

August 16, 2026 – Twelfth 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

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain



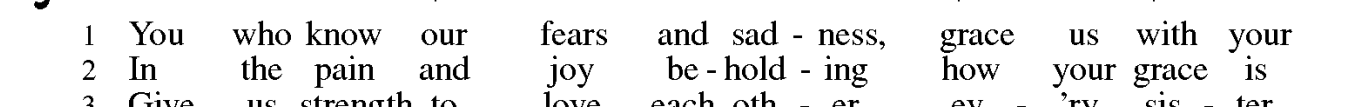
Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



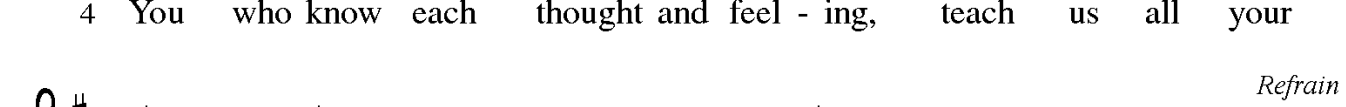
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your



2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

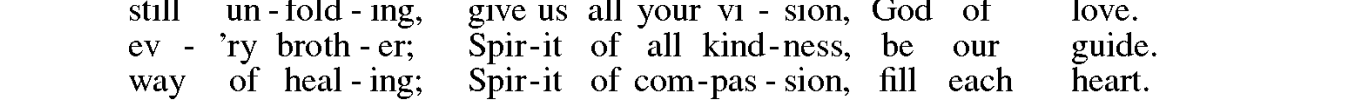


3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,



4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.



still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.



ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.



way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.**

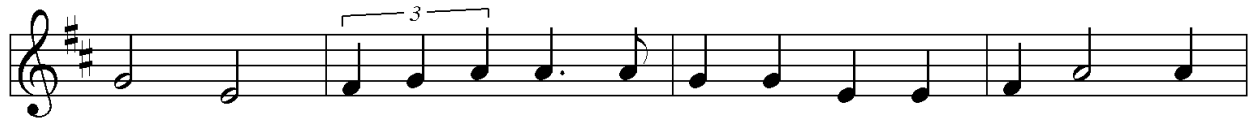
Hymn of Praise



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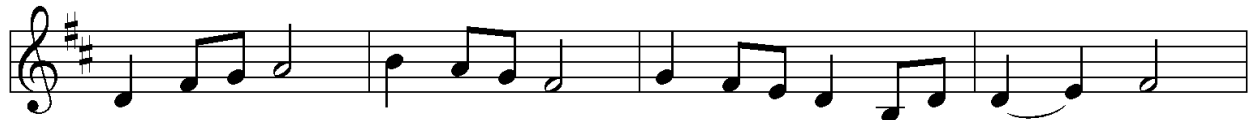
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



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



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



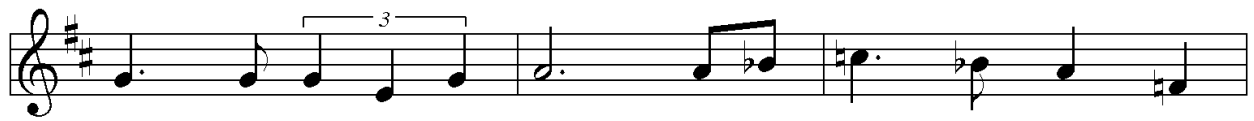
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



② 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.



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



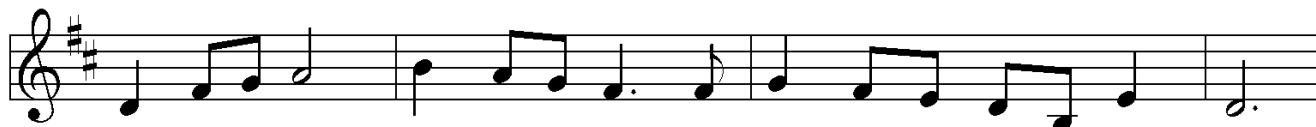
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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



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 ... God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us to live as disciples of your Son, reaching out to others with compassion, that your name may be known throughout the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C) Amen.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant —

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 67 (Read responsively by whole verse)

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

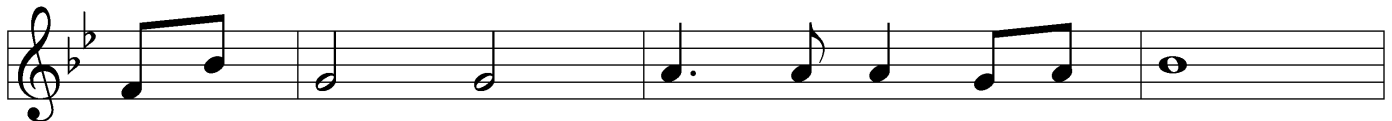
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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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!



