

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

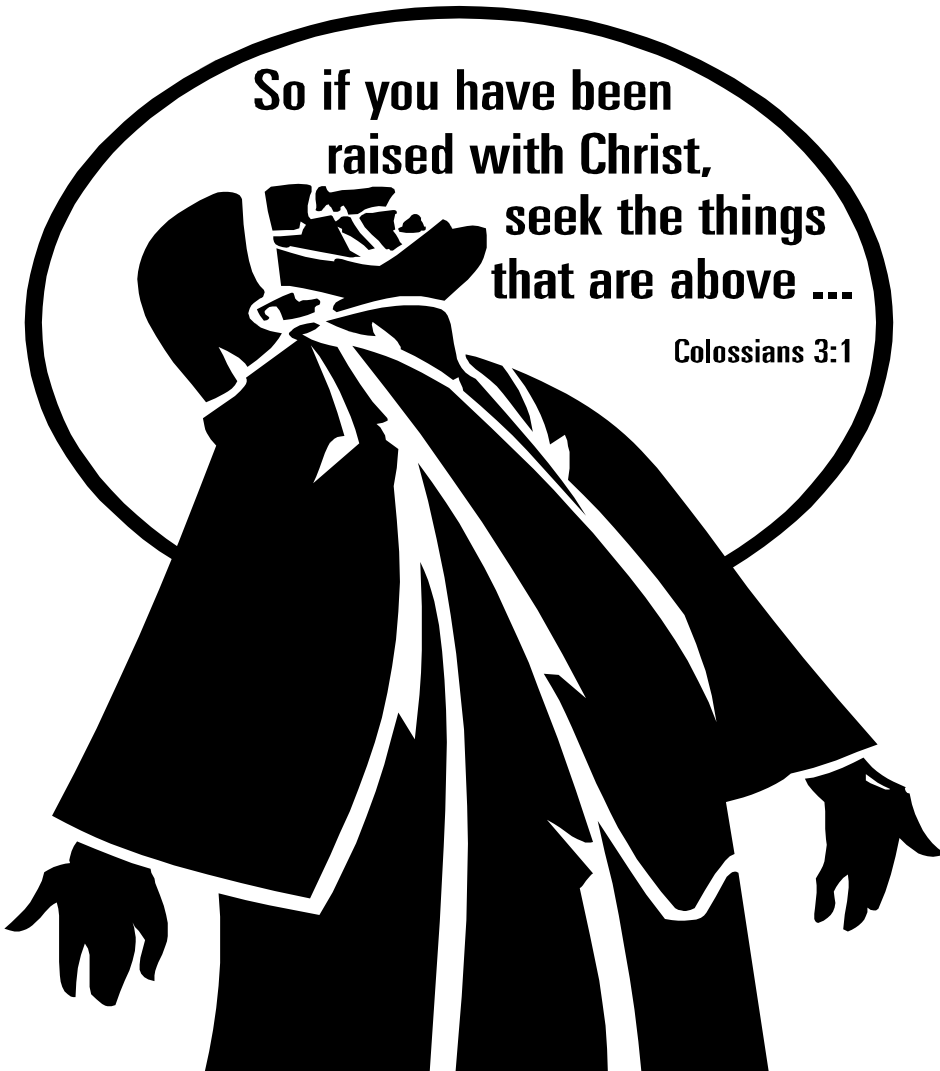
*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Easter Day



***Welcome! We are glad you are here today!***

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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**Our Communion Practice:** *Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).*

*It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord's Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord's Table.*

**Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a Connection Card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. Thank you!**

**Theme for Today's Service:** Eyewitnesses of Jesus hear His preaching, see His miracles, grieve His death, and confess His resurrection! We are heirs of this litany – an Easter people mysteriously wrapped up tightly in the forgiveness of Jesus. We have died and been raised in Christ! Through Word and Sacrament, we are entwined with Jesus, continually receiving His miracles, grieving His death, and confessing His resurrection. Jesus welcomes sinners, calms our fears, and compels our witness that others may see Him.



*Thank you to all of you that purchased flowers for beautification of our altar this morning. Some of the flowers were specially dedicated, while others were simply gifted.*

***Easter Altar Flower Dedications***

*In Memory of:*

*Henry Adelsen*

*Jada Brunk*

*Wyatt Danielson*

*Joyce Drust*

*Michael Glick*

*Keith Padgett*

*Michael Reibel*

*Ed Schmidt*

*Jerry Shaw*

*Given by:*

*Rev. Peter, Melissa & Elsie Adelsen*

*Russ & Sharie Brunk*

*Willie & Leatta Danielson*

*Lori Peters*

*Holly Ford*

*Randy & DeAnne Otto*

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*Elaine Schmidt*

*Rev. Peter, Melissa & Elsie Adelsen*

*and to the Prince of Peace Flock, by Rev. Peter & Melissa Adelsen*



Order of Service

Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.

