Welcome to Prince of Peace!

Third Sunday of Easter





Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, know that you are most welcome here to receive God's goodness, mercy, and love. Welcome to Prince of Peace, a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

The color of the season is white as our baptism enfolds us within the resurrection.

We Prepare our Hearts

We Pray:

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Gather

Prelude Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity 2 one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
 let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
 your voice thundered over the deep
 and water became the essence of life.
 Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
 The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
 Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
 into freedom's land.
 In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
 entered your boundless baptismal life.
 Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

 We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Greeting

- P Christ is risen.
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Hymn of Praise All Glory Be To God On High

9:30 am



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Augsburg Fortress Publishers; Setting Five

Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Word

- L I will bless the Lord at all times; the Lord's praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1).
- C Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst. Amen.

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

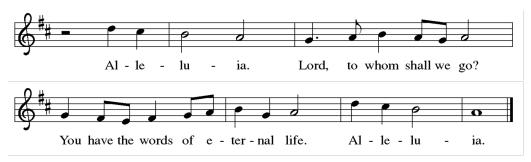
God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Lutheran Book of Worship, Augsburg Fortress Publishers; Setting IV

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **Luke 24:36b-48**

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you O, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 468

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Response

Nicene Creed

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

- P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.
- P God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

Meal

Passing of the Peace

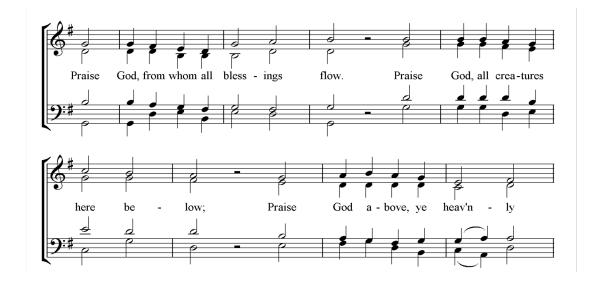
- P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

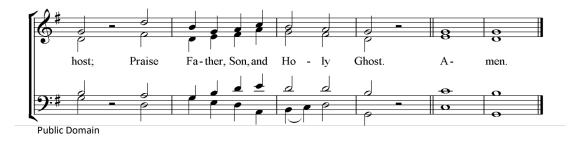
The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem Who Will Sing For Peace? (R.D. Helvering) 930am

Adult Choir

Offertory Hymn Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow





Offertory Prayer

P Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

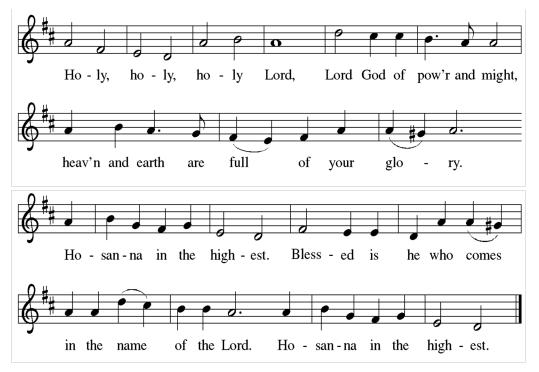
Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface 9:30 am

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Evangelical Lutheran Worship; Augsburg Fortress Publishers; Setting Four

Thanksgiving at the Table

9:30am

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- Let us join our hearts and voices and pray as Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

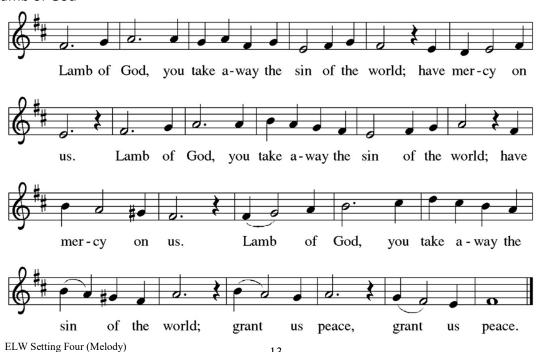
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

- Ρ The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.
- C Amen.

Lamb of God



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Distribution

Distribution Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 469

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

- Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

Sending

Announcements and Community Concerns

Blessing

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

 → bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

Sending Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship #377 (vs. 1,2,4)

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thank you to today's worship assistants: Ushers: Abby Carlson Andrew Carlson Fellowship: Nancy Herrington

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Ellie Sharp's birthday by Wendy & Michael Schutzer

Ministry Opportunities

Princeton Seminary's Farminary

Prince of Peace is going to Princeton Seminary's Farminary on Sunday afternoon, April 21st. We will gather at 5:00pm with a pot-luck picnic, take a tour of the farm, hear from the director, Nate Stucky, and end the evening with a good old fashion campfire. We are hoping for nice weather but in the event of rain there is a barn at the Farminary so the event will happen rain or shine. Watch for the sign up beginning in early April. Again the date, Sunday April 21st, 5:00pm at the Princeton Seminary Farminary, 4200 Princeton Pike, Princeton.