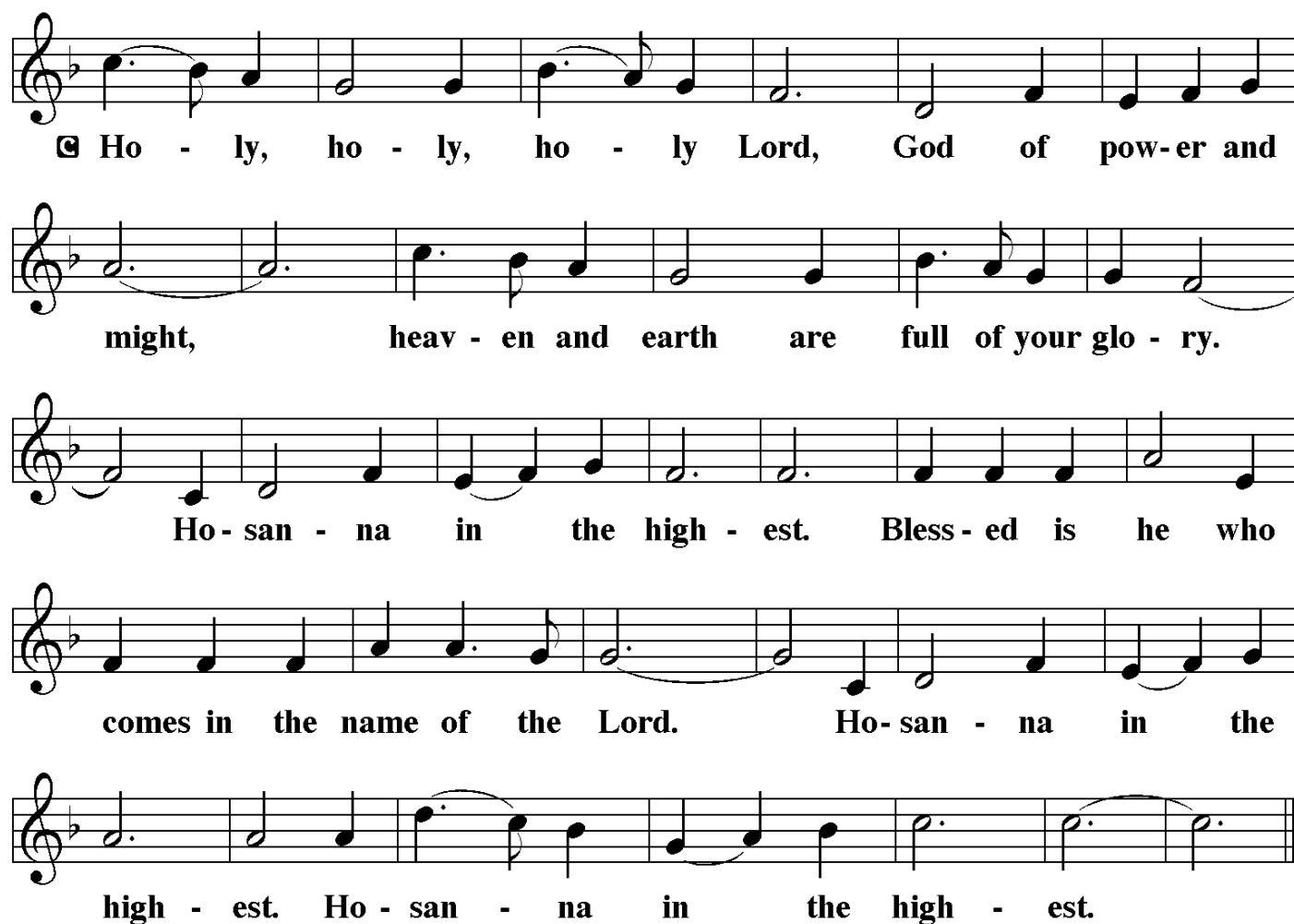
The Offertory

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 musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 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.

