

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Easter
May 17, 2026



WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Hymns

- Gathering - God Is Here! - ELW 526
Hymn of the Day - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! - ELW 392
Offertory Anthem - The Prayer of St. Francis (A. Pote) - Adult Choir
Distribution Hymn - I Come With Joy - ELW 482
Sending Hymn - Let All Things Now Living - ELW 881

Prayer of the Day

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

LESSONS

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

- L Word of God, Word of Life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

- L Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; 2wedc let those who hate God flee.
C **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- L But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.
C **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**
- L In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
C **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
- L O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
C **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- L You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.
C **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- L Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
C **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
- L Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
C **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Gospel: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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

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

Thank you to those assisting in worship today

Lector: Nancy Herrington
Usher: David Herrington

Fellowship: Ginny Moore / Barbara Kelly
Altar Guild: Nancy Durie / Nisha Newman

We Remember in our Prayers

Margaret Frantz Audrey Oehm Karlfried Froehlich Ellie Crawford Mo Clarke

*The chancel flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God
by Claudia Thompson in memory of her mother, Olga, and in thanksgiving for God's wonderful gifts.*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

This Week

Adult Class May 17th Pastor Peter will reflect on forty plus years of ministry, and the significant change he has seen throughout the church.

8:30 Outdoor Service in the Outdoor Chapel. A half hour worship of Word and Sacrament. This service will continue up to pastor's retirement.

Upcoming Events

Pastor's books. Pastor's library has moved to the Narthex. Help yourself.

Sunday May 24, 2025 is confirmation. J'den Clarke will be confirmed.

Prince of Peace is hosting Faith New Jersey on Tuesday May 19.

Prince of Peace will host the West Windsor Religious Leaders on Wednesday May 20th.

New Jersey Synod Assembly The New Jersey Synod will be in Assembly on Saturday May 30th at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset. Pastors Peter and Dale will attend along with Con Sweeney, Joan New, and Morrigan Clarke as our youth representative. The House Next Door will have a table at the Assembly this year. Pastor Dale and Laura Glatz will serve the table. Pastor Peter will serve the Global Refuge table again this year.

June 14 – Pastor Peter's last Sunday at Prince of Peace. Bishop Christa Compton will be with us to preside at the Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call. Michelle and Mike Conk are planning a champagne Brunch for after worship (see the signup in the gathering area soon). There will be words of remembrance and toasts. If you have any pictures you would like to share, they can be dropped in this Google drive (Pictures of Pastor Peter) or physical pictures can be left in the office.

Service Opportunities

Worship volunteer opportunities for this Sunday and following Sundays can be found here: <https://bit.ly/pop-sunday-signup>.

Peace Garden - POP's Peace Garden volunteers have already planted many seeds and seedlings donated by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) to help us feed the needy of Trenton through Enid's Food Pantry at St. Barts. In just a few weeks we'll be supplying them with fresh produce! Volunteers are ALWAYS needed - NO experience necessary...Join us whenever you can...for an hour or more...Tuesdays and/or Fridays, from 10-12 for now but earlier as the temperatures rise. Contact Shari Rexroad, our Master Gardener, at srexroad915@gmail.com to be added to our email group for scheduling changes and announcements or JUST COME!

POP's Immigration Ministry needs volunteers and donations. I-RISE (Interfaith Refugee and Resettlement Services and Empowerment) continues to serve our immigrant neighbors in numerous ways. With funding cuts, there's even more need for volunteers to help with learning English or basic laptop use, drivers to deliver food bags, take them to appointments or to help them practice driving, or mentors to work with a 15-24 year old. Our volunteer team works directly with a Haitian family of 7 in Trenton as well as supporting other services and events through the Trenton office. Summer Camp Scholarship sponsors or gift cards for Uber, Lyft, Shoprite, Walmart, Visa or Mastercard and donations of gently used household goods or seasonal clothing are always needed. For these and other ways to help, see team members Joan New, Cathy Corcoran, Lisa Schott, or Nancy Reyes or email nancyauerreyes@gmail.com.

Monthly Food Donation for St. Bart's Throughout the month of May we are collecting rice and beans for St. Bart's. Please place your donation on the table in the narthex. If the church is closed, please leave your food offering in the bin outside of the Community Wing entrance. Thank you for your generosity.