

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth 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: *Morning Has Broken* - arr. Martha Mier

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn: “*Come, All You People*”



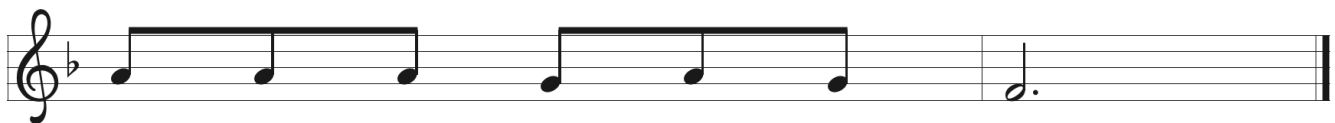
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1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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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.**

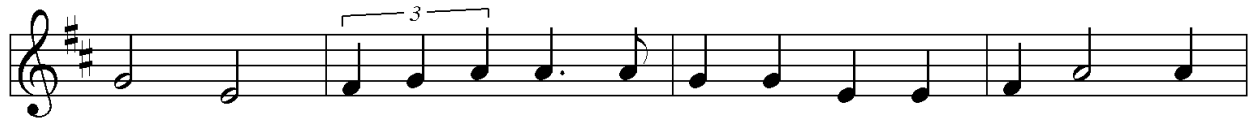
Hymn of Praise



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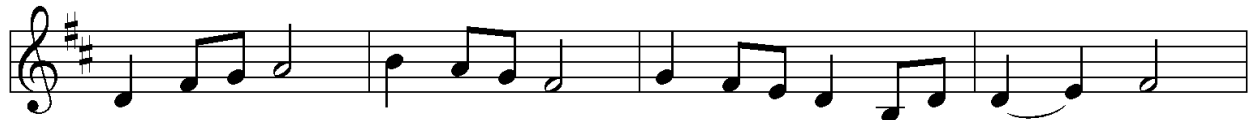
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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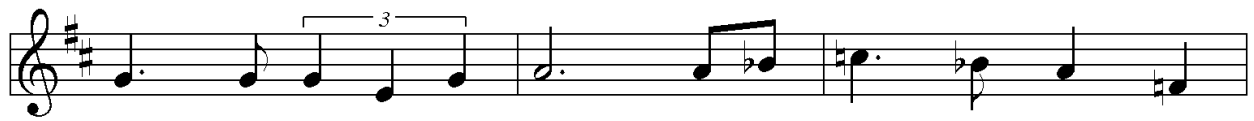
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



- P) Let us pray ... Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40 (Read responsively by whole verse)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

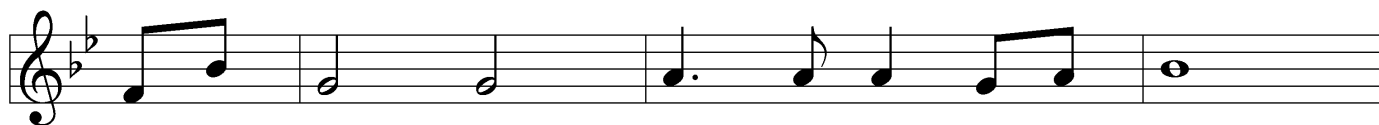
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two

of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

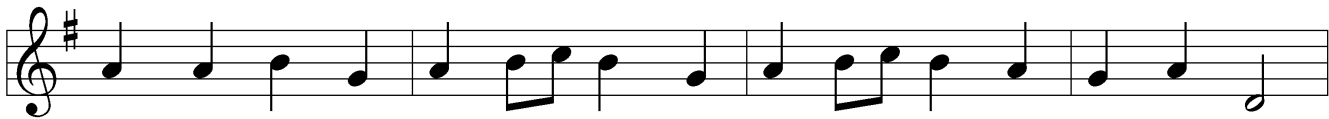
Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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

