

SEPT 27 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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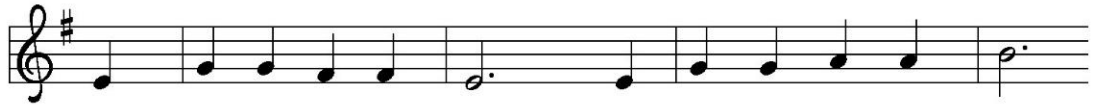
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

FIRST READING Genesis 39:1-23

39 Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

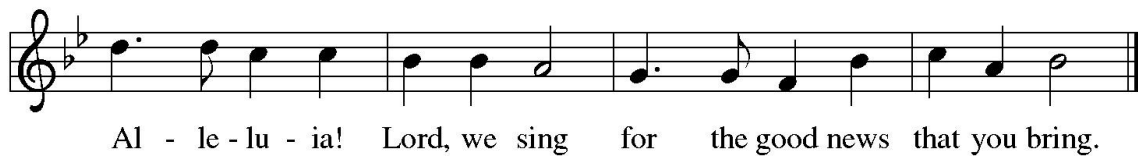
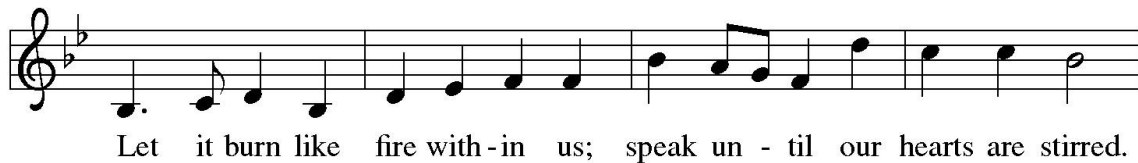
Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, ¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." ¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, ¹⁸ but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹ But the LORD was

with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

GOSPEL Acclamation

The assembly stands.



Gospel

The Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:11-12

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant love, we offer our prayers, for ourselves, our neighbors, the earth, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Song

ELW 885

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all'. The second staff contains 'creatures here below; praise God above, ye'. The third staff contains 'heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.' and ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

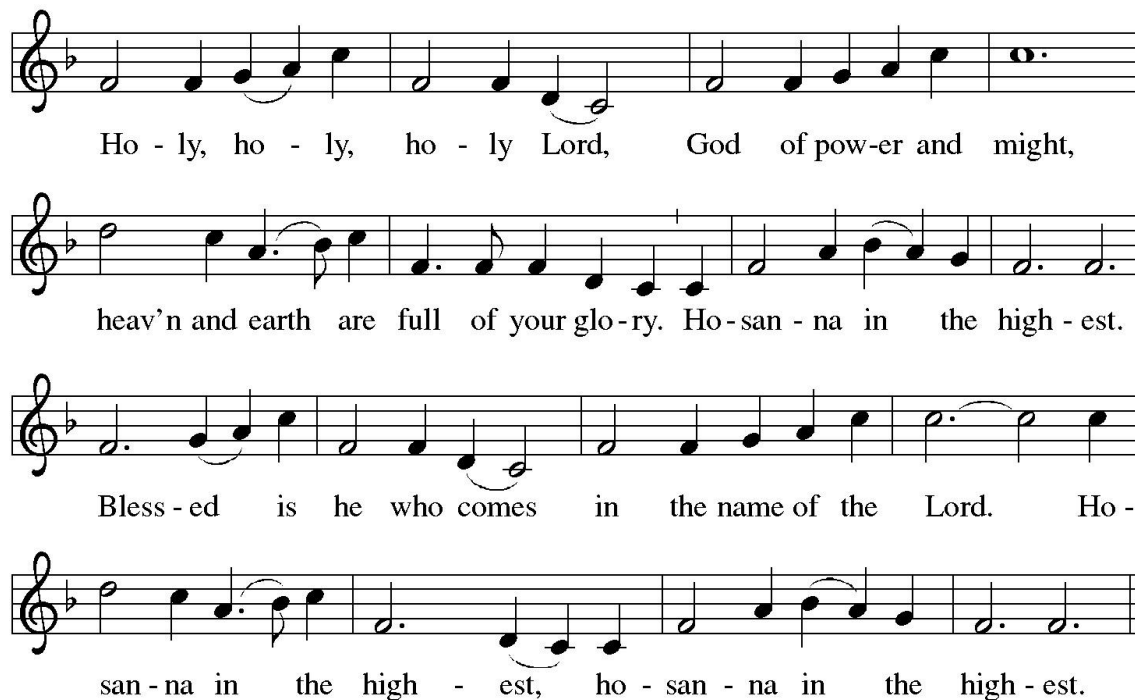
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