Native Truth Be Told

Today, immediately following worship, POP's Racial Justice Team is hosting two indigenous women to speak to us at adult forum time, about their powerful personal stories...Lunch Included.

Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise Spring Vesper Service

Presented by: Princeton Seminary Chapel Choir Martin Tel, director • Mina Choi, accompanist

Today, Sunday, April 14 ●7:00 pm ● Princeton Seminary Chapel

All are invited to a liturgical concert of Eastertide anthems, psalms, and hymns in the Seminary Chapel. The concert will be presented in the format of a Vesper Service. Composers will include stalwarts such as J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, as well as contemporary composers such as Molly Ijames, Leon Roberts, André Thomas, Elaine Hagenberg and Andrea Ramsey. The congregation will be invited to join in the singing of several hymns. Come and join in the joy of the Spring season.

This concert is free and open to the public. (See page 23 for more information) For more information, please contact: chapel.office@ptsem.edu

Ministry Opportunities (continued)

Prayer as Resistance Conference Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, April 27, the House Next Door and Prince of Peace are partnering with the Center of Contemplative Leadership to host the conference "Prayer as Resistance". All members of PoP are invited to attend. We also need members of the PoP and HND Community to provide hospitality: greeters at the doors and in the parking lot, lunch servers, coffee hosts. If you are available to help, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office or use this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA5A72CA1FBC07-48669842 contemplative Thank you. (See page 20 for more information)

St. Bart's needs food to distribute to the hungry.

St. Bart's needs non-perishable food to distribute to the hungry in their community. They can use such items as canned fruits, vegetables and meats, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and the like. Please put donations in the Food Bin outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time. "Monetary donations are appreciated, too. Make checks out to Prince of Peace and earmark for St. Bart's Food pantry." Thank you!

Helping Hands Needed

2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart has numerous opportunities to designate altar flowers throughout the year. All are invited to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by placing flowers on the altar. The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office. The cost is \$45.00. Thank you for enhancing our worship and adding to the beauty of our sanctuary. (If you prefer to sign-up for flowers online, you can do so at https://popnj.org/sign-up-forms/sponsor-flowers/.)

Worship Assistants Needed

A reminder that we are in need of worship assistants on Sunday mornings: acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, and fellowship hosts. Please sign up at: https://bit.ly/pop-sunday-signup. The liturgy is the work of the people. We can't do it without you! Thank you.

This Week at Prince of Peace

Today: Third Sunday of Easter 8:30am Service of Worship

9:30am Service of Holy Communion—Sanctuary and Livestream

10:45am-1:15pm Native Truth be Told

1:00pm-3:00pm Korean Baptist Church (Sanctuary)

Monday:

6:30pm-8:15pm Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)

7:00pm-8:00pm Joyful Stitchers (Zoom) will not meet 4.15.24—will resume 4.22.24

7:00pm-8:30pm SAA Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday:

7:15pm-8:15pm Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)

Wednesday:

11:30am-1:30pm Christian Focus (Lounge)
4:30pm Confirmation (Pastor's office)
5:00pm-7:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting

5:00pm-8:00pm Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)

Thursday:

6:30-9:00pm AA Meeting (Community room)&(Room 2-Informal meeting room)

7:00pm-8:00pm Nightingale Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

8:00pm-9:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday:

4:00pm-4:30pm Reconciling in Christ (Zoom)

Saturday:

9am-12pm Pranavam School of Dance (Community Room)

Sunday:

8:30am Service of Worship

9:30am Service of Holy Communion—Sanctuary and Livestream

1:00-3:00pm Joyful Noise Worship Service

1:00-3:00pm Korean Baptist Church (Community Room)

We Remember in Our Prayers...

