

MAY 03, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG The King of Love My Shepherd Is vv 1-2, 4,6 ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thine unction grace bestoweth; thy goodness faileth never.
 and, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 from thy pure chalice floweth! within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, there are many things we do not know, and your ways amaze us. Please teach us what you want us to learn, help us trust you when we do not understand, and give us curiosity to discover your mysterious presence in Christ all around us.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

FIRST READING Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.'

²⁹ "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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.”

Acclamation

The assembly stands.

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a dotted quarter note on 'Come', followed by eighth notes for 'Ho - ly Spir - it', a dotted quarter note for 'de -', and eighth notes for 'scend on us, de -'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note on 'scend on us.', followed by eighth notes for 'We gath - er here in Je -', and a dotted quarter note on 'sus''. A slur covers the final two notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

name. (hm)

The third system shows the final part of the piece. The treble staff has a dotted quarter note on 'name.', followed by a half note on '(hm)'. A slur covers the final two notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a long note on the first staff and a half note on the second staff.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 1:16-18

¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition the congregation responds: L: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

PRAYER SONG

To You All Hearts Are Open



The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a repeat sign followed by the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a triplet of eighth notes, a final cadence, and the instruction "Last time" above the staff.

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Text: John Tirro, b. 1966; based on an 11th cent. collect, tr. *Book of Common Prayer*

Music: ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, John Tirro

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The prayers begin and conclude with song.

Repeat To You All Hearts Are Open

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory Song

As a Mother Comforts Her Child



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979
Music: TRINITY OF LOVE, Brian Wentzel
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Invite those communing at home

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you.

FIRST COMMUNION BLESSING

concluding...

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to holy communion.

**Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that
Christ gives you joy and strength in this meal, until we feast
forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the side aisle and remain standing as you gather around the altar railing. When everyone has gathered at the railing, you may kneel or remain standing. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the center aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar railing.

COMMUNION HYMN

This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ
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Song after Communion

vv. 1 & 3

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.
to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: SANTA MONICA, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

TEACH AND YOUTH WORKER RECOGNITION

concludes...

Teachers and youth leaders, you have told the story of the love of God.

Thanks be to God!

You have guided others in exploring the word of God,

Thanks be to God!

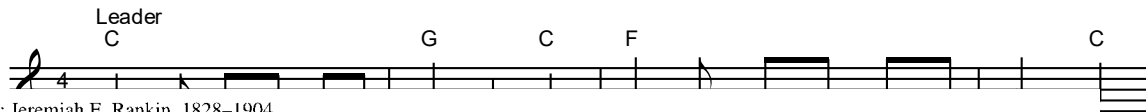
You have welcomed young people into the family of God,

Thanks be to God!

Now, enter into rest and play, the re-creation of summer. And all God's people said: **Amen!**

BLESSING

Leader



C G C F C

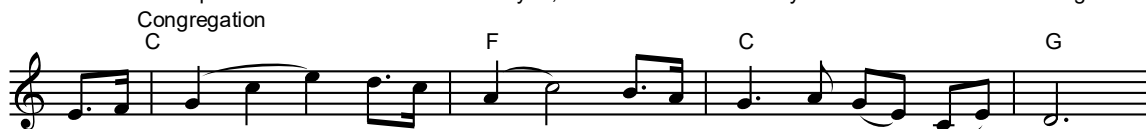
Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896




with a shep-herd's care en-fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Congregation



C F C G

Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ till we meet at Je-sus' feet;



C F C G C

Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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This morning seven of our youth will participate in the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** for the **first time**: Evelyn Mae Griffith; Vivian M. Kelly; Zander Lee James Lynn, Kasandra Jo Melton; Jordan Andrew Purkiss; Ember Eloise Sondergeld; and Aubrey Jeanne Stone. Special thanks to Eva Lynn for assisting Pastor Aaron with the class last week.

