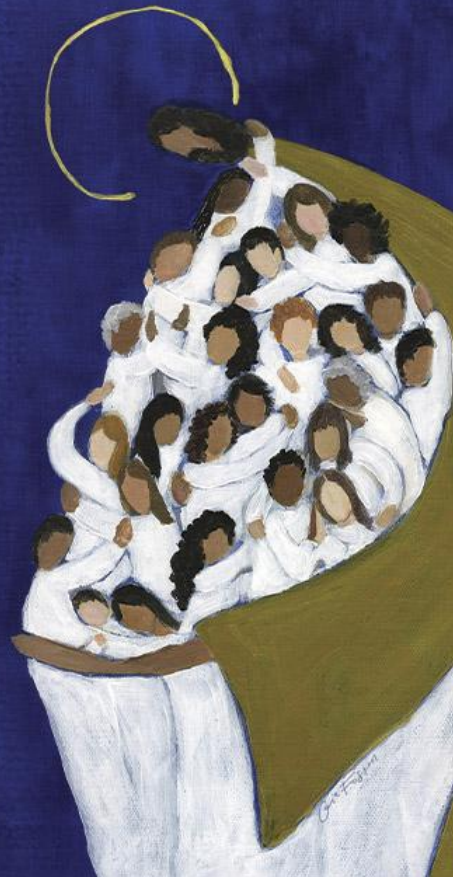


**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 2026  
9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

**Because  
I live,  
you also  
will live**

**JOHN 14:19**



**PASTOR AMBER CRAIG  
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## GUEST INFORMATION

### OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love.”

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In love we proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. We affirm faith in God through community life as reflected in our joyful fellowship of word and sacrament. With the help of the Holy Spirit we enthusiastically witness to and embrace all of God's Creation.

### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace is a community that exists to **INVITE** people to faith and **INSPIRE** people with God's love so that they may **GROW** in faith and **SHARE** their gifts with integrity in the name of Jesus Christ.

### OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Prince of Peace is a Christian community that exists to reflect God's love and forgiveness for all people as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to...

**WORSHIP** as a joyful experience of communion with God through Word, Sacrament, music and Christian community.

**WELCOMING** all people\*, especially children and adolescents, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

**LEARNING** as a life-long process to increase each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ through prayer, bible study and active service in our church, community and world.

**LEADERSHIP** that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and shared by our Pastor, staff and lay leaders as we strive to live as a Christian community with integrity.

*\* Our understanding of our stated value of "welcoming all people" leads us to proclaim that we are a Christian congregation called to unite people from diverse backgrounds, enabling them to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. We therefore respond to the vision to which God has called us – to proclaim this good news and to welcome into full membership in our congregation all people without regard to cultural or ethnic backgrounds, physical or mental abilities, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. This affirmation leads us to a commitment to ensure that the decisions and actions of our congregation will be based, without bias, upon the Christ-driven spirit of being an all-encompassing body of believers.*



Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

**OUR USHERS** are available to help you with directions or questions. Just ask!

**RESTROOMS** are located in the adjacent corridor and can be found by exiting the Welcoming Area through the west side doors. Restrooms are on your right at the end of the first corridor and also across from the kitchen as you continue toward the Northcrest Drive exit.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located on the table in the middle of the Welcome area.

**OUR PASTOR GREETES GUESTS** after services at the main exit. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

**PRAYERS** If you would like something added to Sunday prayers, you can send an email to [office@poplutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@poplutheranchurch.org). You may also add your prayers to the comments during the Facebook Live service. God hears our digital prayers.

**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING:** During the offering, we join millions of other Christians around the world in worshipping our God through the giving of financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper with us, please know that there is no expectation around your giving; simply give as the Holy Spirit leads you or let the plate pass you by. For those who worship with us regularly, our friends and members, your joyful and generous giving supports all we do to build God's kingdom here at Prince of Peace. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **INVITE**

**PRELUDE** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" John Schwartz, Cajun Drum

### **Easter Greeting of Good News**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **WELCOME**

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT** "Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love."

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**All: And also with you.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Ministry Matters. Used with permission.)*

One: Live in God's love!

**All: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**

One: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

**All: We are called to be God's witnesses.**

One: Celebrate and rejoice.

