

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026 10:30 a.m.



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*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,
for the sake of the World."*

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Welcome in the name of Christ!



Entering Worship

- ▶ Fully accessible restrooms (men's, women's, gender-neutral) are located behind you as you face the altar. The women's room and nursery have changing tables.
- ▶ People of all ages and stages are encouraged to worship together. A staffed nursery is available 9 AM - Noon.
- ▶ Many people enjoy prayerful quiet in the Sanctuary before worship begins to help center themselves. By keeping conversation in the Gathering Space before worship, you are giving the gift of this peace to your neighbors.
- ▶ All are welcome to share Christ's communion regardless of age or faith tradition. The bread is gluten, nut, and dairy free. Wine and grape juice are available.

Embodying Praise

- ▶ Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.
- ▶ Some brains need a quiet activity to help them learn. Feel free to borrow a worship bag or a fidget toy to help your brain and body stay engaged. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ▶ If your body would benefit from extra motion during worship, you are welcome to get up and move about during the service. The Playground in the Gathering Space is equipped with activities and soft toys for anyone to use. The service is still audible there.
- ▶ Hearing assistance devices direct clearer sound directly to your ears. They are available from the ushers. If you use Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, see the back of the bulletin for instructions on connecting to the assistive listening system in our sanctuary.

Engaging in Community

- ▶ Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people. Please join us in the Gathering Space after worship for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.
- ▶ This bulletin may be recycled in the basket on the floor near the glass door to the front parking lot. We invite you to take home the Peace Proclamations page with announcements and upcoming events.
- ▶ If you'd like to learn more about our community you can: greet Pastor Rachel at the door by the baptismal font after worship, visit the welcome table to pick up informational brochures or staff business cards, or visit our website: www.poppottage.org

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshippers responses in bold

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

Sit

Welcome

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the lamb.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Stand

Gathering Song

*"Oh, Love, How Deep"
vs. 1, 4, 6, 7*

No. 322

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

The Children's Sermon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Reader: Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee. As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

North: *But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!*

West: In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows; you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

North: *O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.*

West: You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Reader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

All: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

Reader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

All: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung twice

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Laughlin

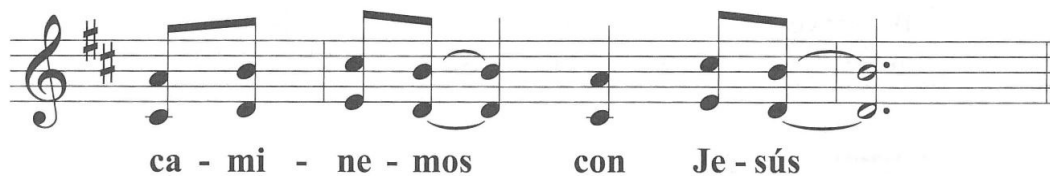
Stand

Hymn of the Day

"Caminemos con Jesús"

ACS No. 1061

*The Cantors sing the verses and throughout the verses,
the congregation responds: caminemos con Jesús (let us walk with Jesus.) Refrains sung by All,*



Como un pueblo crucificado: **caminemos con Jesús**

as a crucified people

Con su cruz él nos ha salvado: **caminemos con Jesús**

by his cross he has saved us

Como un cuerpo nos ha formado: **caminemos con Jesús**

as one body he has formed us

Con él hemos resucitado: **caminemos con Jesús**

with him we have risen

Refrain (all)

Ca-mi - ne-mos con Je-sús, ca-mi - ne-mos con su cruz,
ca - mi - ne - mos el ca - mi - no que él i - lu -
mi-na con su luz. As com - pan - ions on the way,
let us live the words we pray.
With the ones the world has turned a-way,
ca - mi - ne - mos con Je - sús.

In the borderland of Galilee: **caminemos con Jesús**
In the silent hours of Calvary: **caminemos con Jesús**
In the pain of his humanity: **caminemos con Jesús**
In the rising that has set us free: **caminemos con Jesús**

Refrain

A su imagen somos creados: **caminemos con Jesús**
in his image we are created
Para amar como él nos ha amado: **caminemos con Jesús**
to love as he has loved us
Y anunciar a los abandonados: **caminemos con Jesús**
to announce to the abandoned
La Buena nueva que él ha proclamado: **caminemos con Jesús**
the Good News he has proclaimed

Refrain

In broken bread we recognize: **Caminemos con Jesús.**
Your presence in the stranger's guise. **Caminemos con Jesús.**
With burning hearts and open eyes: **Caminemos con Jesús.**
We walk with you, with you we rise. **Caminemos con Jesús.** *Refrain*

Refrain

Sit

Graduation Liturgy

Graduates, parents and sponsors come before the altar.

Pastor: Parenting is a call from God - a call to love, a call to nurture, a call to educate, a call to guide. You have faithfully answered this call throughout your graduate's life. You have fed, housed and supported these wonderful young adults, whose graduation now turns a new page in their lives. You have endured, laughed and cried together. You have honored the promises made at their Baptism and taught them the Holy Scriptures, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. They have been fed at God's holy table, affirmed their Baptism, and have been blessed by God in many ways. Please take the hands of your graduate, and repeat after me: *I bless you, I thank you, and I forgive you. I pray God gives you peace, and I promise to hold you forever in my heart and my prayers.*

Youth Leader: Graduation is an incredible milestone in your lives. You have been baptized at the font and fed at this table with God's forgiveness and love, and in the classroom you studied the arts and science that undergird our society and our world. Will you continue to seek God's truths of life and of love? Will you try to live out the promises made at Baptism, Confirmation and in Holy Communion? Will you strive to be open to God's forgiveness, testify to God's love, and continue to grow into the faithful disciples God calls you to be? If so answer: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Graduates: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

