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**HOPE  
FOR THE  
FUTURE**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

# 50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose. That means, either Jesus is a complete waste of your time, or he is your only hope for salvation. If Jesus is still dead, it is completely logical that you should want nothing to do with him. If Jesus rose, it is only logical that he becomes the center and greatest priority of your life.



Today we come before the Risen Lord as we always do: in need of healing, forgiveness and hope. We come because He has come for us and continues to come to us with healing, forgiveness and hope. These are the things of the gospel that Jesus lives to give!

We're so richly loved by God. Today is one of those special days in our lives and our life together as a congregation when we commit ourselves to special gifts in love for God, above and beyond our regular offerings, to praise His Name, spread His Gospel and again confess Him to be our Hope and the center and priority of our lives. May our Lord bless you in this!

Before the service this morning we'll watch the last in a series of videos prepared for our capital campaign. All of the campaign videos are available at [www.popslc.org/video-updates](http://www.popslc.org/video-updates).

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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*  
*Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.* 

### Hymn | 711 **Jesus Call Us o'er the Tumult**

#### Invocation

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**Amen.**

#### Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Verses*  
1 3 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lam'b who was slain, whose  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-  
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
gun his reigr. Al-le-lu-ia! *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Dearest Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. In addition to forgiveness and eternal life, you have given us blessings far too numerous to count. So inspire us by your generosity that we devote all we have and all we are to the glory of your name and the well-being of others. Help us learn the joy of giving, the value of faithful labor, and the satisfaction of time well spent. Replace our fear and selfishness with the confidence that you will provide everything we need for doing good and will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## First Reading

**1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11**

*The God of all grace has called us to glory. He will be with us through every trial and in every struggle to resist the evil one. And after a little while, He will show us the fullness of the glory He's prepared for us!*

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen..

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Hymn | 749 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Please stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

**John 14:18**

Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.  
Alleluia.

### The Holy Gospel

**John 17:1-11a**

*Less than 24 hours before He would be crucified, Jesus prays and we hear Him say that the coming day would lead to glory, both His and ours.*

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought

you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I

gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory

has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## **Hymn of the Day | 752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

### **Sermon Mark 14:3-9**

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

Be seated.

## Prayer of the Church

Gracious and Generous Lord, You made Yourself known to us in Your Son and have made us Your own through His cross and resurrection. How can we ever thank you enough?

**We pray for Your Church, that You would protect us from every attack of the prowling lion, and that false doctrine or ungodly living do not gain a foothold among us.**

Keep us confident in Your grace so that we might be humble before You and others.

**Teach us to cast all our anxiety on You and always find our hope for the future in Your unbreakable promises.**

Gracious God, giver of all we have, grant the people of this congregation a deep awareness that our lives, our jobs, our talents and our generosity come from You.

**Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live securely in You and stand against the materialism and greed that are so prevalent in our culture.**

When we are tempted to think and do otherwise, impress on our hearts that You have asked for us to return a portion of what You've given us as a symbol of our trust in You to continue to provide for us.

**Help us excel in the grace of giving and use the gifts we give back to You to spread Your kingdom of grace.**

For the sick and the distressed, those whose hearts are heavy, those whose lives are burdened, those who mourn, and all who are in need;

especially Finneas Bater, Sue Jones, Mike Jones, Sam, Holly Kirth, Gary Cain, Victor Markel, Mike Conboy and Perry Whitehair, that they would be granted healing and given God's peace which passes all understanding.

**Lord have mercy on them and strengthen them.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*silent prayer*

Heavenly Father, as the first Christians devoted themselves to prayer and worship following Christ's glorious ascension, preserve us in the same until we are raised with all the saints to Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord

**To Him be the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Amen.**

## Offering



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

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# THE SACRAMENT

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*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by His willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by His glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**The God on high by all adored.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The heav'ns above and earth below**

**To one and all His glory show.**

**Sing hosanna! Christ has risen!**

**Life is dawning, joy increasing. Alleluia!**

*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **The 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 Jesus**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God

O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away.

