

# PRINCE OF PEACE

*Spokane, Washington*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 10, 2026*

*(9:30 am)*



Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them. We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

\*denotes to stand if you are able

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**L:** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**P:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen**

\*Hymn

### Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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L: 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.

\*Kyrie

L: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Leader All

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

L: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (Refrain)

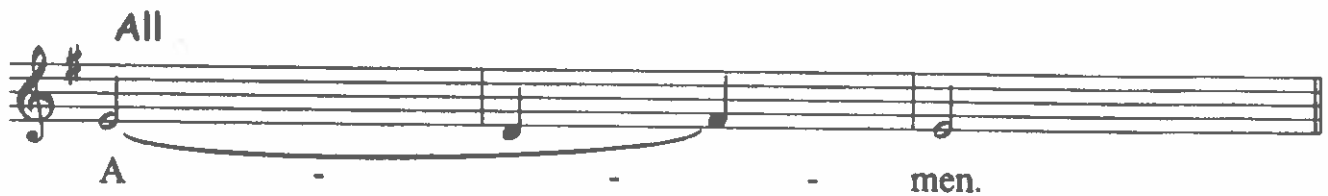
L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (Refrain)

Leader



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

All



A - - - men.

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### "Now the Feast"

#### Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



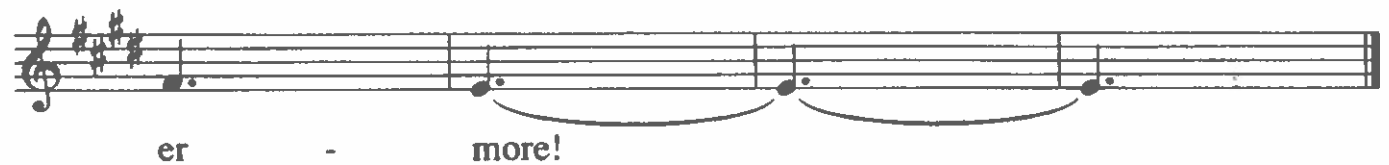
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and