HS Faith Form. Leader: *Graduates, you have been blessed to be a blessing among us. As you take these new steps on your journey, we pray you continue to work to bless those around you, being generous, forgiving and loving to those whose lives touch yours, working for justice and peace throughout all the world. As Jesus remembered the source of his blessing, will you continue to honor your parents, sponsors, and family of faith here at Prince of Peace, stay in touch with us and hold us in prayer, as we hold you in prayer? If so please answer: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Graduates: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Youth Leader: *Graduates, will you offer your blessings, thanks, forgiveness and peace to your parents and sponsors? Will you pray for them, bless them and forgive them? Please take their hands and repeat after me: I bless you, I thank you, and I forgive you. I pray God gives you peace, and I promise to hold you forever in my heart and my prayers.*

Pastor: *Prince of Peace, family of faith, will you bless, encourage and pray for these graduates? Will you welcome them into this place the next time they walk through the door, whether next week or next year? If so answer: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.*

All: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Youth Leader: *Family of faith, these young people have grown up among us and now as they move out into the world: we go with them in spirit. Celebrating their graduation and work, will you bless them, thank them and forgive them? If so, please repeat after me, We bless you, we thank you and we forgive you.*

All: We bless you, we thank you and we forgive you.

Pastor: I ask again that parents and sponsors take the hand of your youth, and repeat after me; *I thank God for you and for your presence in my life. I pray that God will continue to shower you with blessings, and wisdom, with faith and trust in God in Christ Jesus. Remember that we will always love you, always hold you, and always have a place for you.*

Youth Leader: Graduates, please repeat after me: Thank you Mom and Dad (or name of sponsors), for providing both *home and heart*, for helping me become the person God created me to be, for a forgiving heart and a generous spirit. Remember that wherever life takes me, whatever I do and whatever I become, I thank God for you and for your presence in my life, and I thank you for the solid foundation that you helped build in me.

All: **Graduates, through Baptism God added your name to the roll of our ancestors in faith. You are a part of the priesthood we share in Jesus Christ. You have not been called in vain. Take up your cross and follow Jesus, through the prairies and grasslands, in the desert wilderness, along the free ways and back alleys of suburb and city. You belong to God and are sent to witness for Christ before all the world. Amen.**

Pastor: Members and friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?
If so, say, we will.

All: **We will.**

Pastor: Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise? If so, say, we will.

All: **We will.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our graduates together.

All: **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which they cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give these graduates faith to enter the next stage of their lives with good courage, not knowing where they go or when they'll get there, but trusting that your hand is leading them and your love supporting them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

Asst.: Joining with the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

Prayers of the Church

5 Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah; and we
lift our voice be-fore you as a to-ken of our love, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah.

*After "Generous God," worshipers respond "Pour out your Love."
Repeat "Hallelujah" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.*

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you.*

Sit

Offering

*Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.*

For members of the Prince of Peace community, an offering is our expression of gratitude to God and a way we share God's love with the world. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is already a great gift.

Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 26:6-7*

Offering Anthem

*"Connected"
Sanctuary Choir*

Brian Tate

*I am you are me. That's what I said! Don't you see?
It seems like I'm over here, and you're over there, but there is something between us that's greater than air.
See through the confusion, it's not hard to do, it's just an illusion – this me and you.*

*I am a part of you, you are a part of me, and so together we are one body.
I am inside your head, you are inside my heart, we fit together perfect from the start*



Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

Refrain
F C⁷ F F C⁷ F B^b/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Offering Prayer

Asst.: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight the we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God through Jesus Christ who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: 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 to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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.

Invitation to the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

1) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
2) Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
7 peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
us.
us. 3) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
10 world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

"I Come with Joy"

No. 482

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

No. 403

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Asst.: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

Sending of Communion

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.

Pastor: Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our siblings who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**Announcements**

Worshippers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations:

*blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, **come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit to give your announcement.***

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Stand

Final Blessing

Pastor: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Thine the Amen"

No. 826

Dismissal

Asst.: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Music for the Close of Worship

"Trumpet in Dialogue"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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Next Week's Servers

May 24, 2026



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2026 High School Graduates

Ella Bovenkerk is graduating from Portage Central High School. Ella's special memory of Prince of Peace is attending the National Youth Gathering in 2024. People who were important to her faith journey are Intern Emma and her prayer partner, Claudia B. In the fall, Ella plans to attend Miami University.



Ella Bovenkerk

Reece Howes



Reece Howes is graduating from Three Rivers High School. His fond memory of Prince of Peace is using candles on Christmas Eve while singing Silent Night. After graduation, Reece plans to attend Michigan Tech to study aerospace engineering.

2026 College Graduates

Ryan Hannemann

Ryan is graduating from Michigan State University's Broad College of Business with a BA in accounting. After graduation, Ryan will complete a summer internship in Chicago and start work at Plante Moran in Lansing. He'll also be studying to pass his CPA exam!



Sam Stagray

Sam is graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation, Sam will work for the Cardiovascular ICU at the Cleveland Clinic. Fond memories of Prince of Peace include High School discussion group with Claudia and Youth Group Shop-and-Wrap at Christmastime.



Megan Zimmerman

Megan is graduating from Kalamazoo Valley Community College with an associate degree in Social Work. In the fall, she plans to attend Western Michigan University to pursue her bachelor's and master's degree in Social Work. Megan plans to continue working with our children in the nursery on Sunday mornings!

