



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
May 12, 2024
Ascension of Our Lord

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

As We Gather

The most forgotten Thursday of the Church Year often is Ascension. Coming forty days after Easter, Ascension recalls not merely how our Lord went off with His disciples and disappeared into the clouds but also the promise that remains with them. He went up with a shout—with the glory that He earned and so that He might be present with us always to bestow the glory of His salvation in the means of grace. Our Lord has not abandoned His people but has gone to prepare the way for them that they may be where He is. Furthermore, He has promised His Spirit so that we will know the way.

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A New Beginning

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection and examination

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit for Ascension *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

C **God has gone up, God has gone up, God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

A The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.” The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. God has gone up, God has gone up, God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading *Acts 1:1–11*

Reader: a reading from the book of Acts, chapter one.

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 *Sung to: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

O clap your hands, you nations all, and shout with joyful mirth!
How awesome is the Lord Most High, great King o'er all the earth!
He brought down nations under us, and peoples 'neath our feet.
He chose inheritance for us; His love did Jacob meet

God has ascended with a shout—the Lord with trumpet sound.
Sing praise to God, sing to our King; sing praises long and loud.
For God is King of all the earth—sing with a psalm of praise.
God reigns o'er all the nations; eternally, always!

The nobles of the people come, they gather in the land,
Assembling as the people of the God of Abraham.
For all the kings of all the earth belong to God alone,
He is exalted greatly: He reigns upon His throne!

Epistle *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

Reader: A reading from the first book of Peter, chapter four.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *John 17:1–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

1 Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.

2 Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!

3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

4 Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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Sermon

Creed *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

Offertory *LSB 159*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

G 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, ...

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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Post Communion Canticle 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.

2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.

2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

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Peace Notes

Happy Mother's Day! We are thankful to God for the gift of motherhood! We celebrate the loving sacrifice of those women, both biological and not, who nurture and guide us in God's ways. May God richly bless them with joy, strength, and love today and always.

A Special Prince of Peace Outing! Join us for a tour of the recently remodeled **Holocaust Memorial Center**. We will meet at the center located at 28123 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, on **Friday, May 26 at 1pm**. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62+). We will purchase tickets at the door. Contact Pastor for questions or to RSVP.

May Movie Night is coming up on Friday, May 31 at 5pm. Join us for pizza dinner and pop right here in our community center for a showing of *Heaven is for Real*, the story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. Come check it out! All are welcome.

Baby Bottles have arrived! Be sure to pick up an **Another Way Pregnancy Center baby bottle** in the narthex this morning. We host this fundraiser from Mother's day to Father's day each year to help and support the work of AWPC as they serve mothers and babies in need! Fill your bottles with change for CHANGE! All bottles need to be returned by June 16. Thank you for your support.

The **next congregational Voters' meeting** is coming up on Sunday, May 19 immediately following the worship service. Be sure to make it a point to join us and make your vote count!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:30am
Happy Mother's Day

Monday, May 13

Elder meeting 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Prayer Team 7:15pm
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Noon Bible Study

Friday, May 17

NA meeting 11 a.m.
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Work Morning 8am
ESL conversation 9:30am
ESL Study 10:45am
Patterns of Evidence movie

Sunday, May 19

Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:30am
Voters' Meeting
after worship

COMING UP

Monday, May 20

Family of God 5:15pm

Friday, May 31

Movie Night 5pm

Keep in Prayer this week

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

- ✝ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✝ Thankfulness for mothers and all women who serve as mothers in our lives.
- ✝ For God's peace and comfort for the family of Janet Farrell, sister of Helen Nye, who passed away last week.
- ✝ For all those who are on hospice care. For families, caregivers and patients to receive God's peace and comfort.
- ✝ For the health concerns of: Gloria Vaaler, Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Melody Rinn, Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Pat Geisinger and Ann Maciejewski, Shari Thilking, Alyssa B., Velte Toledo.

Love One Another as I Have Loved You . . .




In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult time, contact our Stephen Leader about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love. Call our confidential line at (248) 553-3380 ext. 9 and our Stephen Minister will return your call promptly.

Upcoming Service Schedule

Altar server for the month of May is Barb Pattinson

	Ministry Service Schedule					
	12-May		19-May		26-May	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
ELDERS	Mike Beyersdorf		Dick Walker		Charley Staab	
READER	Susan Vaaler		Ron Donoghue		Karen Turgeon	
GREETER	Marabeth Warnke		Sharon & Ed Kaiser		Marabeth Warnke	
VIDEO OPERATOR	Ron Donoghue		Chris Moses		Barb Donoghue	
TELLERS	Barbara Moore Rachel Svoke		JoAnn Lind Mike Hodgins		Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild	
USHERS	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	John Blair	Ed Kaiser volunteer today	Dick Walker volunteer today	volunteer today volunteer today	volunteer today