Opening Hymn

LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b*



I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

**The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become my sal- | vation.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\*  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have  
redeemed;\***

**you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,\*  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\***

**The LORD will reign forever and | ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB p. 156



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach

to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Hymn of Praise

### LSB 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

#### Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

#### Epistle Reading

#### Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

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



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

Nicene Creed

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 478 The Day of Resurrection

Sermon

"Since You Have Been Raised with Christ" (Colossians 3:1-4)

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond "Hear our prayer."*

### **Offering**

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*Special Music: "Easter Song" - POP Choir*

### **Offertory**

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### **Service of the Sacrament**

**LSB p. 160 ff.**

### **Distribution Hymns**

LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 463 Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 469 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

### **Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis***

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### **Post-Communion Collect and Benediction**

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### **Closing Hymn**

**LSB 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

### **Announcements**

*Go in peace and serve the Lord, thanks be to God!*

Thank you to all who ordered Easter Flowers to beautify the sanctuary.

Anyone who purchased flowers is free to take them with you

**after** the 9AM Divine Service today.

(Dedications printed on Page 3.)

Prince of Peace News and Notes for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Serving the Lord and One Another Today:** *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Money Counters:* Ona Childs, Barb Hinds; *Altar Guild for April:* Elaine Schmidt, Ginny Emmons

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis, Barb Alsobrooks; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer

**Our Response to God’s Gifts**

Last Week’s Attendance, Sun & Mon: 73

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of March 29<sup>th</sup> Offering: \$5,058.00

(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

**THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE**

<b>Today</b>	(6:00 am ..... Sunrise Divine Service with Holy Communion) <b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Mon. Apr. 6</b>	6:00 pm ..... Elders’ Meeting <b>7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tue. Apr. 7</b>	6:15pm ..... New Member Class
<b>Wed. Apr. 8</b>	<b>9:30 am.....Adult Bible Study</b>
<b>Sat. Apr. 11</b>	9:00 am..... Women’s Bible Study (online) 11:00am - 1:00pm..... POP Hot Dogs & Light Outdoor Cleanup
<b>Sun. Apr. 12</b>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>

## **Bible Studies at Prince of Peace**

•**Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m.), THE APOCRYPHA** Meets again April 12<sup>th</sup>. As Lutherans, how should we regard the Apocrypha? You know, those “books not held equal to the Scriptures but useful and good to read,” as Martin Luther says. Oddly enough, and contrary to popular belief, Luther did include the apocryphal books in his German Luther Bible.

•**Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.), ISAIAH** Meets again April 8<sup>th</sup>. Like Israel of old, we, too, sometimes look to other “gods” for help in time of need. We obey God’s Law – when it’s convenient and when we’re afraid of getting caught. Our love is halfhearted, and our other sins, many. The Law thunders from Isaiah’s pages as the Prophet reminds us that we can’t fool God. But in the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

•**Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men’s Bible Study** Meets again April 14<sup>th</sup>. Three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania is our focus. The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever. Nahum’s words brought comfort to the people of Judah, who lived in fear of the Assyrians. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people.

•**Saturday’s Online, Women’s Bible Study (9:00am), PROMISED HOPE** – After finishing Promised Rest by Michelle Diercks, we are turning to another study by the same author, Promised Hope. Participants will discover what eight different names and characteristics of God say about who He is and the hope He promises. See Deb Dunnum or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

*Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Alleluia, Christ has risen! This is the pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already “been raised with Christ” through faith and Holy Baptism, “seek the things that are above” (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).*

**PRAYER CHAIN POP PRAYS!** - Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. [wstichman@charter.net](mailto:wstichman@charter.net)

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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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**If all Jesus had to do was die,  
then why is Easter such a big deal?**

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



**Parents:** Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



## One Thing's Needful

*In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.*

**INVOCATION** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**INTROIT** Page 4

**MEDITATION** Psalm 118 – Is a psalm that gives thanks and also prophesies of the Christian and of Christ, the rejected cornerstone. This psalm is a general statement of thanksgiving for all the kindnesses God daily and unceasingly showers on all people, good and evil. This psalm praises God especially for the greatest benefit He bestowed on the world, Christ and His kingdom of grace—first promised and now revealed. (Luther's Works 14:47) [FROM READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

### THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Easter Sunday	Ex 14:10–31	Heb 7:23—8:13
Mon.	Ex 15:1–18	Heb 9:1–28
Tues.	Ex 15:19—16:12	Heb 10:1–18
Wed.	Ex 16:13–35	Heb 10:19–39
Thurs.	Ex 17:1–16	Heb 11:1–29
Fri.	Ex 18:5–27	Heb 12:1–24
Sat.	Ex 19:1–25	Heb 13:1–21

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- The Leyh family, Josh and Faith, and their pre-school age son Peter currently attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana.
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt, Olivia Gosset (Melissa Adelsen's cousin), Scott Roscovious, Jeramy Schaub

**LEARN BY HEART** 2 Timothy 1:10b: *Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.*

**COLLECT** Page 5

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**BENEDICTION** *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 5:29-42; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31