

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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

11:00 am ~ May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on this holy day!

## PRELUDE

*Joy in the Morning*  
*Natalie Sleeth/Joel Raney*

## 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

*526 - God Is Here!*

## 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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that,

made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

A reading from Acts

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God,

saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A reading from Revelation

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Morning Has Broken*  
*Farjeon, Stevens/Simeone*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *836 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## **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 conclude with Hear us, O God.” Please respond, “”**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

*I Come With Joy  
Southern Harmony/R. Williams*



## 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. Hosanna. 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** 619 - *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

## **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

*708 - Jesu, Jesu*

## DISMISSAL

The Worship Is Over.

**The Service Begins!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Jesus Lives! My Sure Defense*  
*Johann Cruger/John Behnk*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor David Connor
Assisting Minister:	Diane Diekroger
Reader:	Diane Diekroger
Ushers:	Melody & Roger Hauser
Greeters:	Sue & Mel Grunau
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:

Richard and Sally Balch for Rowan and Eliza's birthday

## May 25th, Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

**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 worshiping 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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