

*July 5, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after 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:** *America* - arr. Cindy Berry

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** "God Is Here!"



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

- 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.**

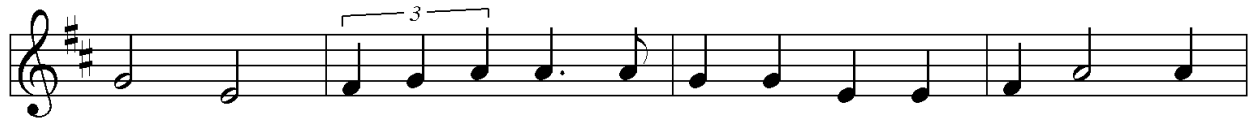
## Hymn of Praise



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



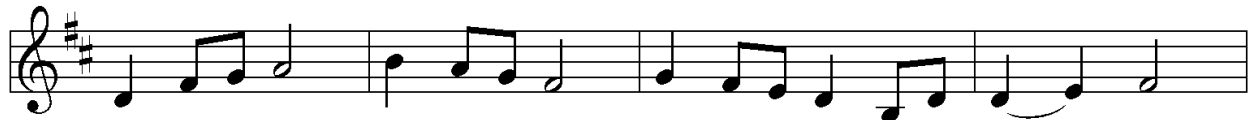
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



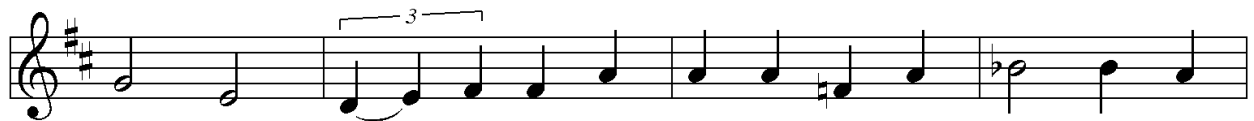
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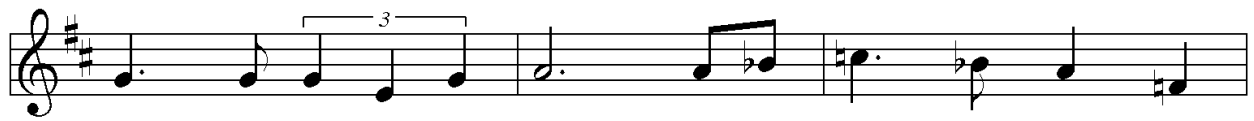
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I**  
**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



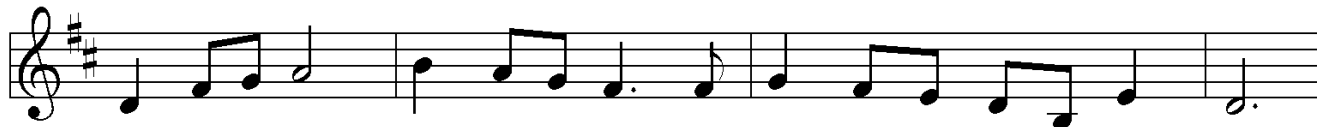
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P) Let us pray ... You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) Amen.

+++ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +++

**First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14** (Read responsively by whole verse)

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

C) **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P) *The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

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

## Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Jesus said,* But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*P) The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

# Hymn: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

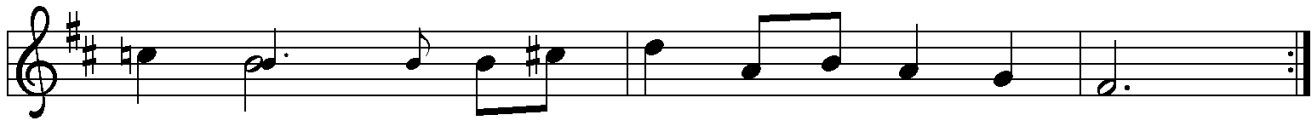
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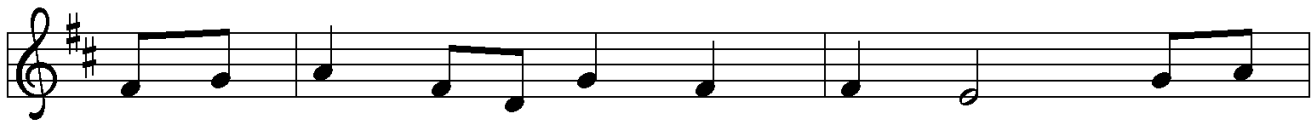
Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



