site tours, book signings, food trucks, and fun activities for all. Former County

Executive Isiah “Ike” Leggett will be the keynote speaker (program begins at 12pm). RSVP at <https://bit.ly/pleasantviewsite> For more information about Pleasant View's history, visit <https://www.pleasantviewsite.org/>

Update on New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) - NNIA supports recently arrived refugee families. Currently they are helping 105 families (mainly Afghans who worked alongside US troops) with 422 adults and children. There are lots of volunteer opportunities - for tutors, drivers to deliver food or take family members to appointments etc., and help adults find employment. If you would like to learn more, speak to Jennifer Maloney or contact Sherry Nason (NNIA Volunteer Coordinator) at nnia.maryland@gmail.com. Also, the **Set Them Up for Success Volleyball Tournament** will be August 15 - it's not too soon to form a POP team!

Food for Thought: As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you... *Isaiah 66:13*

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

[Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#); [Psalm 8](#); [2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#); [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

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