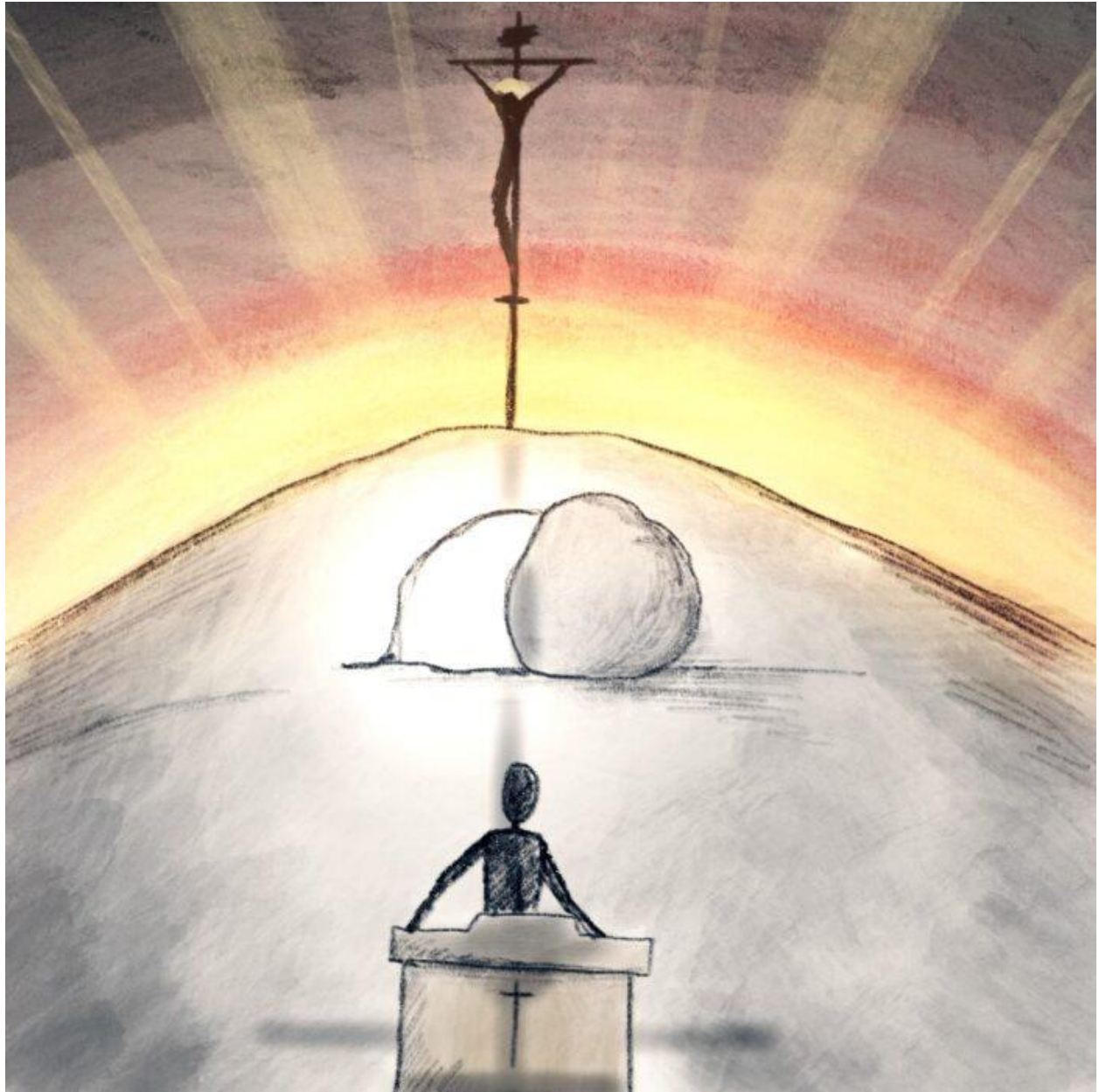


# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



In Christ All Will Be Made Alive

Easter

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***“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”***

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. May God bless your worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God's word!