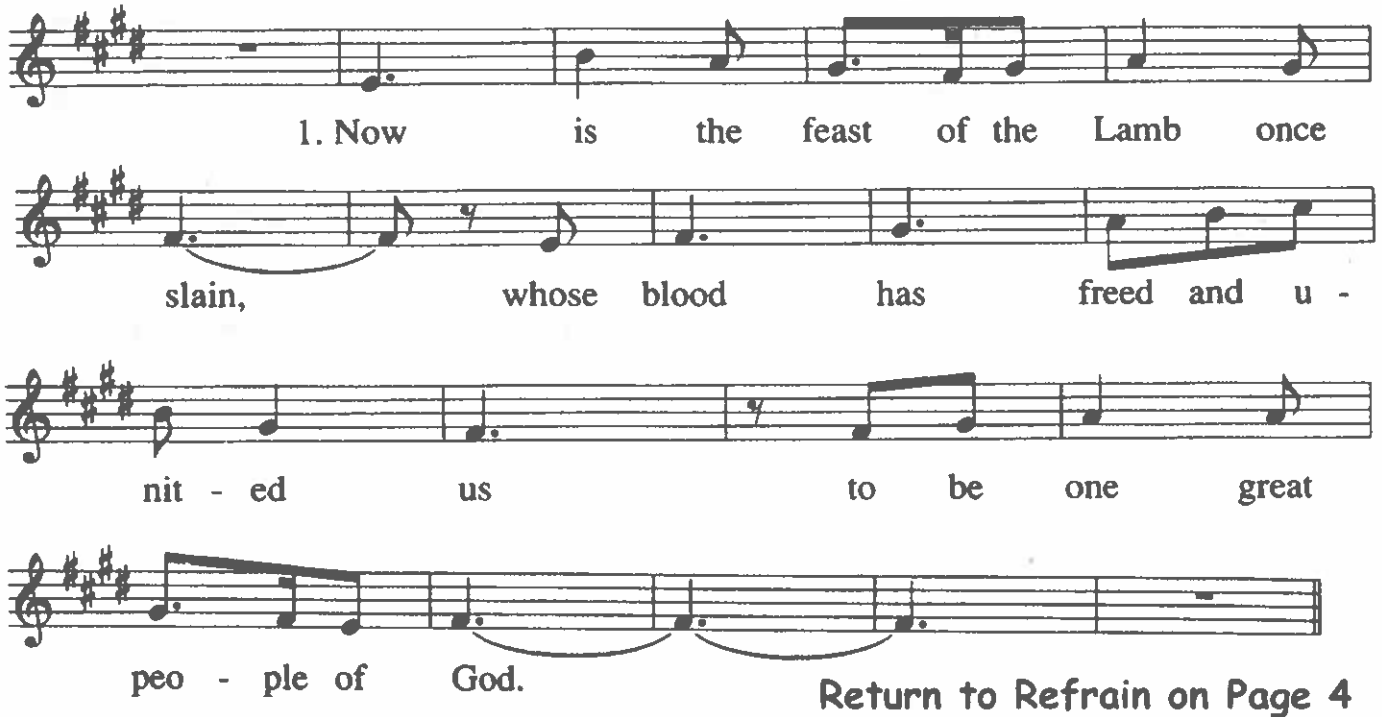


free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

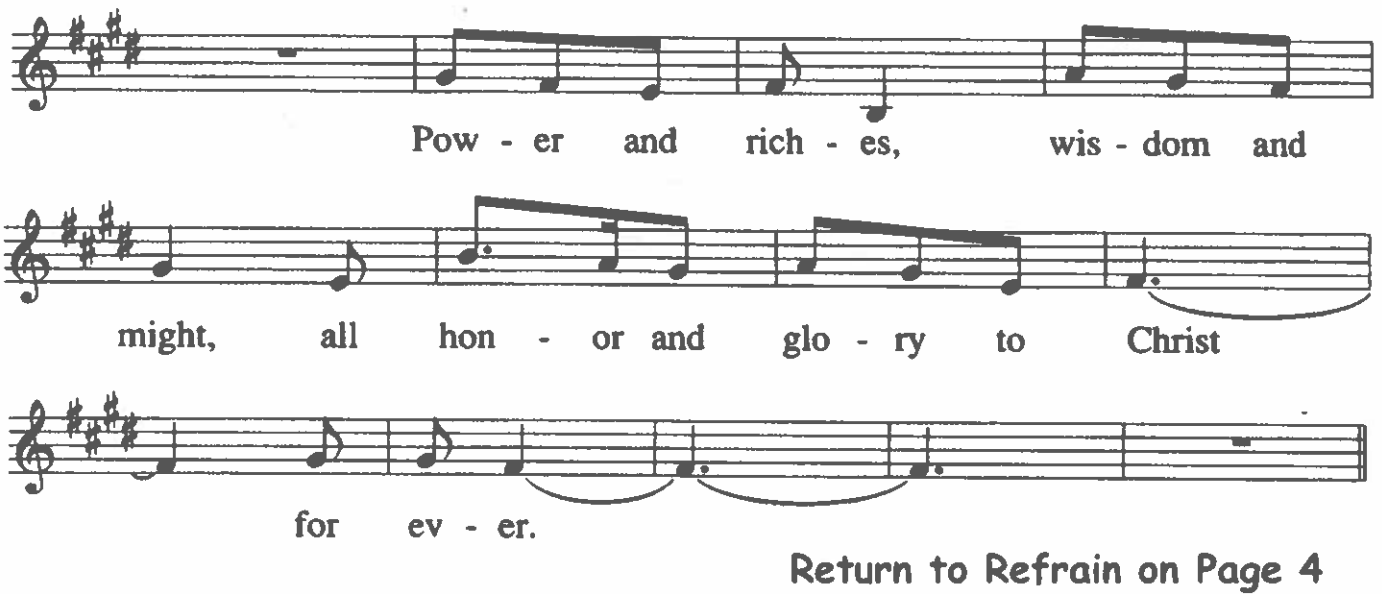
Verse 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