Mercy show us, peace bestow us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Be seated*

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

***Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.***

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.*

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

## Hymn | 745 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Your † sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalms 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Closing Hymn | 695 Take My Life and Let It Be

*During the closing hymn, anyone who has a commitment card for our Hope for the Future Campaign is invited to worship the Lord by carrying that card forward to place it on the altar (a symbolic place of sacrifice) as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to the One who has given us hope for an unending future before His throne and promises us grace and every blessing on the way there!*

*Take our lives and our commitments and everything else and make it Thine, dear Savior.*



*Thank you to Suzanne Bawden for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*



<p><b>Our Week with the Lord</b></p> <p><b>May 21-28</b></p>	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour/Adult Fellowship	9:15 am
		Divine Service	10:15 am
	Thursday:	Graduation	6:30 pm
	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am
		Family Bible Hour	9:15 am
	Divine Service	10:15 am	

### A Question about Summer Service Time(s)

Here's the question:

Should we stick with 8:00 and 10:15 service times between Memorial Day and Labor Day this year OR should we move to one service at 9:00 am on Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day?

Here's why we're asking:

- 1. Lighter attendance** - Often in the summer months attendance at one or the other of our two Sunday services can be very light. While two or three coming together in Jesus' name is a blessed thing, having only 30 in a service in a sanctuary that can handle 200 isn't as uplifting and encouraging for us or a visitor as we'd like. It is also, of course, a less than efficient use of our accompanists time.
- 2. Pastoral vacancy** - Hope Lutheran Church has asked for our pastors to cover the vacancy that they will have starting in July because Pastor Webber has accepted a Call to another congregation and will be moving. Most of the time Pastors Peil and Boettcher would be able to split up and each serve at one of the two places. However, there are Sundays this summer when only one of them will be here.
- 3. Not a necessity** - We have two services both to accommodate the needs and preferences of those who worship here, and to accommodate their comfort. Once our sanctuary has 175 people in it, it can feel overcrowded to some who are sensitive to large crowds. At this point in our congregation's life, we worship about 150 a weekend. As mentioned above, historically that number dips by 25 or so in the summer months.
- 4. Getting to know each other** - There are many new members of the family of believers at Prince of Peace (over 10 in just the last few months). Sometimes people go to different services (8 or 10:15) consistently and don't meet people who attend the other service. (another great reason to be at Bible study together!) One service

on Sunday for a few months would be an opportunity for more crossover and getting to know your fellow believers.

Here's why we're hesitant to ask:

1. **Messing with rhythms** - We have moved to one service in the summer a couple times in the last five years. Each time there are people who express that they strongly prefer that service times don't change. We are creatures of habit and it's understandable that it will upset the rhythm of life slightly to come to church at a different time, either a little later or a little earlier for a couple months.
2. **Advertising the switch** - About 3 times each summer that we've moved service times, someone has showed up at the wrong time for services. If memory serves, two times it was visitors. Four or five times it was WELS members on vacation. That summer, the WELS website listed our service times incorrectly. So, it happens, and it probably would again. But not very often after the first week.
3. Other concerns that you have that we haven't thought of.

After reading the above, could you please share your preference? There's a paper in the entryway where you can put your name and your preference: 1 service or 2 for June, July and August?

If you have comments, please speak to one of the pastors or email: [tylerpeil@gmail.com](mailto:tylerpeil@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance for thinking this through, how it affects you and how it affects others, and sharing your preference!

**EMPLOYER MATCHES** A few of our members have mentioned that their employers match charitable contributions to private schools annually. Does yours? This may be a way to significantly increase the commitments we're making to the capital campaign!

**Fellowship this morning** (9:15 to 10:15 today) We'll hold Bible Information Class (BIC) and Sunday School this morning. We don't have a formal class for adults, teens and catechism age students; instead today we grow in knowing and supporting each other with time to mingle.

**Thursday Graduation** (6:30 pm Thursday 5/25) On Thursday night at 6:30 we celebrate the end of the school year and graduation here at Prince of Peace Lutheran School in a special service. All are welcome. This service will be in place of our usual Thursday evening worship.