

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Easter Day

Resurrection of Our Lord

11:00 am ~ April 20, 2025



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

EASTER PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
J. Walsh/Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on this holy day!

CONFESSION

(please face the baptismal font at the entrance to the sanctuary)

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.

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)

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN #365 - *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a

human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He

bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again
Philip J.W. Stopford

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # 366 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

APOSTLE'S 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, "God of grace,"
Please respond, "hear our prayer."*

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.**

MEAL

OFFERING TIME

OFFERTORY

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
J. Walter/Johann Ludwig Krebs

Martin Luther wrote the text of this hymn, which includes 7 verses in celebration of Jesus' triumph over death. Each verse ends in a resounding "Hallelujah!"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

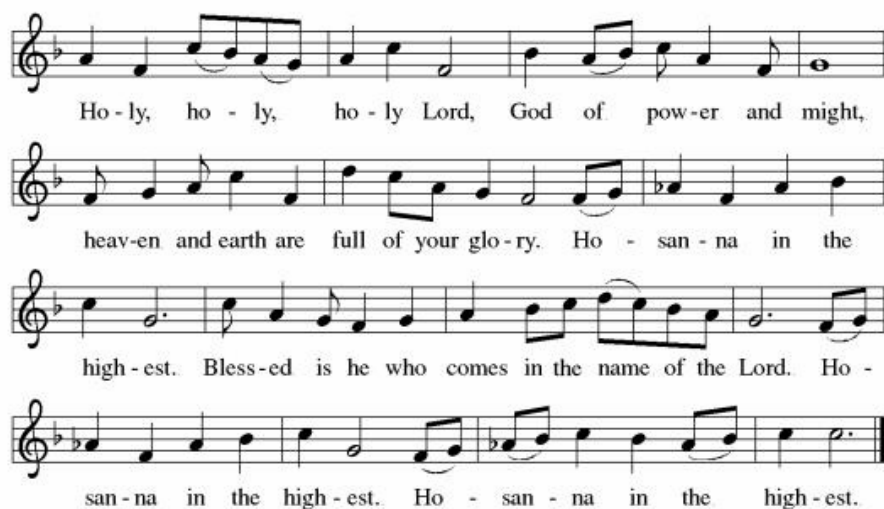
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 130



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. 135

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN #362 *At the Lamb's High Feast*

COMMUNION BLESSING
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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

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 # 376 - *Thine is the Glory*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Redemption Song
Charles Gounod

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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.