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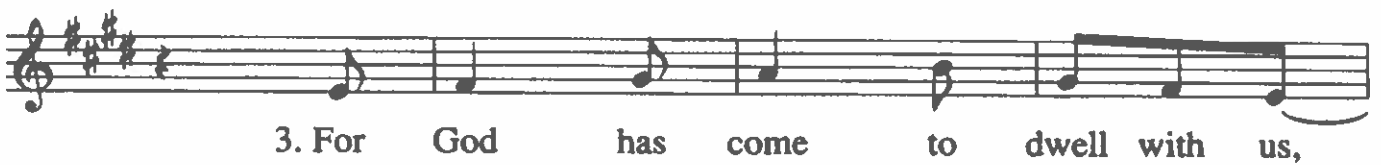
Verse 2



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er.

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Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The word of the Lord,  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.  
<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**  
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**  
<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**  
<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**  
<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

**\*Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another

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Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Joel Skindlov**

\*Hymn of the Day

## We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Synod Highlights

Mike Sanborn

## **\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **\*The Prayers**

*Each petition ends:*

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,  
**All:** hear our prayer.

*Concluding petition:*

L: . . . through your Son Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

**\*Offering Hymn**

*"That We May Be Filled"*



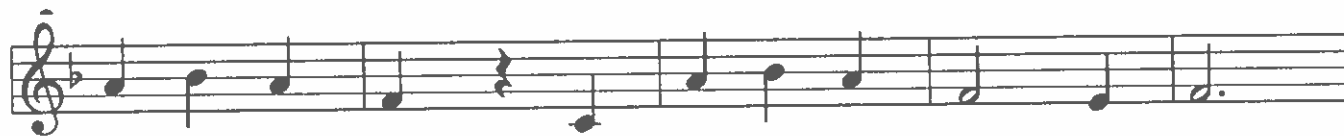
Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we



of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through



Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that



we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

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## \*Offering Prayer

L: Gracious God,

**All: you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

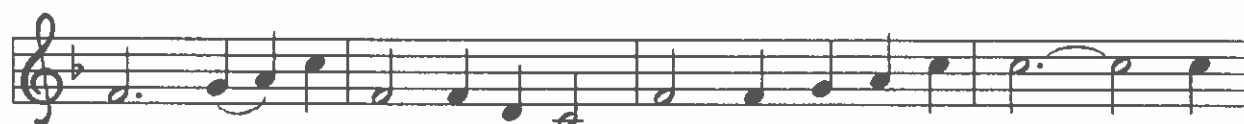
P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

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mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Communion Hymns

### "Come Let Us Eat"

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In . . . his pres-ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

Chords: F, Gm7, F, Dm, B<sup>o</sup>, F, B<sup>o</sup>maj7, C<sup>9</sup>, B<sup>o</sup>, F, Gm7

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F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>o</sup>

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

F B<sup>o</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
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## Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

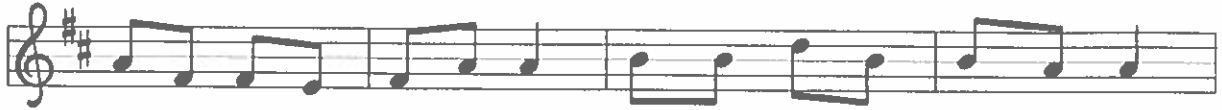
stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
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## Jesus Loves Me!

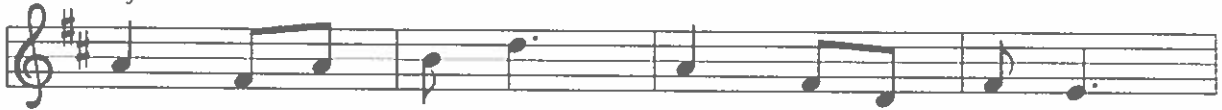


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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### \*Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

**All: Amen**

### \*Post Communion Prayer

**L:** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

**Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**All: Amen**

*The water is wide; I cannot cross o'er. And neither have I the wings to fly. Build me a boat that can carry two, and both shall row, my love and I.  
 A ship there is and she sails the seas. She's laden deep, as deep as can be; But not so deep as the love, I'm in, And I know not if I sink or swim.  
 I leaned by back up against an oak thinking it was a trusty tree, but first it bended and then it broke. Thus did my love prove false to me.  
 O love is handsome, and love is kind, bright as a jewel when first it's new; but love grow old and waxes cold and fades away like morning dew.*

