

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:30 a.m.



*“Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God’s Peace,
for the sake of the World.”*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Welcome in the name of Christ!



Worshipping with kids?

- ❖ We love having people of all ages and abilities worshiping together!
- ❖ There is a family restroom in the Gathering Space and a changing table in the nursery to accommodate your family's needs.
- ❖ Children are invited forward during the Children's sermon, where they can hear the bible story told in words and context they can understand. Older siblings and other friends are welcome to accompany children if that would make them more comfortable.
- ❖ Children's bibles are available in the pews, and ushers can provide children's bulletins upon request.
- ❖ Wiggles and noise are welcome! If your child needs more room to move, feel free to take them to the Playground in the Gathering Space. This area is stocked with quiet activities, coloring pages, and kid-sized furniture.
- ❖ The nursery is also available if active play is more your style. We currently do not have a nursery attendant, so please stay with your child.

Wondering about communion?

- ❖ We believe Christ is fully present in the meal and it is Christ who invites us to share it.
- ❖ All are welcome to share communion with us regardless of age or faith tradition.
- ❖ Gluten free bread and wafers, wine, and grape juice are available.

Want to know more about our community?

- ❖ We strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people.
- ❖ Pastor Rachel enjoys meeting people after worship but never wants anyone to feel pressured to talk to her. Come say hi!
- ❖ Visit the welcome table in the gathering space if you have questions about Lutherans, the Christian faith, or Prince of Peace; if you have a specific prayer request, or want to share your contact information so we can get back to you about something in particular.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshippers responses in bold

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"Canzona 29"
Prince's Brass and Organ

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Sit

Welcome

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Stand

Gathering Song

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

No. 364

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

Refrain

Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

All: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people
of God.

Refrain

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord
of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as
your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

The Children's Sermon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

ALL 1) This is the day the Lord has made; in it will we re-joice, —
High 2) God is my ref-uge and my strength, my might, my joy, my song, —
Low 3) O - pen the gates of right-eous - ness, Lord, let me en - ter there, —
prais - ing God's ev - er - last - ing love with heart and mind and voice.
my shield, sal - va - tion, sure de-fense through - out my whole life long. —
that I may lift my thanks to you in hymn and song and prayer.

High 4) See now the wonder God has done: the once rejected stone
has now become the cornerstone, the Lord's own Chosen One.

Low 5) Blest is the One who comes to us in God our maker's name,
bringing to us God's life and light, to every age the same.

ALL 6) This is the day the Lord has made; in it will we rejoice,
praising God's everlasting love with heart and mind and voice.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung twice



Repeat "Gospel Acclamation" following the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Laughlin

Stand

Hymn of the Day

"Thine Is the Glory"

No. 376

Apostles' Creed

Asst: Joining with the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

All: **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 the Church

5 Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah; and we

lift our voice be-fore you as a to-ken of our love, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah.

After "Risen Lord," worshipers respond "Pour out your Love." Repeat "Hallelujah" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Worshippers share a sign of God's peace with one another,
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you."*

Sit

Offering

Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.

Offering Music

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

Based on *Christ is erstanden*, 1533; arr. Eugene Butler

Sanctuary Choir and Prince's Brass

Hark, angelic voices sing, Alleluia!

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings that the Lord is King of kings, Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, who, for us, endured the strife,
Takes our sin and guilt away that with angels we may say, Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry.*

*He who slumbered in the grave, is exalted now to save;
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!*

Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 26:6-7*

Stand

Offering Response

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

No. 531

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heaven's love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin. The feast is ready to begin.

Offering Prayer

Asst.: 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.

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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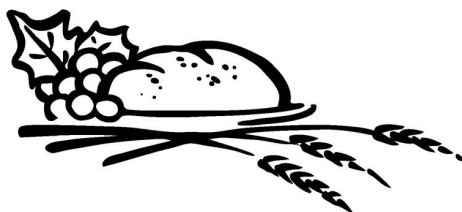
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God through Jesus Christ who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: 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 to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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 the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

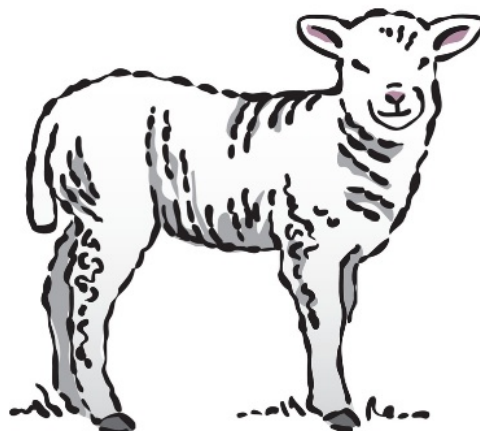
Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick on of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