We **recognize** our **Sunday school teachers** and those that support and **work with our youth** throughout the year. We **thank them** for their support with the youth of our community. Preschool - 2nd grade - Amy Lynn & Terri Meadows; 3rd - 5th grade - Ann Clark; 6th - 8th grade (Catechism) - Pastor Aaron; 9th - 12th grade – Pastor Emily Werner & Kim Zietlow; Acolytes – Andy McCain; Hand Bells – Kim Cramer; Board of Parish Ed – Amy Lynn, Ann Clark & Vicky Smith; Event Coordinator – Jennifer Hemry.

All confirmed women of Prince of Peace are members of **WELCA**. A **WELCA meeting** is today **Sunday, May 03** in the Community Center lobby at 10:15 AM. Get your coffee and goodies and join in on the discussion and planning of upcoming events.

Our **Holy Grounds** crew **maintains the landscaping** around the perimeter of our building on **Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.** with refreshments and conversations following. There is **something for everyone**. **All are welcome!**

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Andy Smith, Ray Smith's dad, who passed away on April 25. A funeral service was held last week.

Please join us for a **special Mother's Day Breakfast** during coffee hour on **Sunday, May 10**, to honor the incredible women who nurture, guide, and inspire us. This celebration is in honor of all mothers and mother-like figures. The **entire congregation** is **invited** to join us in celebrating the women in our lives.

Men, kids, and teens, we are looking for your **help** to set up, serve, and clean up the **Mother's Day breakfast** during coffee hour on Sunday, May 10. The Parish Education Committee will provide all the supplies. If you can assist with this, **please sign up** in the narthex.

It's our turn to help **God Works Soup Kitchen** in on **Wed., May 13** at St John's Lutheran Church in Dundee. We'll need 2 salads and 2 desserts to help with the planned meal. They are currently serving approximately 35 each week. **Contact Joy Fox** at 734.269.2982 if you can prepare something and/or help serve.

Rummage Sale items can be dropped off Sun May 10th - Fri May 15th at 7:30 PM. There will be **tables** set up **in** the back of the **Community Center**. Please make sure all parts are with the item and it works. If you need **items picked up** or have questions reach out to Kim Cramer at 313-600-9297 or cramergirls09@gmail.com. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, May 16th from 9 AM - 2 PM.

Your Coffee, Your Questions, Your Legacy Bring your coffee and join our Prince of Peace **Financial Secretary**, Diane Kamprath, Sun May 17th at 10:15 in the Gathering Place, for a quick, friendly chat about **simple ways** to make a lasting impact. She will share a few **surprising tips** about **planned giving** and **IRA charitable gifts** — including how we can **help our** Prince of Peace **mission** without spending anything today. It's relaxed, helpful, and full of easy **ideas you can use** right away.

Parents of our **graduating High School, college and trade school students** are asked to **send info** to the church office that includes name, what school or program they are graduating from, future plans, etc. Activities they participated in may be included, too. A **write-up** and a **grad photo** are needed in the office for the bulletins and newsletter. Please send that info **by May 20** to Kim Kibat in the office kim@princeofpeaceida.org

Photos are needed **for the media screen**, a few from each graduate - maybe a baby or youngster photo, a pic of an activity, a graduate photo (it can be the same one used for the newsletter), etc. These photos should be emailed to media@princeofpeaceida.org

A **breakfast for all graduates & their families** will be in The Gathering Place at **8 AM** on Sunday **May 31**. Graduates will be celebrated during worship service at 9 AM and are encouraged to wear their cap & gown. **RSVP** to Kim Cramer with number attending the **breakfast by May 24** 313-600-9297 or cramergirls09@gmail.com

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Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Brent Jennings and Shane Clark

Altar Guild – Adra Stevens and Chris Knight

Fellowship Hour – Roxie Boll, w/donations from Jean Lloyd, Diane Schyler, Terri Meadows

Liturgical Minister – Tim Smith

Media – Elizabeth Roose

Organist – Ray Smith

Ushers – Ron Zabawa, Head Usher; Lynne Zabawa, Bob Winkelman; Dave Fritz

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9 AM

Teacher & Youth Worker Appreciation

First Communion Celebration

Fellowship Hour – 10 AM

Last Day of Sunday School & Catechism - 10:15 AM

WELCA Meeting – 10:15 AM

Tuesday: IKC Summer Registration Begins

Alcohol Anonymous - 7 PM

Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship – 7 PM

Thursday: Holy Grounds – 9 AM

Pickleball – 6 PM

Coming Soon:

Sun May 10 Mother's Day Breakfast

Sun May 10 – Mother's Day

Wed May 13 – God Works Soup Kitchen

Sat May 16 – WELCA Rummage Sale

Sun May 17 – Affirmation of Baptism for Catechism 8th graders

Sun May 17 – Planned Giving Meeting – 10:15 AM

Mon May 18 – IKC 4 yr old Preschool Graduation - 6 PM

Tues May 19 – ICK 3 yr old Preschool Donut Party – 10 AM

Wed May 20 – Cemetery Memorial Service – 6 PM

Wed May 20 – Newsletter Deadline

Sun May 24 – Pentecost Sunday – wear red!

Mon May 25 – Memorial Day

Fri. & Sat. May 29-30 – Synod Assembly in Farmington Hills

Sun May 31 – Graduation Sunday

Sun June 07 - Parent/Youth Planning Meeting – 10:15 AM

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MOTHER'S DAY

10 MAY

Invite your mothers and all the mothering people in your life for a special coffee hour.

A Special Flower Gift too!



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 16, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE GYM
CANOPY ENTRANCE OFF OF LEWIS AVE.



THE JOHN TYNER CHORALE

PRESENTS

"A Celebration of American Composers"

SATURDAY, May 16, 2026 – 7:30 PM



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

April/May 2026 Schedule:
Our final dates this Spring will be:
April 23rd and 30th
May 7, 14, 21, and 28th (last day)
We will resume again in the Fall.
Thanks for a great season!

6:00-8:00 PM

1920 Lewis Ave.
Ida, MI 48140

\$3 per person/\$10 family
ages 10-15 must attend
with a supervising adult

For More Information
princeofpeaceida.org

Prince of Peace
Cemetery
330 Ida-Maybee Rd
Raisinville Twp. Monroe, MI

Wednesday, May 20
6 PM

Memorial Service

We Remember. We Honor. We Give Thanks.



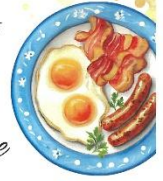
Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 31st

8:00 a.m.

The Gathering Place



Please invite your whole family (extended included)
RSVP to Kim Cramer at either 313-600-9297
or cramergirls09@gmail.com
by Sunday, May 24th

YOUTH/PARENT PLANNING MEETING

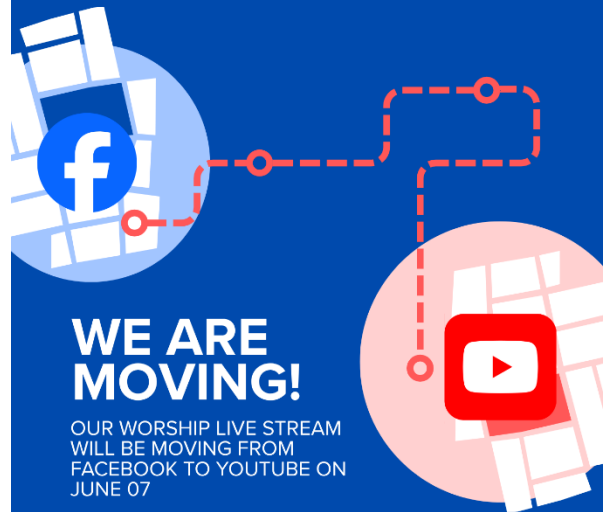
SUNDAY JUNE 07

AFTER WORSHIP in the GATHERING PLACE



**WE WILL BE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT THE
2026-2027 CALENDAR
YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT.**

ALL YOUTH AND ONE PARENT SHOULD ATTEND.



WE ARE MOVING!

OUR WORSHIP LIVE STREAM
WILL BE MOVING FROM
FACEBOOK TO YOUTUBE ON
JUNE 07

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