Our Community, Our Nation, and Our World

The Holy Land and its people The people of Ukraine All victims of gun violence

Those recovering from surgery

Nathan Resch Lisa Schott

Those who desire our prayers

Matthew Rexroad Carolyn Grotz Brynn Peterson Andrew Grimm Karlfried Froehlich Ellie Crawford

Family and Friends

Kat Duque, daughter of Christine Duque-Peterson Charlie Nowak, grandson of Greg and Kathy Nowak Becky Terranova, relative of Stephanie Cuddahy Dave Deckard, friend of Sara Manning Fred Schott, father of Lisa Gilbert Worth, friend of Nancy Reyes Dorothy S., friend of Carol Baldessari Charlie Winder, father of Jim Murphy O'Rourke, granddaughter of Jim and Martha Winder Ryan Marahaj, friend of Roger Moore Jim Senyszyn, cousin of John Reyes Barbara Lehman, friend of Nancy Reyes John Felipe, friend of Nancy Reyes Denise Wadams, friend of Nancy Reyes Lauren Zarrillo, daughter of Liz Shelly Greene, a member of our online community

Ministry Opportunities (continued)

Those who serve in the military

LTCOL Karl Wethe, USMC

Please keep our Pastors updated as to the needs of those on our prayer list. We are happy to remove or add people to our prayers as needed. Thank you.





PRAYER AS RESISTANCE 2.1

From From clark places. Suffering. Wisdom and Community

SCAN TO REGISTER:







ADWOA WILSON

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A ONE-DAY HYBRID CONFERENCE

Hosted by The House Next Door

a Ministry of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

177 Princeton Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction, NJ

April 27, 2024 · 9AM – 5PM ET

FOR MORE INFORMATION

609.430.2776 609.430.2775 CCL@ptsem.edu ccl.ptsem.edu

OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Princeton Junction

Love being outdoors? Looking for a way to help others? Interested in gardening, either to learn how or to use your experience? If so, here's your chance!







Started decades ago to get homeless preschool children at the Cherry Tree Club excited about fresh veggies and later expanded to the property next door when the church realized how many were going hungry, the Peace Garden grows fresh produce to Fight Food Insecurity. Many people, even if working, are barely making ends meet so buying the cheapest processed foods may seem their only option. Those in low income neighborhoods often can't get fresh vegetables without a car to get to bigger grocery stores with better (though still too high) prices.

Food Pantries are part of the solution Freshly harvested produce is treasured by these families trying to stay healthy! Each year close to 1,000 pounds of vegetables are donated from this garden to local food pantries, mostly through St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Trenton. YOU CAN HELP! NO

EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!! Volunteer a few hours a week or come whenever you can, and bring your kids or friends!

Let's GROW this community project!

WHAT: Volunteers needed to plant, grow, weed, harvest, pack, and/or deliver the produce

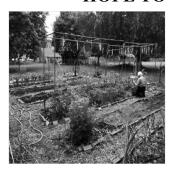
WHEN: Hours - Tuesdays 3-5 and Fridays 10-12 during the school year

Cooler summer hours 9-11 Tuesdays and Fridays

WHERE: Gardens are behind the Community Room and the House Next Door Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Rd., Princeton Junction (follow signs from the parking lot for the Labyrinth, which is open to the public)

HOW: Contact Nancy Reyes by email at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or cell 609-273-1239 with questions or to get on the mailing list for weather updates

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN!!!







NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD

What we weren't taught in school

Can you imagine being taken away from your family as a young child?

Do you know what happened to Native American children who died in boarding school?

Do you understand why some school mascots are offensive?

Come hear two Indigenous Women share their personal experiences.

We welcome our presenters from the Coalition of Natives and Allies.



Donna Fann-Boyle (Choctaw/Cherokee)



Kelley Bova (Dakota Sioux)

They will share stories on-

Donna's fight regarding the Native American sports mascot issue,

boarding schools, including a Canadian Residential School and returning remains from the Carlisle School.

how Kelley, who was adopted off the reservation at 3 months old, found her birth family and birth mother in South Dakota.

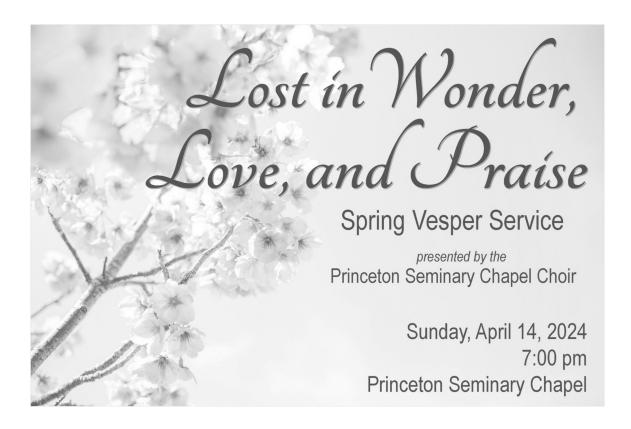
The presentation will take approximately an hour and a half including time for Q&A.

Sunday April 14, 2024 10:45 am

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road,
Princeton Jct
Hosted by the Racial Justice Team at Prince of Peace

A light lunch will be provided after the presentation. RSVP appreciated - 609-799-1753 or Sign up via <u>SignUpGenius</u>.





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