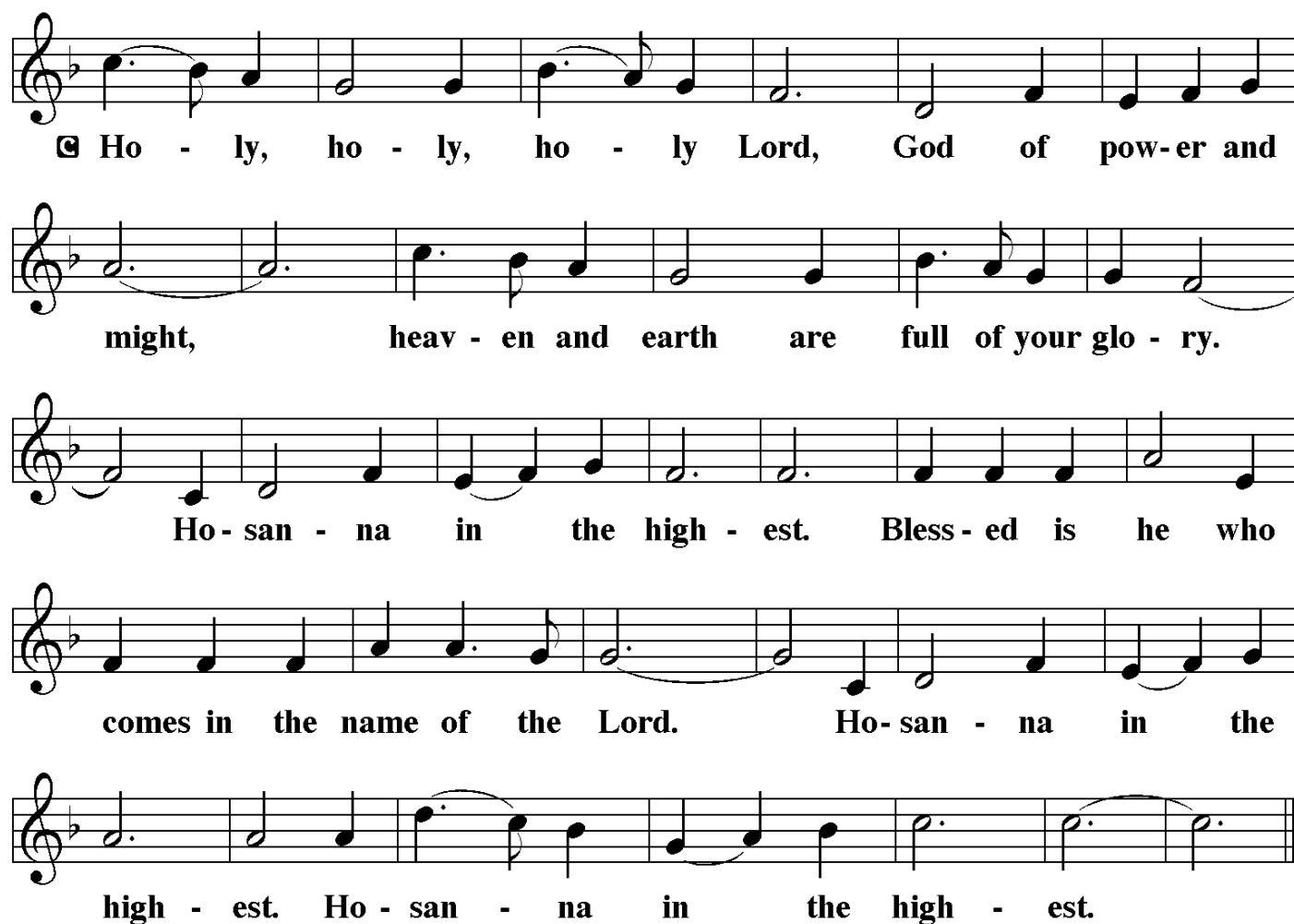
Breathe - arr. Hillsong Worship
(Meredith Kuykendall; alto)

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:



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

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.

