PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

Our Mission:
"Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ"

Our Message:
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices "Close Communion" as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body's doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body's teachings. Therefore, our practice of "Close Communion" admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against "unworthy" reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God's judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice "Close Communion". We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39), and humbly strive to "Continue in His Word." (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Theme

Trumpets blast on this day of resurrection. Immortality crushes mortality. Jesus swallows death, disarming its sting. The church victorious is covered by Jesus' decisive victory over death, hell, and sin! In decaying skin, languishing flesh, and temporal bodies, we now jubilantly sing with Job, "I know that my Redeemer lives." We witness Mary reveling in the empty tomb, wondering at the mysteriously abandoned linen cloths, and in a stunning conversation with Jesus. Today, resurrection is the Lord's triumph for Job, Paul, Mary, and us!

Order of Service: **Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.**

Opening Hymn **467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 151)**

Service of the Word **(LSB p.152-160)**

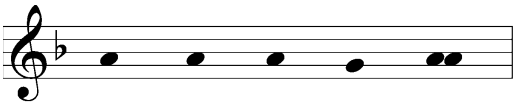
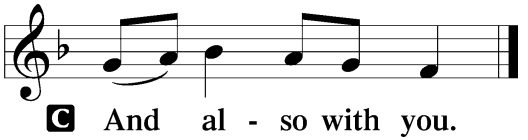
Introit *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

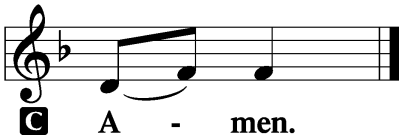
I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy 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 established.
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 beginning,
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 into the sea.

Kyrie **(LSB p. 152)**

Hymn of Praise **465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23–27

Job 19:23–27

23 "Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music **"He Is Risen Like He Said"** **Sarah Kolander**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:51–57 *1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

51Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52in
a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53For this
perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on
immortality. 54When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on
immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."
55"O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

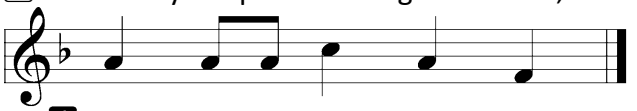
56The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57But thanks be to God, who
gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn **488 He is Arisen! Glorious Word**

Stand
Alleluia Verse **(p. 157)**

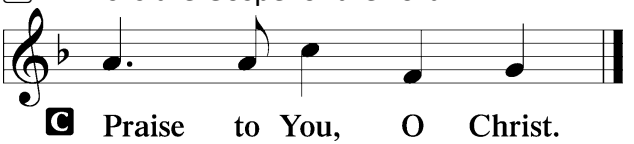
Holy Gospel: John 20:1–18

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

1Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it
was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." 3So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going
toward the tomb. 4Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran

Peter and reached the tomb first. [5]And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, [7]and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples went back to their homes.

[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. [12]And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. [13]They 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." [14]Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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.'" [18]Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Hymn of the Day **461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

Sermon **"Are You Sure About That?"** **Job 19:23-27**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for Christ's glorious resurrection, that by His death for the world's reconciliation and in the promise of new and everlasting life we may come at last to the reunion of all His saints at the resurrection of all flesh, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For boldness from God's Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed in witness, sustained in trial and refreshed through the Means of Grace; for those who bring us the Lord's gifts and preach us the Word, that they would be blessed in their calling; and for all God's people, that we may receive this Easter faith with willing ears and keep it with willing hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husbands and wives, parents and children; and that He would assure those who live alone that they, too, are His children, upheld by His right hand, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Donald, our president, and all who make and administer our laws, that God would frustrate the forces of evil and not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals; and for our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad, that they would serve with honor and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and those who suffer, *[especially and those named in our hearts,]* that they would receive healing and relief, patience and hope until that day when Christ raises our bodies and brings all afflictions to an end, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For those who prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ, that celebrating the feast of His victory, our faith may be strengthened for this mortal life and our anticipation built for the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ O Lord, heavenly Father, You have not let Your Holy One see corruption, but have raised Him in triumph from the dead, never to die again. Therefore, our hearts are glad and we rejoice, for our flesh also dwells secure. Since You have set Him at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory **(p. 159)**

Service of the Sacrament **(p. 160-166)**

Distribution Hymns

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

478 The Day of Resurrection

Post-Communion Canticle **Nunc Dimittis** **(LSB p. 165)**

Post-Communion Collect **(LSB p. 166)**

Benediction **(LSB p. 166)**

Closing Hymn **490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**