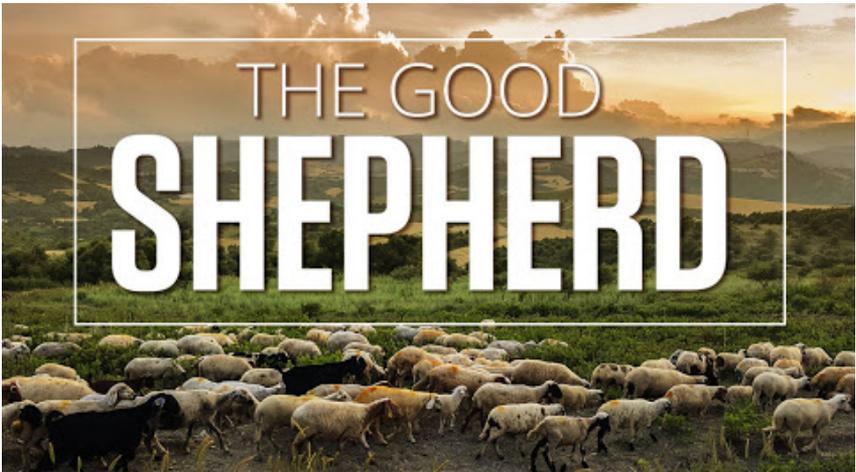


# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am ~ April 21, 2024



*Grow in Faith \* Serve In Love \* Live In Peace*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Shepherd Me, O God* (ELW #780) Marty Haugen/Jeffrey Honoré

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

In the presence of the living God,  
**we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.**

### FORGIVENESS

Our Lord and Savior + Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace and live in the everlasting love of God.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN #778** *The Lord's My Shepherd*

## **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** p. 122

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 124  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18  
The holy gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Good Shepherd* Gwyneth Walker

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*#634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### **CREED**

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**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**

*Each Petition will end with the phrase, "God of grace,"  
please respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

*The prayers conclude:*

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.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING TIME**

**OFFERTORY**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Traditional/Hal Hopson

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE**

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.**

**PREFACE**

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:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** p. 130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**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 TO COMMUNION**

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

#### **COMMUNION**

**LAMB OF GOD** p. 135

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*#502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you, this day and always.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
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. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** #789 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
(tune: Diadem) James Ellor/Diane Bish

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Sarah Taylor
Assisting Minister:	Judy Kazak
Reader:	Kathy Kettler
Greeters:	Mel & Sue Grunau
Ushers:	Tom Lehman & Brad Pearce
Choir Director:	Ian Faleer
Organist:	Ruth Williams
Sound Technician:	Brandon M. Bilek
Computer Operator:	Steve Zinram

Altar Guild:

Linda Gareau, Gloria Starr,  
Cindy Zinram

**April 28th Sunday Readings:**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40  
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21  
Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

 Sign-up sheet for ordering Altar Flowers is located in the Narthex.

**Communion Notes:** In receiving the Lord’s Supper, we hear the promise of forgiveness and grace that this gift is “for you.” All who need to hear this word are welcome to commune here at Prince of Peace. Please come to the front of the church to receive communion as directed by the ushers. White grape juice is available in addition to red wine – ask the server for grape juice if that is your preference. An option of a gluten free wafer is also available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward and receive a blessing. If you have difficulty walking to the communion rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please join us in singing as communion is offered.

**Offering Time:** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us. If you are worshipping in person at church, you can place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed to you. Offerings can also be made by mail or online. Thank you for your continuing support to the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace.

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