



“Expanding the Table – Fruit of the Spirit” Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with today!

If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/worship/>.

If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, or online. Thank you for your generosity.

ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

Preparing for Worship

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful:
Grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(from the Canticle in the Nordic Lutheran Church of Sweden)*

Called in God's Presence on Pentecost

God who moved over the deep in a holy breath,
Come to us this day - Pentecost.
Arrive in the wind.

God who spoke in a bush that was burned but not consumed,
Come to us this day - Pentecost.
Arrive in a holy flame.

God who is present each time we gather at the table,
Come to us this day - Pentecost.
Arrive in bread and wine, conversation and connection.

Pour out your Holy Spirit.
Set us aflame, but do not consume us.
Fill us with holy nourishment.
We have arrived this day - Pentecost.
We have come to worship.

Music *"Spirit of Life"* - The Eden Seminars

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for individual confession and self-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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Abba, Father,

You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music “This Creative Love” – Words and music by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

This creative love is in us, in us
This creative love is in all of us, in all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this creative love
This creative love

This unfailing love is for us, for us
This unfailing love is for all of us, for all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this unfailing love
This unfailing love

This expansive love is with us, with us
This expansive love is with all of us, with all of us
so we give ourselves to one another
and we give our very best to this expansive love
This expansive love

Gospel Reading Galatians 4:1-7; 5:16-26

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Music *“Love, Listen to Your Children Praying”* - Ken Medema

Chorus:

Love, listen to your children praying
Love, send your spirit in this place
Love, listen to your children praying
Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Prayers of the People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit’s creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Love, listen to your children praying
Love, send your spirit in this place
Love, listen to your children praying
Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. We now name all the people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds aloud with our voices or in the silence of our hearts . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Love, listen to your children praying
Love, send your spirit in this place
Love, listen to your children praying
Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

God of love, fill this congregation and all those who gather in your name virtually or in-person with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Love, listen to your children praying
Love, send your spirit in this place
Love, listen to your children praying
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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.**

Music *"Holy Spirit, Inspire Again"* - Jo Doré
**Holy Spirit, inspire again,
come revive again,
breathe your life again.
Be the hope in our weary hearts,
set our lives apart,
make us strong.**

***Come, Holy Spirit, come,
heaven's flame burn brighter in our hearts.
Come with your holy fire,
heaven's flame burn brighter,
burn brighter in us.***

**Holy Spirit, restore again,
be outpoured again,
then we'll soar again.
Be the power of Christ in us
and in righteousness
lead us on.**

**Let your power come,
let your love burn,
in our hearts,
in our lives.**

Blessing

As you enter a new week,
may you experience God's presence.
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,
over your hearts and your feelings and emotions
and your compassion for all others,
and over your hands and your feet
as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week,
may the grace of the ✠ Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each of you. **Amen.**

Sending

Gathered by Grace.
Sent to Serve.
Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reopening Guidelines Update – Beginning Monday, May 17, 2021

Worship (Indoor)

No limits on number of people attending
No pre-registration required
Masks required
Social distancing strongly encouraged
Slowly introducing hymn singing
Communion taken in the pews

Coffee Hour/Fellowship

Coffee Hour or Fellowship gatherings will be held outside
Sanitation/Health Guidelines will be sent to those serving/hosting
Coffee hour will occur if we have people willing to host
No masks or social distancing required

Small Groups (less than 10 persons)

Small groups are able to meet in-person both inside and outside the building
Masks and social distancing optional (*encouraged that groups discuss comfort levels with each other*)
Recommended to eat outside
No outside church groups

Church Office

The Church office will continue to be open Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. No masks required. Church staff will wear masks as requested by those entering the building or if there are more than 10 people in the building at one-time.

The Church Council will continue to meet to discuss these guidelines. Their next meeting is Thursday, June 10, or sooner if necessary. **Thank you** for the ways in which you loved your neighbor and served in Jesus' name this past year.

New: Prayer Requests on POP Website

If you have a prayer request, you can now go to <https://princeofpeace-er.org/prayers/> to fill out a form, or you can go there to pray for the requests already posted. If you post a request, you have the opportunity to remain anonymous.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On **Sunday, June 6**, we will recognize and pray for all of our graduates. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please go to the link included in last week's weekly emailed announcements and fill out the form or contact the church office so that the graduates can be included in our prayers and blessings.

Lawn Care Help Needed

It's that time again! If you can help with lawn care at POP this summer season, please sign up on the website at princeofpeace-er.org/signups. Thank you for helping with this very important task.



MISSION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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