**All: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.**

# GATHERING HYMN

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344

*Unison* C

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. The first system begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

F C

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be - with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

C/G D9/A G7/B C

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back. fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back. fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back. Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS: Anonymous  
MUSIC: Indian folk tune

ASSAM  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

One: Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, + one God,  
the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow,  
our everlasting home.

**All: Amen.**

One: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**All: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

One: People of God:  
Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.  
Through the waters of baptism  
you have been born anew by the living word of God.  
Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name  
and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you  
both now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray,  
Almighty and living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## INSPIRE

**Children's Message** Congregational Deacon Eileen Bryant

**All: CHILDREN OF GOD, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN**

**Choir Anthem** "We Are Not Alone" by Pepper Choplin

### **Reading Acts 17:22-31**

*<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus. He said, "People of Athens! I see that you are very religious in every way. <sup>23</sup> As I walked around, I looked carefully at the things you worship. I even found an altar with To an Unknown God written on it. So you don't know what you are worshipping. Now I am going to tell you about this 'unknown god.'<sup>24</sup> "He is the God who made the world. He also made everything in it. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> He is not served by human hands. He doesn't need anything. Instead, he himself gives life and breath to all people. He also gives them everything else they have. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. And he decided exactly where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that people would seek him. And perhaps they would reach out for him and find him. They would find him even though he is not far from any of us. <sup>28</sup> 'In him we live and move and exist.' As some of your own poets have also said, 'We are his children.'<sup>29</sup> "Yes, we are God's children. So we shouldn't think that God is made out of gold or silver or stone. He isn't a statue planned and made by clever people. <sup>30</sup> In the past, God didn't judge people for what they didn't know. But now he commands all people everywhere to turn away from their sins. <sup>31</sup> He has set a day when he will judge the world fairly. He has appointed a man to be its judge. God has proved this to everyone by raising that man from the dead."*

## Gospel Acclamation

## “Alleluia”

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

## Gospel: John 14:15-21 (NirV)

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, obey my commands. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father. And he will give you another friend to help you and to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> That friend is the Spirit of truth. The world can’t accept him. That’s because the world does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you like children who don’t have parents. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore. But you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father. You will know that you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Anyone who has my commands and obeys them loves me. My Father will love the one who loves me. I too will love them. And I will show myself to them.”

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English  
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune  
 Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## GROW AND SHARE

### APOSTLES CREED

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you!

### WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

*An alternate way to give:*

*"Instructions for use found in the Faithworks"*



### Offertory Hymn

### "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: Let us pray...

**All: 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,**  
**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*On 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.*

## Response

One: When we eat this bread and drink this cup we remember the Lord's life-giving death and resurrection.

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in this meal. In order that all may commune, bread and gluten-free wafers are offered along with wine and grape juice. The ushers will direct you from your rows toward the aisle. Come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a small piece of bread in your hand. After eating, choose either dark-colored wine or light-colored grape juice from the tray and drink. Empty cups may be placed in the nearby baskets. Return to your seats by the side aisles. We believe that even adults don't fully understand God's love. Therefore, young children are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing, depending on their caregiver's wishes. All who do not wish to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and

*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant                      us peace,



grant                      us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

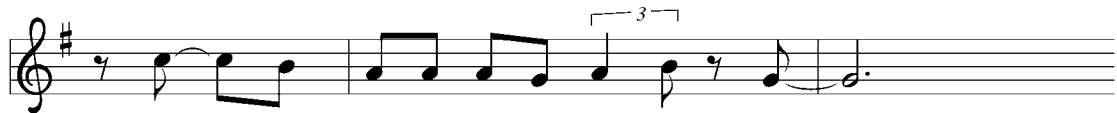
And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace, you are justified, you are forgiven, you are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ and made for the glory of God. You are known, you are never forsaken, you are held in the palm of God's hand, you are loved. May the peace and power of our God be with us until we gather again, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...  
 We are praying ...  
 We are singing ...

**DISMISSAL**

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Risen Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"



*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" "We Are Marching In the Light"*

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS, ACCIDENT OR GRIEF.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE PRINCE OF PEACE; TODAY AND EVERY DAY!**

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