



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm
Music Director, Karen Turgeon
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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. Believers in the early church were called to give a reason for the hope that they demonstrated. They responded by sharing the Gospel, Jesus of Nazareth is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures and the lamb who takes away the sin of the world!

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Easter People- Common Gospel

Gathering Hymn 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”

2 When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” God’s holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare With “Jesus Christ be praised!”

3 No lovelier antiphon In all high heav’n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!” There to the_ eternal Word
The_ eternal psalm is heard: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”

4 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!” God’s whole creation o’er,
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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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 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

C I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

P Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

C The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

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.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 8:26–40*

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

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter

and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *1 John 4:1–11*

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

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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 15:1–8*

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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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 remis-

sion 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, ...

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

831 “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard

1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word, Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?

2 “To all the world,” to ev’ry place, Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace; Go while the great commission stands.

3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call, Constant in prayer, through toil
and pain, Telling of One who died for all, To bring a lost world home again?

4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart, And make a world for Christ my goal.

5 Spirit of love, within us move: Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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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 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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Peace Notes

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.

This Thursday, May 2 is the **National Day of Prayer!** Please join with our country to pray! A flyer with the prayer for 2024 is on the counter in the narthex.

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.

Baby Bottles are coming soon! Be sure to be on the watch for the **Another Way Pregnancy Center baby bottle drive.** We host this fundraiser from Mother's day to Father's day each year to help and support the work of AWPC as they serve mothers and babies in need! Bottles will be available beginning on May 12.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

Noon Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

AWPC class 5:30pm
National Day of Prayer!

Friday, May 3

NA meeting 11 a.m.
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

ESL conversation 9:30am
ESL Study 10:45am
I-9 Sport Fiesta 9:30am

Sunday, May 5

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

COMING UP

Saturday, May 4

I-9 Sport Fiesta! 9:30am\

Monday, May 6

Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Women's Study 10am

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 Another Way Pregnancy Laugh4Hope event happening this coming week.
- ✝ For God's comfort and peace for Shari Thilking as she mourns the death of her daughter, Hannah and adjusts to the changes in her life.
- ✝ 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

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					
	28-April		5-May		12-May	
	9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	
ELDERS	Greg Echols		Greg Echols		Mike Beyersdorf	
READER	Ron Donoghue		Helen Nye		Susan Vaaler	
GREETER	Susan & Kurt Vaaler		Barb & Ron Donoghue		Marabeth Warnke	
VIDEO OPERATOR	Barb Donoghue		Ed Kaiser		Ron Donoghue	
TELLERS	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild		Doug Butler Ron Donoghue		Barbara Moore Rachel Svoke	
USHERS	Volunteer today Volunteer today	Dick Walker Volunteer today	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	Doug Butler Volunteer today	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	John Blair