

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.  
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

## Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

### **As We Gather**

Easter made a difference in the lives of so many people! In the core community of believers, it wasn't a matter of something to believe but how to make a difference in the way a person lived. The church was faced with many obstacles including unbelief and persecution. In spite of these challenges, they were bold to confess the faith. Jesus died. Jesus lives! There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved!

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**April 21, 2024**  
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**Easter People- Common Confession**

**Gathering Hymn 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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**Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by

His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C** **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

**C** **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

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. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading *Acts 4:1–12*

*Reader: A reading from the book of Acts, chapter four.*

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle *1 John 3:16–24*

*Reader: A reading from the first book of John, chapter three.*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse** *LSB 156*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Holy Gospel** *John 10:11–18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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>And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Hymn of the Day 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

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## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offertory** *LSB 159*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the

Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface** *LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right,...

### **Sanctus** *LSB 161*

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.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 161*

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

#### **Pax Domini** *LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

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.

### **Distribution Hymns**

#### **711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.



Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.  
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## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
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## Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us  
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You

would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Benediction** *LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Sending Hymn 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

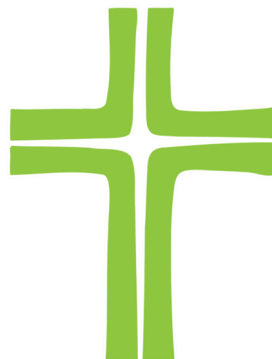
2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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# Peace Notes

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**Our April Movie has been set.** Join the "CREW" right here at Prince of Peace and enjoy the engaging and wonderful movie, *The Boys in the Boat*. This movie tells the story of the University of Washington's rowing team, from their Depression-era beginnings to winning gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. It is sure to be a relaxing and uplifting evening. Invite a friend on Friday, **April 26 at 5pm.**

**FIESTA TIME!!** You are invited to a PoP fiesta complete with tacos, water, pinatas, giant bubbles, and FUN. We are hosting this party for the I-9 Sports teams that enjoy our fields next door on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are hoping, not only will you join us, but we are also asking for you to prayerfully consider making a donation of individually wrapped candy or small toys for the pinatas or a monetary donation to help with the cost of the food and inflatable. Candy and toy donations can be placed in the trunk in the narthex. Checks can be made payable to the church with I-9 Sports designated on the memo line. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event on May 4. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thanks for your support and prayers for the fiesta.

The **Novi Choralaires** spring concert, ***It was all started by a Mouse, 100 years of Movie Magic***, will be presented on Saturday, May 11, at Novi Middle School, 49000 West 11 Mile Road, Novi, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and Students. Children under 6 are free. Tickets are available at the door.

**Greeter/ Usher Get Together** : We have been blessed at Prince of Peace by the many visitors and members that we had not seen for a while that have attended services etc. over the past several months. In order to formalize our Greeter / Usher program we thought it best for us to have a review of responsibilities and encourage new participants to get involved. Thus, on **May 5** after services we will present our desires etc. We encourage participation by any and all. Questions?? Leave a message for Charley Staab, at #248-348-2919 and we will get back to you.

**Join Bible Study after worship!** Join Chris Moses for a study on the psalms immediately following worship. All are welcome. Talk with Chris if you have any questions.

Keep those items coming in to support **Family of God** throughout 2024! A list of needed items is on the counter in the narthex and items may be dropped off at any time. We take our gifts to FoG on a monthly basis. We serve next on Monday, May 20. Thank you for your support.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:30am  
*Patterns of Evidence*  
Movie 3pm

### Tuesday, April 23

Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 24

Noon Bible Study

### Thursday, April 25

Bible Study 7pm

### Friday, April 26

NA meeting 11 a.m.  
Movie Night 5pm  
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

### Saturday, April 27

Women's Study 10am

### Sunday, April 28

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:30am

## COMING UP

### Friday, April 26

Movie Night 5pm

### Saturday, May 4

I-9 Sport Fiesta! 9:30am

### Monday, May 6

Board Meeting 7:30pm

## Keep in Prayer this week

*Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...*

- ✚ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✚ For the Concordia universities and those graduating
- ✚ For relief as spring allergies begin
- ✚ For the upcoming outreach PoP events including Movie Night and Fiesta Party for the I-9 sports teams.
- ✚ For healing for Alyssa B. from Another Way Pregnancy Center as she recovers from a recent stroke.
- ✚ For the pastoral and deaconess students as they receive their calls and assignments on April 23 and 24 and for the congregations awaiting placements.
- ✚ For the health concerns of: Gloria Vaaler, Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, Janet Farrell and Melody Rinn, Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Pat Geisinger and Ann Maciejewski, Shari Thilking

## Love One Another as I Have Loved You . . .




In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job—it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it.

If you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult time, contact our Stephen Leader about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love. Call our confidential line at (248) 553-3380 ext. 9 and our Stephen Minister will return your call promptly.

## Upcoming Service Schedule

*Altar server for the month of April is Barb Donoghue*

	Ministry Service Schedule					
	21-April		28-April		5-May	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
<b>ELDERS</b>	Dick Walker		Greg Echols		Greg Echols	
<b>READER</b>	Susan Vaaler		Ron Donoghue		Helen Nye	
<b>GREETER</b>	Ed & Sharon Kaiser		Susan & Kurt Vaaler		Barb & Ron Donoghue	
<b>VIDEO OPERATOR</b>	Chris Moses		Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser	
<b>TELLERS</b>	JoAnn Lind		Sharon Moses		Doug Butler	
	Mike Hodgins		Irene Rothschild		Ron Donoghue	
<b>USHERS</b>	Ed Kaiser	Volunteer today	Volunteer today	Dick Walker	Volunteer today!	Doug Butler
	Volunteer today	Volunteer today	Volunteer today	Volunteer today	Volunteer today!	Volunteer today