Announcements- Please use the microphone

**Sending**  
**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

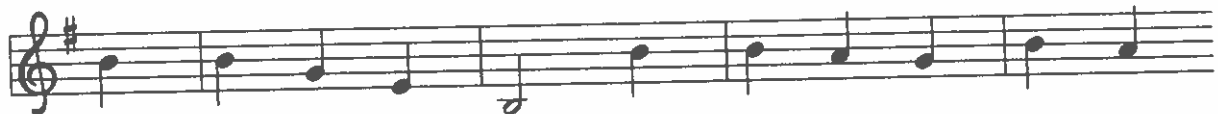
**\*Blessing**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**All:** Amen

**\*Hymn**

**Oh, Sing to the Lord**  
*Cantad al Señor*



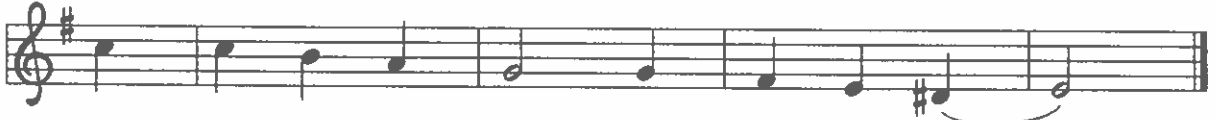
1	Can - tad	al	Se - ñor	un	cán - ti - co	nue - vo.
1	Oh,	sing	to the	Lord,	oh, sing	God a new song.
2	For	God	is the	Lord,	and God	has done won - ders.
3	So	dance	for our	God	and blow	all the trum - pets.
4	Oh,	shout	to our	God,	who gave	us the Spir - it.
5	For	Je - sus	is	Lord!	A - men!	Al - le - lu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



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 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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*¡*Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!  
 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.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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## Prince of Peace's Purpose Statement

**L:** God's purpose for Prince of Peace

**All:** is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.

**L:** Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **Prayers of the Church**

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### ***New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:***

Sharon Ballou, John Brown (friend of the Renfords), Michelle Buckley (daughter of the Hendricksons), BJ Keasel (friend of Susan Ames), Arlene Kirkevold, Kathy Miotke (friend of Susan Ames), Pam Nebelsieck, and Linda Strom (sister of Sue Parrish).

### ***Continued prayers for:***

Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), the great nephew of Froscheiser's, Josh Hawley, for Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Dora & Curt Larson (sister & brother in law of Iris Pehan), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), MarJean Redinger (friend of the Sanborns), Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs) and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff).

### ***Prayers of safety for:***

Seth Hertel (grandson of Sanborns) and all Armed Forces serving around the world.

We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or [popoffmgr@comcast.net](mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net). Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

***THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO TODAY***

***by Holly & Frank Christoff  
for all mothers***

## Announcements

### Mowing Schedule

Hurry and grab your favorite spot before it is gone!! The mowing schedule is on the bulletin board by the kitchen window. Contact Bernie Polikowsky, Joe Rock, or Mel Nebelsieck for questions.



### Preschool Bible Signing

Today & Sunday, May & 17<sup>th</sup>, the preschool Bibles will be set out for congregation members to sign. Please take a minute to sign the Bibles before they are presented to the preschoolers graduating later this month. This has been a long-cherished tradition at Prince of Peace! Thank you to those who contributed to the purchase of the Bibles.

### 2026 Graduates

Are there any upcoming high school and college graduates connected to Prince of Peace? If you have a graduate that you would like recognized in the bulletin, please contact the church office by May 20th.

### Preparing a Place for Our Littlest Ones

Preparations have begun to update the nursery area to create a welcoming space for children/families whom God brings to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

There are a variety of ways that you can participate. If you'd like to be part of this joyful effort, please don't hesitate to contact us. You too can help us create a cheerful place where little ones can begin to know God's love.