## EASTER WORSHIP THEME

In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes, “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). What an important word: Indeed! We should not think of Jesus’ resurrection as just another happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. If Christ had remained dead, he would rightly have been labeled a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised! So, the reality is: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end for us all. But Christ has indeed been raised and so too, in Christ Jesus “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of Jesus presents us with realities for ourselves as we live in this truth!

The Resurrection Realities we will examine this Easter Season:

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|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Easter</b>                    | - | <b>In Christ All Will Be Made Alive</b>    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | - | The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter | - | We Have a Meaningful Message to Share      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | - | The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | - | The Living Lord Produces Active Faith      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | - | We Live in Christ’s Love                   |
| Ascension of Our Lord            | - | Ascended on High; With us Still            |
| The Festival of Pentecost        | - | Christ Has Not Left Us Alone               |

Death is not something most people want to spend a lot of time talking about or thinking about. It’s probably fair, even, to say that people fear death to some degree. One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. Dead is dead. When someone dies, all you have left are pictures and memories. Today, Christ proves to us that death is not final at all! Easter teaches us that Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. Just as Christ rose, “so in Christ all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one; the way we feel when our health fails; the way we look at the purpose of life right now. Let us rejoice in this resurrection reality: In Christ all will be made alive!

*Stand*

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

## **Confession**

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.  
**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **938 This Is the Feast**

CW 938

### The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Job 19:23–27

*By faith Job confesses that because the redeemer lives, even though he would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup>that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Choir

Psalm 118

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

*To have hope only for this life would ultimately be worthless. Christ’s resurrection gives us hope for the eternal life that is to come.*

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.  
<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

*Early Easter morning, an angel explains to the women why they won't find Jesus' corpse in the tomb.*

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440 sts. 1, 7

**Sermon**

*Made Alive In Christ*

*Job 19:23-27*

Stand

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

**When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life. **Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

**Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom. **Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

**Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Our offerings are freely given as a response to God's gracious outpouring of love upon us.*

## **441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

CW 441 sts. 1-3, 7-8

*Stand*



Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **445 He's Risen, He's Risen**

CW 445 sts. 1, 4

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 6:30 pm Catechism  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 10:15 am Bible Class<br>6:00 pm Bible Class                                |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @Cracker Barrel                        |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 10:00 am Women's Bible Study   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 9:15 am Bible Class (No Sunday School)<br>10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper |

### CHANCEL FLOWERS



Al & Deb Muehlfeld provided the chancel flowers today to celebrate their daughter Rachel's birthday. We thank God for the gift of faith He has worked in Rachel's heart so that she can enjoy her birthdays with confidence that she has everlasting life for Jesus' sake. Happy birthday, Rachel!

### LILIES!

If you purchased an Easter Lily thank you for helping to beautify our chapel for the Easter Celebration. Please take the Easter Lily home with you after the service!



### BUNCO



Please join us for Bunco on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come one, come all for a night of fun and fellowship—no experience required! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 am, come join your sisters in Christ as we learn more about one of the names used for Jesus. This time we're learning about the GOOD SHEPHERD BRING A FRIEND!



| Operating Offerings |              | Attendance |     | Mortgage Progress |             |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| 3/20 & 3/24/24      | \$ 2,354.00  | 3/20/24    | 16  | 3/20 & 3/24/24    | \$ 15.00    |
| Month to Date       | \$ 12,795.00 |            |     | Month to Date     | \$ 2,860.00 |
| YTD                 | \$ 56,033.00 | 3/24/24    | 105 | YTD               | \$ 6,780.00 |
| Budget YTD          | \$ 50,213.00 |            |     | Budget YTD        | \$ 8,601.00 |
| 2023 YTD            | \$ 53,996.00 |            |     | 2023 YTD          | \$ 9,940.00 |

Weekly needs February Operating Offering

\$ 3,863.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00