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

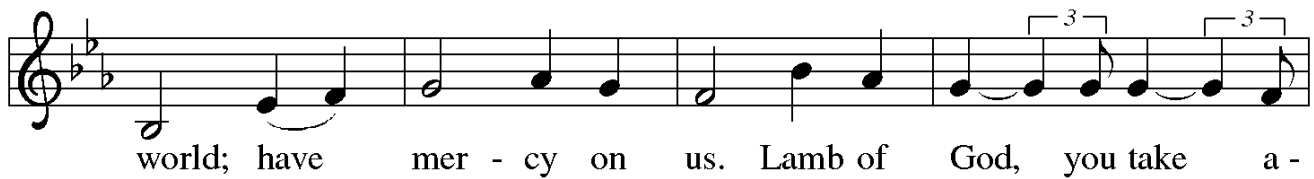
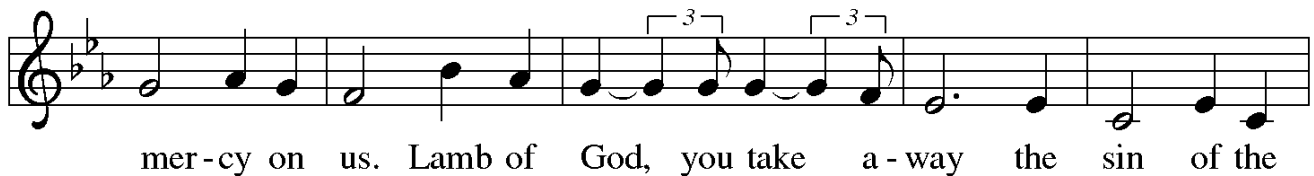
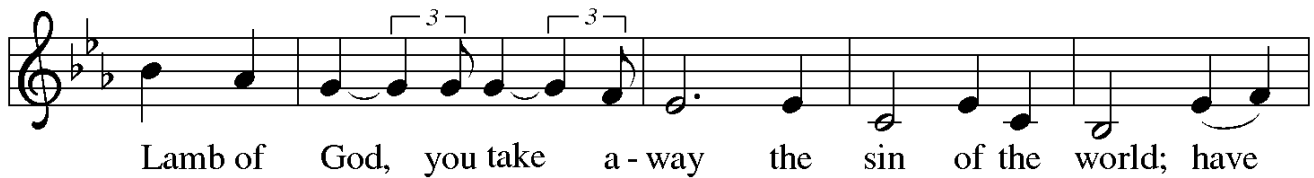
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

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

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



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

- 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: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Special thanks to Paul Rossen for playing piano for us this morning!

Altar flowers are given by Dave Molchany in memory of John S. & Gloria Molchany.

Please also join us on:
Sunday, August 23
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. 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

Sign up to volunteer at our Farmers and Artisans Market. [Prince of Peace Lutheran Church: volunteer at farmers market](#)

Teachers are relaxing, summer is underway and the The Interfaith Center is already planning for BACK TO SCHOOL!!! InterFaith Works will again be distributing backpacks with **NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for the clients of the Interfaith Works. What goes into the backpacks for the various grades can be found [here](#). **School supplies can be left in the box in the Narthex until SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH.** Any questions about the school supply drive, please email LauraCorbinHurst@yahoo.com.

Prince of Peace will prepare another dinner for the residents of Stepping Stones Shelter on Sunday, August 16, 2026. They are so appreciative of the meals that we donate, as these meals are the main meal of the day for those who live there. We are preparing the same menu as in the past - lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. We are asking the Congregation to sign up [here](#) to bring garlic bread, salad ingredients, a dessert for 12 people, or a donation to help us buy the delicious lasagna from Gemelli's Italian Market. **If you would like to help organize and deliver the meals on the afternoon of August 16, we would welcome your help with that also.** Thanks in advance for all your help with this important mission!

New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance - New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) is holding a fundraising event, the second annual NNIA "Set our New Neighbors Up for Success" Volleyball Tournament, **on August 22 from 9 am to 4 pm** at the Interdenominational Church of God in Gaithersburg. Part of the event is a raffle of assorted baskets. Last year, POP members won two of the baskets. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at church for the next three Sundays. Contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com for more information.

Come join our very own Rt 28 Quince Orchard Interfaith Team at the upcoming free annual Montgomery County Friendship Picnic on August 23 from noon to 5pm at Wheaton Regional Park. All community members are welcome to attend this free celebration.

Registration is not required, and food and beverages will be provided. Attendees do not need to bring anything to participate. The event will include various lunch options, such as traditional American, Kosher, Halal, and vegetarian meals. Activities for all ages will feature live music, dancing, face painting, a petting zoo, moon bounces, a carousel, and rides on the park's miniature train. Wheaton Regional Park is located at 2000 Shorefield Road in Wheaton. A free satellite parking shuttle to and from the Wheaton Ice Rink, and athletic fields, and John F. Kennedy High School will be available.

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/>.

Honduras Mission 2026 - Come after service on **September 20th at 11:00am** in the sanctuary to hear from the PoP members who attended the 2026 Honduras Mission Trip and learn about the projects and outreach which took place in June. See pictures of all the places where God's hands and feet were at work. This will also be an opportunity for those potentially interested in the June 2027 mission trip to ask questions and learn about how you can be part of the next mission! Questions can be directed to [Ric or Sherry Kienzle](#).

Prince of Peace will be sending a group of youth to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from Sunday, June 27 to Friday, July 2, 2027. To be eligible to attend, youth must be in 8th-12th grades during the 2026-27 school year. Please indicate your interest to attend or receive more info at <https://forms.gle/cFLewdX4s8wscaYH6>, or contact Laura Dillon at aldillon@yahoo.com or 410-562-6942 with any questions. **A \$300 deposit is due October 9, 2026.**

Our Memorial Garden has been a place for peaceful remembrance of loved ones and of quiet beauty for our congregation for thirty years. 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 or 301-602-6358.

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.

Food for Thought: It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. . . *Psalms 74:17*

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 51:1–6](#); [Psalm 138](#); [Romans 12:1–8](#); [Matthew 16:13–20](#)

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