



May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. Once again, welcome! **Nursery Care for children up to age 4 is available during worship in preschool Room 1 (exit using the south door church entrance go through the courtyard gate and follow the signs towards the preschool deck). **Children activity bags are available in the narthex.*

Partnering in Prayer: Cleo Dillabough Martha Weld

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW#631

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Mother's Day Litany:

L: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

P: Thank God for mothers!

L: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

P: Thank God for my mother!

L: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth

P: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

L: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now

P: Thank God for the mothers of today.

L: For all the women who are expecting but aren't quite mothers yet!

P: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

L: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

P: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

L: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

P: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

L: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to give their love to others.

P: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

L: We thank you, Lord...

P: for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. Thank you for expressing your love through so many amazing people. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Video Interlude

Children's Message

Announcements

Special Music

Love Grows Here

by Don Besig

POP Choir

Gospel: Romans 5:1-11: ¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW# 674

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW# 367

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Visitor or New
to POP?



We'd love to connect!



POP Announcements

Ch.I.L.L. Sunday Mornings at 10:30am in the conference room.

New Member Seminar and Lunch: Sunday, May 21 following worship - 11:00am (or so) Join Pastor Rick for a meal and conversation, including:

- Prince of Peace's Mission and Core Values
- What's a Lutheran Christian?
- Ways we can make a difference in the world
- How to plug into Prince of Peace (or start something new!)

Please RSVP to Pastor Rick pastorrick@popphoenix.org or office@popphoenix.org

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tickets!



Show Dates: May 11, 12, 13 all shows start at 7:30 pm

For tickets visit www.popphoenix.org, or www.templeperformingarts.com (tickets on sale 4/17)

***All tickets, concessions, VIP tickets, Raffle proceeds go to Prince of Peace Youth and Ministries!*

BG's next potluck/meetup is May 19th, 4:00 pm at Carol Kauffman's home. Any questions see Carol or Pastor Paul. **Save the date for BG's meetup on June 2nd** at Jana Peterson's home.

Free hearing tests at POP on May 21 after worship, in the gym. See Stephanie Beebe if you have any questions stephanie_beebe@yahoo.com.

Next Theology Pub meetup will be June 13th at 7pm at Fate Brewery, South Scottsdale. Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday School kids! May 21st will be the End of Sunday School Party



The PoP Youth are heading to Rock n Water on June 17-24! There is still time to sign up – contact Chad Diegle for registration info!

Looking ahead: Summer Worship at Prince of Peace!

June – Spirit Month: *We celebrate the joyful spirit of God moving among us with lively worship services and themes each Sunday.*

- **June 4** is Sports Sunday – wear your favorite sport’s teams’ apparel (Cardinals, Suns, Diamondbacks, Oh my!)
- **June 11** is Aloha Sunday – wear your favorite Island apparel (loud Hawaiian shirts encouraged)
- **June 18** is Father’s Day/Dad Joke Sunday – On Father’s Day, being your best, yet appropriate, dad joke for a special offering
- **June 25** is Favorite T-Shirt Sunday – wear your favorite, yet appropriate, T-shirt (wittiness is encouraged)

July – Church Mashup Month: *We join forces with Shepherd of the Hills UCC for combined worship services with a joyful flair. All three pastors will be involved as we sing, pray and celebrate together.*

- **July 2** Worship @ Shepherd of the Hills UCC
- **July 9** Worship @ Prince of Peace
- **July 16** Worship @ Shepherd of the Hills UCC
- **July 23** Worship @ Prince of Peace
- **July 30** Worship @ Shepherd of the Hills UCC

August – Celebration Month: *We have so much to celebrate so we are taking some time during worship in August to do just that!*

- **August 6** Celebration of Service / Christmas in August
- **August 13** Celebration of Students / Blessing of the Backpacks
- **August 20** Celebration of Educators / Installation of POP Preschool Staff
- **August 27** Celebration of Grandparents

May Outreach – Water for Grace Lutheran Summer Heat Respite Program.

We are collecting water to donate to Grace Lutheran to help support the heat respite program. Every summer Grace Lutheran Church Grace Lutheran Church has been part of this network, beyond providing hydration, respite and wellness checks during the summer months. In line with the mission of Grace, the Heat Respite program aspires to reach out to not only the physical needs of all those who come through the doors, but to their fullness as human beings. They serve 80-150 people per day. **You may drop off water or money donations** to the Preschool office, Church office or church on Sunday. You may use the **QR code for a donation** towards the bulk purchase of water.



Women’s Fellowship and Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday at 9:30am on zoom and in the church conference room. Welcoming women of all ages! Any questions contact Deb Nelson at Debnelson1@cox.net

Six months left before the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Talk to Pastor Rick or Pastor Paul for details! Dates: October 16-25, 2023. Click the link for more details!

<https://www.eliastours.com/tours/holy-land-pilgrimage-with-rev-paul-nelson-prince-of-peace-luthrean-church> .

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Tel Aviv - Caesarea-Mt.Carmel-
Nazareth-Cana-Tiberias - Caesarea
Philippi - Golan Heights - Mt. Arbel-
Sea of Galilee - Magdala
Capernaum - Mt of Beatitudes

Agusta Victoria Hospital - LWF - Mt.of
Olives - Mt.Zion - Local farm - Wadi Qelt -
Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea - Temple
Mount - Pools of Bethesda - Via Dolorosa -
Holy Sepulcher - Tel Aviv - Jordan Valley -
Jacob's Well - Shepherds Field -
Bethlehem

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to support Prince of Peace. You can mail offerings to the church office or signup for online giving. You can also use our Text to Give system –text the amount you want to give to 833-441-0048.

If you have a prayer request you may contact the church office via phone, email office@popphoenix.org or submit the request form on our website. If you’d like to be a part of the Prayer Warriors please sign up at www.popphoenix.org/prayer-chain.

Happy Mother’s Day! God Bless all mothers!