

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024
9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE**



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**PASTOR AMBER CRAIG
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

GUEST INFORMATION

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love.”

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In love we proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. We affirm faith in God through community life as reflected in our joyful fellowship of word and sacrament. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we enthusiastically witness to and embrace all of God's Creation.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace is a community that exists to **INVITE** people to faith and **INSPIRE** people with God's love so that they may **GROW** in faith and **SHARE** their gifts with integrity in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Prince of Peace is a Christian community that exists to reflect God's love and forgiveness for all people as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to...

WORSHIP as a joyful experience of communion with God through Word, Sacrament, music and Christian community.

WELCOMING Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation eager to share God's unconditional love and grace. We welcome all. We welcome you as you are: Whatever your race, ethnicity, or skin color; Whatever your sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Whatever your health, disability, mental health status, family status, or income; Whatever your religious background, no matter where you are on your faith journey; Whether you are young, old, or somewhere in between; Whether you are feeling guilty or feeling blessed. We commit to the work of racial, social, and economic justice; the care of God's creation; and unity with all through the Gospel. It's what Jesus would do!

LEARNING as a life-long process to increase each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ through prayer, bible study and active service in our church, community and world.

LEADERSHIP that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and shared by our Pastors, staff and lay leaders as we strive to live as a Christian community with integrity.

PRAYERS If you want something added to Sunday prayers, you can send an email to office@poplutheranchurch.org You may also add your prayers to the comments during the Facebook Live service. God hears our digital prayers.

OUR USHERS are available to help you with directions or questions. Just ask!

RESTROOMS are located in the adjacent corridor and can be found by exiting the Welcoming Area through the west side doors. Restrooms are on your right at the end of the first corridor and also across from the kitchen as you continue toward the Northcrest Drive exit.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

OUR PASTOR GREETES GUESTS after services at the main exit. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES We welcome all people at Prince of Peace and do our best to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines at Prince of Peace. Communion will be offered both up front, or if you prefer in your seat with a communion kit. We currently have 2 in-person services beginning at 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. We will continue to offer a virtual service at 10:30 by streaming the in-person service.

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING: During the offering, we join millions of other Christians around the world in worshipping our God through the giving of financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper with us, please know that there is no expectation around your giving; simply give as the Holy Spirit leads you or let the plate pass you by. For those who worship with us regularly, our friends and members, your joyful and generous giving supports all we do to build God's kingdom here at Prince of Peace. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

INVITE

Prelude "Face to Face" by Grant C. Tullar, arr. by Larry Shackley

Easter Greeting of Good News

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome

Purpose Statement "Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually, and share God's love."

The Apostolic Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship (From Ministry Matters, used with permission)

One: We have been freed!

All: **Fear and death have no claim on us!**

One: Christ the Lord is risen!

All: **Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.**

One: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

All: **Let us celebrate God's love through the life of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Confession

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

One: Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

One: God of grace and glory,
**All: you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and † frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray,
Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

INSPIRE

CHILDREN'S TIME and BLESSING Debbie Waugaman

ALL: CHILDREN OF GOD, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" by Donald Fishel

Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NSRV)

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION

“Alleluia”

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of the Day

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW# 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789
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SERMON

Bishop Lee Miller II

~SILENCE FOR REFLECTION~

GROW AND SHARE

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

An alternate way to give: "Instructions for use found in the Faithworks."



Offertory Hymn

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.*

Response

One: When we eat this bread and drink this cup we remember the Lord's life-giving death and resurrection.

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

All: Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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BENEDICTION

And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace, you are justified, you are forgiven, you are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ and made for the glory of God. You are known, you are never forsaken, you are held in the palm of God's hand, you are loved. May the peace and power of our God be with us until we gather again, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Pass It On"

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its
glowing.

That's how it is with God's love.
Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone.
You want to pass it on.

Verse 2

What a wond'rous time is spring,
When all the tress are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their
blooming.

That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on God,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, "Praise God!"
I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

Ending

I'll shout it from the mountaintop, "Praise God!"
I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

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DISMISSAL

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
One: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Crown Him Lord of All" by James Ellor, arr. by Mary McDonald

"I am that Bread of Life" "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS, ACCIDENT OR GRIEF.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE PRINCE OF PEACE, TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

PASTOR CHUCK PRESIDER: JAYNE DOZOIS, ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

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