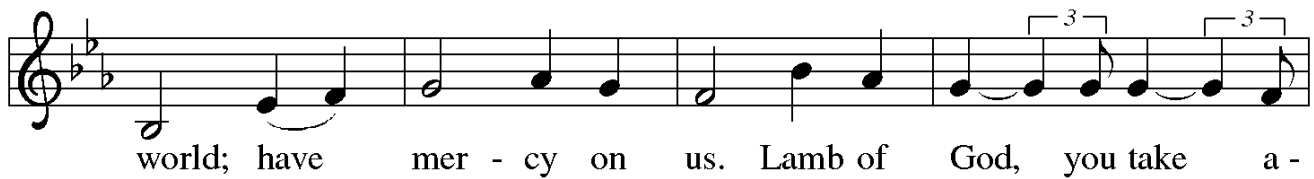
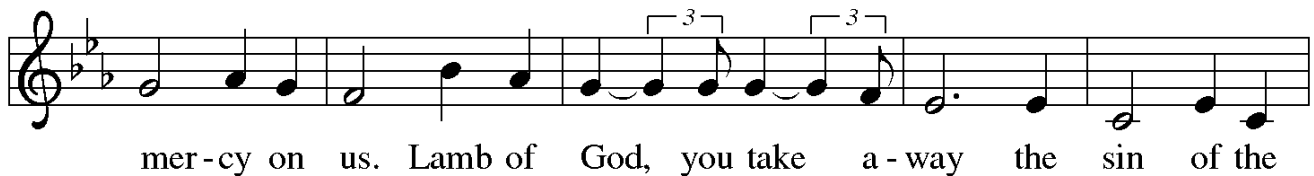
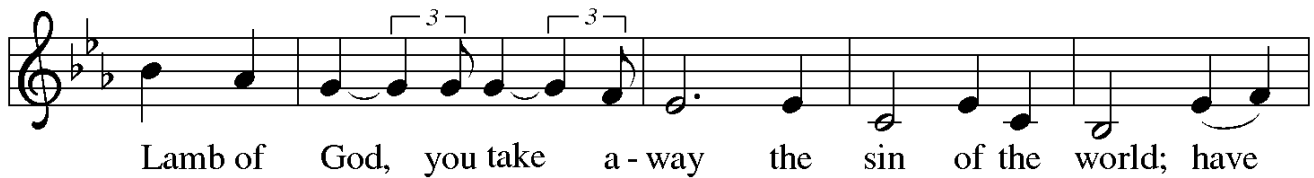
Save us from the time of trial

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

His Eye Is On The Sparrow - arr. Martha Mier

- 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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
- 4 "I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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, September 12
Worship @ 5:00 pm (in-person only)

Sunday, September 13
Worship @ 10:00 am
(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

The Interfaith 5k walk/run is TOMORROW - 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/>. Volunteer information can be found at [Montgomery County Interfaith 5K](#).

Sunday School Rally Day – ELCA Day of Service is back on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11:00 am! The PreK-K and Elementary Classes will create art for people who would appreciate a reminder of God's love for them. Middle-High School Class will participate by working on church improvements projects, including staining the new picnic tables. Adults will help with other property service projects. Beginning **Sunday, September 20, Sunday School will resume as usual.**

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](#).

Local Food Aid – A mutual aid distribution center organized by Up-County Mutual Aid (UCMA) working with the MoCo Immigrant Rights Collective (IRC) is hosted **at Prince of Peace Saturday mornings from 8 am-10:30 am** to provide food and essential goods to local families. There are a few ways to support the effort:

- **Volunteer to open and close the building** on Saturdays (contact [Jennifer Maloney](#))
- **Help sort on Saturday mornings or donate food** (sign up [here](#).)
- **Donate and bring perishables and non-perishables** to Prince of Peace (sign up [here](#).)

- **Porch drops during the week** at other locations (requires registering [here](#) and [emailing Nancy Hadad](#) to let her know you are from Prince of Peace so your registration can be approved quickly.

Please contact [Jennifer Maloney](#) with any questions. Thank you very much for your compassion, generosity, and willingness to support our neighbors in need!

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. **Sign up to volunteer at our Farmers and Artisans Market [by clicking here](#).**

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 laldillon@yahoo.com or 410-562-6942 with any questions. **A \$300 deposit is due October 9, 2026.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Once again, the generosity of this congregation is inspiring. The school supplies donated to the Interfaith Shelter were overflowing. **We collected many needed items, including 18 backpacks - the most we have ever collected in one year!!!** (The full list can be found in the Weekly Email and September Glad Tidings.) Thank you again for making our school supplies drive a success!!!

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: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. . . *Galatians 6:9*

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 50:15–21](#); [Psalms 103:8–13](#); [Romans 14:1–12](#); [Matthew 18:21–35](#)

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