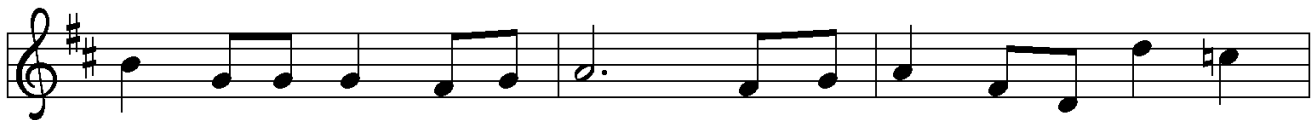
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

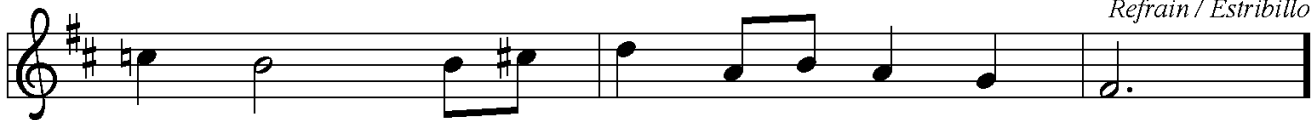


1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

## Apostles' Creed

**C) I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.**

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A brief silence*

P) Gracious God,  
C) **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

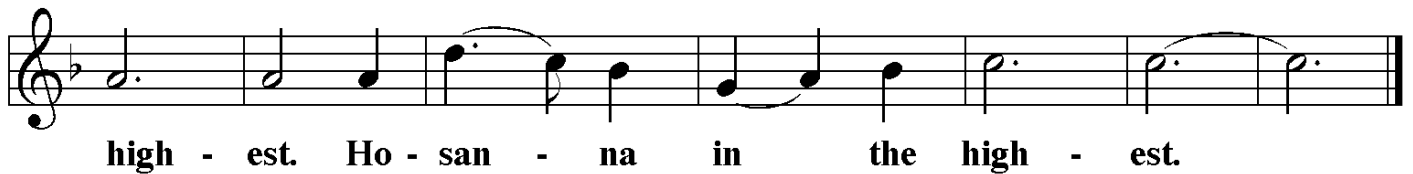
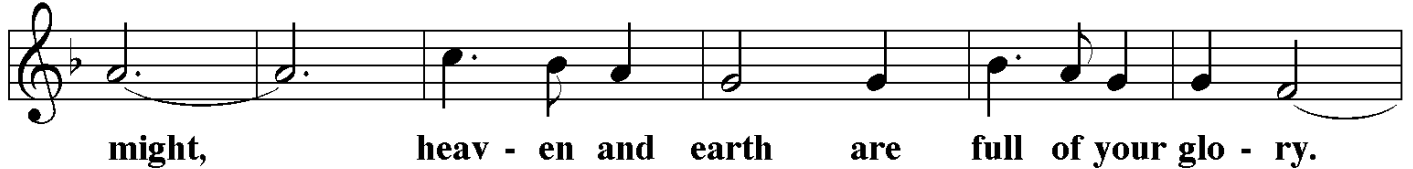
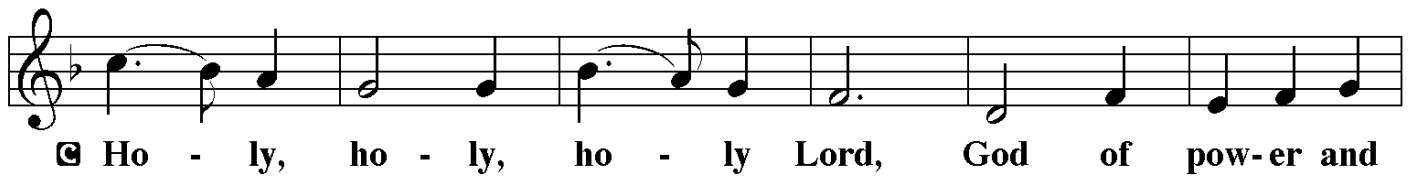
*Your Great Name - arr. Carol Tornquist*

### **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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## The Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,  
in the beginning you created heaven and earth.  
You gave us the gift of life, and you blessed us with your Spirit,  
so that we might have life abundantly.  
You loved us throughout the ages,  
for even when our sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills, to take our sins upon himself,  
and to form us again into your people.

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 acts of healing, his self-offering on the Cross,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when Christ will come again  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with your Son, the Bread of life.