THE 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.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

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

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

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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of our Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

There's an **Usher Training** session next **Sun Oct 4, 2026** at 11am in the sanctuary after Fellowship Hour. If you have been or would like to be an usher for a church service, join us for a **quick update/training session**. Even if you've been an usher before, we will be sharing some **updated security** items for everyone.

It's **not too late** to sign-up for photos for the new directory. Portraits will be taken Oct 8,9, 10 & 26 You can **schedule in the narthex today Sept 27 online** go to www.ucdir.com Church code:mi2139 Password: photos1

There will be a Mobile Food Pantry at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7295 Kruse Rd Petersburg 49270 on Sat Oct 03 10 AM-12PM. Free food packages are available for the first 150 households, ID showing Monroe County residency required. Event sponsored by Zion and Gleaners.

We will have a **Contemporary Service** on **Sun Oct 4, 2026** at 9 AM.

Thanks to Ron and Mindy Stadler for the corn stalk donations and to Ron and Lynne Zabawa for the donation of mums for the flower pots. Fall has officially arrived!

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Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

MILESTONES SCHEDULE 2026-2027

- SEPTEMBER:
 - 27 – 6th-8th Bible Milestone Family Faith Formation
- OCTOBER:
 - 4 – 6th-8th Worship Blessing Bible Milestone Family Faith Formation **(6th grade Bible Presentations)**
 - 11 – Pre-K Baptism Milestone Catechism Family Faith Formation
 - 18 – Pre-K Family Blessing in Worship
- NOVEMBER:
 - 1 – K-2nd Lord's Prayer Milestone Catechism Family Faith Formation
 - 8 – K-2nd Family Blessing in Worship **(Storybook Bibles 1st Grade)**
- JANUARY:
 - 17 – 3rd-5th Prayer Milestone Catechism Family Faith Formation
 - 24 – 3rd-5th Family Blessing in Worship
- FEBRUARY:
 - 7 – 6th-8th Apostles Creed Milestone Catechism Family Faith Formation
 - 14 – 6th-8th Family Blessing in Worship
- MARCH:
 - 7 – 9th-12th Service/Vocation Milestone Catechism Family Faith Formation
 - 14 – 9th-12th Family Blessing in Worship

Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Zoey McCain

Altar Guild – Tom & Jan Fruchey

Fellowship Hour – Vicky & Tim Smith, Kiera w/donations from Julie Gimesky and Robin Opfermann

Liturgical Minister – Chris Knight

Media – Aimee Prati

Organist – Jan Fisk

Ushers – Nick Hearl, Head Usher; Erin, Clara and Oliver Hearl

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9 AM

Fellowship Hour – 10 AM

Sunday School Begins - 10:15 AM

6-8th Grade Catechism Family Milestone Class

Band Rehearsal – 11 AM

Registrations Due for Charge Youth Event in Traverse City

Adopt-a-Road Clean Up – 3 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Alcohol Anonymous - 7 PM

Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship – 6:30 PM

Bible Study – 7:30 PM

Thursday: No Holy Grounds

Pickleball Resumes – 6 PM

Coming Soon:

Sun Oct 04 – Contemporary Worship – 9 AM

Sun Oct 04 – Catechism Milestone Bible Presentation

Sun Oct 04 – Usher Training – 11 AM

Wed Oct 07 – Oktoberfest Dinner Church - 6 PM

Thurs Oct 08 – Blood Drive 11am-5pm

Sun Oct 11 – Pre-K Baptism Milestone Class w/parents

Sun Oct 11 – Lay Ministers of Communion Training 11 AM

Sun Oct 11 – Kreps Apple Barn – 12-2 PM

Thurs Oct 15 – Registration Due for National Youth Gathering

Sun Oct 18 – New Member Info Meeting – 11 AM

Sat Oct 24 – Trunk or Treat – 5:30-7 PM

Sun Oct 25 – Reformation Sunday

Sun Oct 25 – New Member Welcome in Worship



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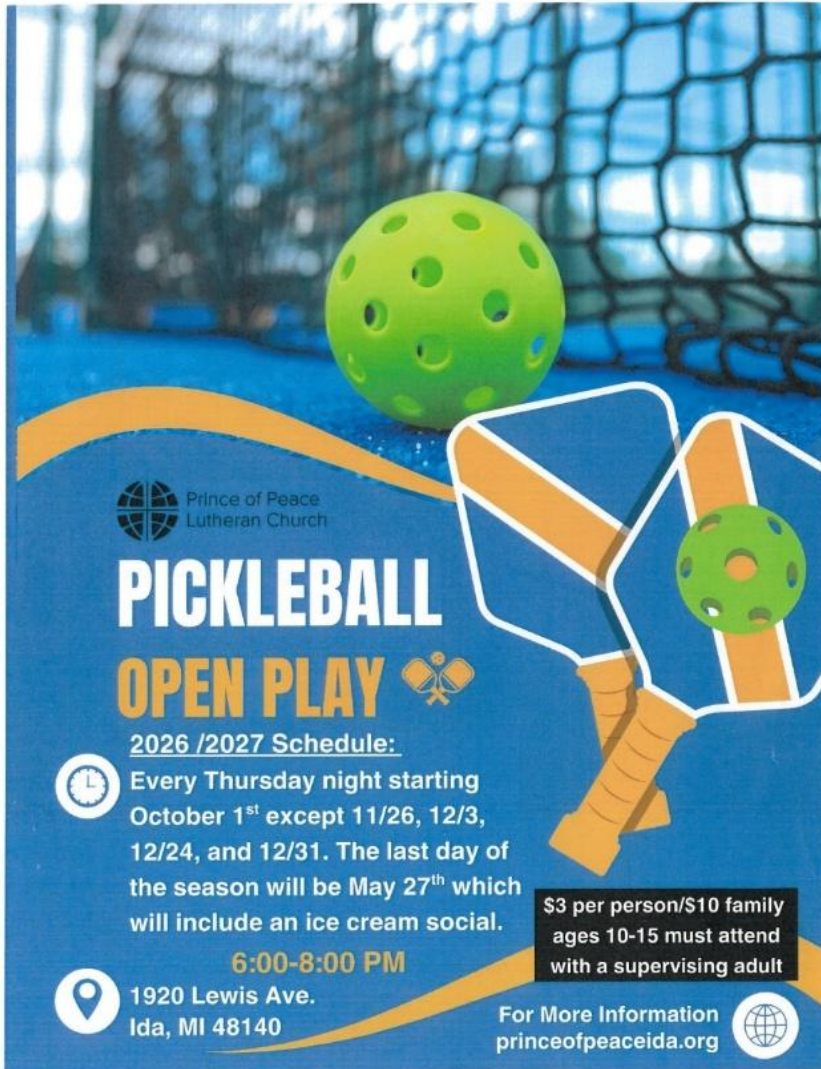
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OCTOBER

YOUTH EVENT
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
KREPS
APPLE BARN



KREPS APPLE BARN FROM 12:00-2:00 P.M.
DONUTS AND CIDER - HAYRIDE
CORN MAZE - APPLE PICKING



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PICKLEBALL

OPEN PLAY

2026 /2027 Schedule:
Every Thursday night starting
October 1st except 11/26, 12/3,
12/24, and 12/31. The last day of
the season will be May 27th which
will include an ice cream social.

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



Be the change.
Give blood.

 **American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive
Ida Area Churches
at Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church

Gymnasium
1920 Lewis Avenue
Ida, MI 48140

Thursday, October 8, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"FALL"-ING TO DONATE!

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT, KINDLY CALL 1-800-RED-CROSS Or VISIT
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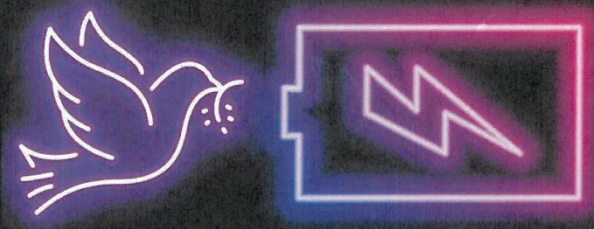


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