1)Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
3 2)Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
7 peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
us.
us.
10 3)Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Hymns

"All of My Days"

vs. sung by Gregg & Carole Nelson, refrain by All, sung twice

All my days I will sing this song of gladness, give my praise to the Fountain of delight.
For in my helplessness You heard my cry and waves of mercy fell down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the Lamb that never fails, of sins forgiven,
of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

Refrain

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 6, 11, and 16 indicated at the start of the second, third, and fourth systems respectively. The lyrics are: 'Beau-ti-ful Sav - ior, _____ Won-der-ful Coun - sel-or, _____ clothed in maj-es-ty, Lord of His-to-ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morn-ing, — glo-rious in ho - li-ness, You're the Ris-en One, heav-en's Cham-pi-on, and You reign, You reign o-ver all.. D.C. al Fine You reign o-ver all.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Beau-ti-ful Sav - ior, _____ Won-der-ful Coun - sel-or, _____ clothed in

6 maj-es-ty, Lord of His-to-ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morn-ing,

11 — glo-rious in ho - li-ness, You're the Ris-en One, heav-en's Cham-pi-on, and You

16 reign, You reign o-ver all.. D.C. al Fine You reign o-ver all.

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED

Alleluia

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

WOV 671

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation.

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever.

Refrain

God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people, alleluia.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Asst.: 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.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Stand

Final Blessing

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 365

Alleluias sung by all,

All: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

High: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Low: But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

All: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Dismissal

Asst: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Music for the Close of Worship

“Final ” from Organ Symphony #1

Louis Vierne

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This Week's Servers

March 31, 2024 10:30 am

Worship Asst.: Emma Janzen
Reader: Kathryn Jawahir
Acolytes:
Ushers: Em Witteveenm TBD
Sound System: Jeremy Zimmerman
Video Switcher: Mark Clyne
Technology Coor.: Mike Whately
Greeters: Dale & Micki Holder, Sandy Bennett
Sacristy Asst.: Laila Poisson
Communion Asst.: Sue Jones, Sandy Foster
Altar Guild: Verity Poisson
Spirit Poles: Sydney Jawahir, Avery Davis
Bible Bearer: Libby Erdmann
Fellowship: Claudia Lee, Tamara Preston,
Pam Timm, Idy Stemaly
Church Lockup: Lisa Creed

Next Week's Servers

April 7, 2024

Worship Asst.: Em Witteveen
Reader: Lee Banitt
Acolytes:
Ushers: Kay Kincaid
Sound System:
Video Switcher:
Technology Coor.: Mike Whately
Greeters:
Sacristy Asst.: Marilyn Storch
Fellowship:
Church Lockup: Gail MacNellis

Prince's Brass and friends

Trumpet:	Avery Molnar
Trumpet:	Hannah Smith
Tenor Sax/Flute:	Laurel Hopper
Baritone Horn:	Larry Bacon
French Horn:	Bobby Clyne
Trombone:	Cal Davis
Bassoon:	Kaya Ottesen
Clarinet/Percussion:	Tom Webster
Percussion:	Joseph Beuker

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Sermon Notes

- What was the main point or key phrase in the sermon?
- What part of the Bible story or sermon made me say, "HUH?"
- What part of the Bible story or sermon made me say, "AH-HA!?"
- How does the Bible story or sermon apply to my life?

You may take other notes, draw images, or leave other questions/comments about the sermon here.

The Paschal Candle is the large candle that is placed between the Ambo (Pulpit) and the Altar during the season of Easter. This placement represent the connection between the Word and Sacrament and the ministry of Christ after the Resurrection and before the Ascension.

At the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night, this tall candle stands before the assembly as if it were Christ, the very light of the world.

During the Easter proclamation that night, we sang praise to God for many things, including the bees whose wax is used in this candle!





Join us for our
Regular Worship Services
on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
followed by Fellowship Time with
coffee and light refreshments.

To learn more about our community,
find the livestream,
or view past services,
go to our website www.popportage.org.

April 1 Office Closed for Easter Monday

Tom Pederson and Emma Janzen will cover pastoral duties beginning April 1 through April 8.
Mike Whately will provide office coverage from April 2-5.

Upcoming Events

April 21	Ministry Recognition Sunday
May 4	Spring Clean up <i>Rain date: May 11</i>
May 11	Synod Assembly
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Synod Disability Day
May 19	Graduation Sunday and Picnic
May 27	Office Closed for Memorial Day