Karen Chaffins and Sue Parrish

**"Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14).**

### Altar Flowers

Check out the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers. There are many dates available. There are vases available in the closet in the kitchen if you need one. Arrangements don't have to be large or fancy but add a nice touch to the altar on Sunday.



### Fellowship

Treats can be very simple, for example... donuts cut in half, store bought cookies, homemade treats, or cheese and crackers. Please do whatever you are comfortable providing. The sign up is on the bulletin board to the left of the kitchen window opening. Lets share a treat and visit after service.



# POP Pantry – The Cupboard is bare!

## Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.

## Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap.



# Pastor Joel– Office Hours

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am—12pm. He is also available by appointment. Pastor Joel’s #509-951-0223.

# Bible Study– Now @ Riverview Retirement Community

Join us for Bible Study on Thursdays from 1-2pm on Zoom or in person, for conversations about the Bible, faith, life and more!

**We study the scripture to be used in the next Worship Service.**

If you would like more information please contact the office.

509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net

Riverview Retirement Community– Chapel, 1801 E. Upriver Dr, Spokane, WA 99207



## Birthdays

- May 1– Rod Tamura
- May 9– Todd Chaffins
- May 13– Debi Holland
- May 16– Debbie McColgin
- May 18– Karen Chaffins  
Bernie Webster
- May 20– Sharon Ballou
- May 24– Rebecca Hendrickson



## Serving You Today...

**Pastor:** Joel Skindlov  
**Worship Assistant:** Randy Holland  
**Keyboarding:** Janet Robel  
**Altar Guild:** Ginny Zimmerman

**Fellowship:** Sanborns  
**Ushers:** Doug Elliott  
**Media:** Bernie Polikowsky  
**Communion Server:** Ginny Zimmerman

## This Week at Prince of Peace May 10-17, 2026

**SUNDAY**                      9:30 am      Worship Service

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**                      9:00 am      Quilts for Kids  
5:30 pm      Praise Group

**WEDNESDAY**                      9:30 am      **Women's Bible Study**  
6:15 pm      Men's Choir  
7:00 pm      Adult Choir

**THURSDAY**                      1:00 pm      Bible Study @ Riverview Retirement  
**NEW LOCATION @ the Riverview Retirement Community Chapel located at 1801 E. Upriver Drive.**

**FRIDAY**                              **Church Office Closed**

**SATURDAY**                      7:00 am      Men's Breakfast

**SUNDAY**                              9:30 am      Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:00 am      Council Meeting

### **To Contact Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

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## Growing Little Disciples: A New Ministry Opportunity

Our church family has been blessed with a beautiful abundance of wisdom and experience and many of us answer to “Grandma,” or “Grandpa.” We also know that Jesus’ words ring true for every generation: **“Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”** (Matthew 19:14)

Are you filled with joy when you see little ones (of all ages!) in church? We believe God is preparing us to provide a place for young families in our community who are looking for a place where their children are welcomed, loved, and taught about God in ways that fit their age and energy level (which, as you know, is somewhere between “bouncy ball” and “small tornado”).

To help make our church a place where young families feel at home, we’re preparing to launch a new, updated Sunday School program this fall by refreshing our church nursery area. This area will also be used as the Toddler Sunday School room.

This is a chance for us to plant seeds—tiny ones with sticky fingers and big hearts—trusting that God will grow them in His time.

### Why This Matters

Scripture reminds us that faith is planted early: **“Train up a child in the way he should go...”** (Proverbs 22:6).

By preparing a safe, cheerful space for toddlers, we’re not just updating a room—we’re preparing a place where the next generation can begin to know Jesus. And who better to welcome them than a congregation full of seasoned saints who have spent a lifetime loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren?

### A Ministry of Hope

As we step out in faith—believing that when a church prepares room for children, God fills it. Just as the widow’s jar of oil never ran dry, we trust that God will multiply our efforts and bring in families who need a loving church home.

If you’d like to help in any way with this ministry, please reach out to us. There will be many opportunities along the way to help or assist... starting with clean up and set up of the refreshed nursery classroom. As we move forward, remember that even the smallest act of service can make a big difference in the life of a little one.

Karen Chaffins and Sue Parrish