

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

11:00 am ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to worship on this holy day!

## **PRELUDE**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
*Irish tune/Charles Callahan*

## **CONFESSION**

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**

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

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*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. 187

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. 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 vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. 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 vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from Acts

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.  
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from Revelation

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 188

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*I Know My Shepherd's Voice* Carl J. Nygard, Jr

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*789 - Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**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**

*Each Petition will end with the phrase, Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Greet your neighbor with a handshake or other sign of peace)*

### **MEAL**

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

### **OFFERING TIME**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*The Lord's My Shepherd    Jessie Irvine/Raymond Haan*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**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. 190

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**God of pow'r and might.**

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

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

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

**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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD p. 191**

**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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*423 - Shall We Gather at the River*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

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**

*768 - Lead Me, Guide Me*

### **DISMISSAL**

The Worship Is Over.

**The Service Begins!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Arthur Messiter/Michael Burkhardt

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Charlie Woodward
Assisting Minister:	Shawn Merhaut
Reader:	Shawn Merhaut
Ushers:	Tom Lehman & Brad Pearce
Greeters:	Michele & Tom
Choir Director:	Ian Faleer
Organist:	Ruth Williams
Sound Technician:	Brandon M. Bilek
Computer Operator:	Steve Zinram
Altar Guild:	Linda Gareau Judy Kazak Gloria Starr Dineen Terstage Jann Daniels

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Shawn and Diane Merhaut to celebrate Mother's Day

## **May 18th, Sunday Readings:**

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

**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 station, 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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