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

**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.**

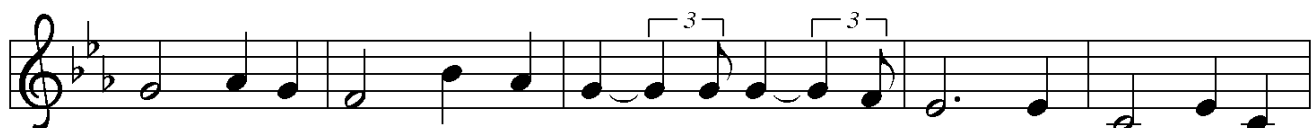
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**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**

*The Blessing* - arr. Jennifer Eklund

- 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: "When Long Before Time"



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison

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## 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:**

**Saturday, July 11**

**Worship @ 5:00 pm (in-person only)**

**Sunday, July 12**

**Worship @ 10:00 am**

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

**There has been a terrible disaster in Venezuela with two back-to-back earthquakes over 7.0 on the Richter scale.** Buildings have collapsed and tens of thousands of people are missing, with well over thousands confirmed dead so far. You can help bring relief by donating to Lutheran World Relief who are already on the ground and providing emergency supplies and manpower. Give at, <https://give.lwr.org/s/9612962/jBSVGM5qp>.

**Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market is now being held each Thursday through November 19 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm.** 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](mailto:farmersmarket@poplutheran.org)

**New Bible Story Books!** Find new Bible storybooks in the Kid Corner in the Narthex and the bookcases in the Nursery. The Early Reader's Bible is great for children just learning to read. The Jesus Storybook Bible is engaging for somewhat older readers and for families to read to younger ones. Can you help your child find a story that relates to one of today's Bible passages? Thanks to PoP member Susan Weiner for her generous donation of Bible story books!

**Want to make some snowflakes?** And glitter them up? And bedazzle them? We need you to join us **on Sunday, July 12 right after service** to create a blizzard of snowflakes for VBS. Questions? Ask Judy Bruening ([judy.bruening53@gmail.com](mailto:judy.bruening53@gmail.com))

**VBS for Kids and Adults is back from Sunday, July 19 through Thursday July 23, 6:30 to 8:30pm!** Join us any night you are available. Enjoy a light supper before class from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Join us for fun, meaning, and fellowship—there's something for all ages! Please feel free to invite friends, neighbors, grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, etc. to share in this experience! [Click here to download a registration form](#), or pick one up from the credenza in the narthex. Only one needed per family.

**Our Memorial Garden has been a place for peaceful remembrance of loved ones and of quiet beauty for our congregation for thirty years.** Initially azaleas and rhododendrons were planted around the periphery - which our four-legged friends found quite delicious. So over the years – 2007, 2016, and 2021, the garden has been refreshed, and plants such as Goshiki and Boxwood have thrived. “Rosy Glow Barberry” bushes form a deep red backdrop to the benches, and lavender perennials add color behind the rock. Many members and friends of the congregation have found a permanent resting place in the garden. Council now has plans to add another rock and plaque to the garden. The total cost is just under \$5,000 - \$1,800 for the rock and \$3,197 for the plaque. The families of loved ones have donated toward the garden, and there are some funds in the account – however not enough for this project. Please consider making a donation for the Memorial Garden by check or directing an online gift. If you have questions or comments, please contact Jennifer Maloney at [Maloney.jenn@gmail.com](mailto:Maloney.jenn@gmail.com) or 301-602-6358.

**The Interfaith 5k walk/run sign up is open for Labor Day, September 7, 2026! [Register Here!](#)** PoP continues to be a sponsor and supporter of this event and we are hoping to have our largest turnout yet this year. Can we have the largest team?! Please sign up! When you do, please select to join the Prince of Peace team. More information is available at <https://mocointerfaith5k.org/>.

**Prince of Peace has started a WhatsApp group to text PoP-related information and announcements to members.** Please join [by clicking this link!](#) Contact [Laura Dillon](#) with any questions.

**A new mutual aid distribution center** organized by Up-County Mutual Aid (UCMA) working with the MoCo Immigrant Rights Collective (IRC) is very generously being hosted by Prince of Peace on Saturday mornings to provide food and essential goods to local families. If you would like to donate groceries or other essential items, or sign up to sort and pack groceries on Saturday mornings, please register at <https://moco270mutualaid.org/> . After registering, please email Nancy Hadad (<mailto:hadad@dunlopweb.net>) and indicate which Interfaith group you are affiliated with so your registration can be approved quickly. Once approved, please visit the

Member page on the website and select the 2nd set of Signups labeled UCMA Up-County Distribution (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church). Thank you all for your compassion, generosity, and willingness to support our neighbors in need!

**Food for Thought:** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...*Psalm 103:13*

**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

[Isaiah 55:10–13](#); [Psalm 65:9–13](#); [Romans 8:1–11](#); [Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23](#)

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