

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Certain Hope for an Uncertain World:
The Real Power Within!

Easter 5

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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. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

THEME FOR TODAY

Everybody is looking for more out of life. More happiness. More pleasure. More fulfillment. More security. More meaning. But for many, that more is elusive. They never actually find more. Or, if they do, it still isn't enough. Jesus knows the secret to finding and experiencing a truly blessed life. In this uncertain world, Jesus invites you to put all your hope in him, with the sure and certain trust that your hope will bear fruit in a truly blessed life!

LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord's Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine.
(Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ. "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?"¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf."
(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

EASTER SERMON SERIES

Join us throughout the Easter season to celebrate the certain hope Easter gives.

Certain Hope for an Uncertain World:

Sunday, April 11 th	— How to Hope
Sunday, April 18 th	— Peace > problems
Sunday, April 25th	— Fully known & Fully Loved
Sunday, May 2nd	— The truly blessed life
Sunday, May 9 th	— The Real Power Within!
Sunday, May 16 th	— An answer to prayer

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 452

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the
4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us
e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,
sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,
from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his
Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in
Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -
Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,
fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the
Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.
on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;
gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,
thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
There, oh, share thy joy with me.
There to live e - ter - nal - ly.
Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871-1941, alt.
Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

STAND

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

CONFESSiON OF SINS

[M]: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[C]: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

[C]: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

[M]: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Today's readings speak of the Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts reports to us that the Spirit moved Philip to go and explain the message of salvation to a man from Ethiopia. Then, we are told that the Holy Spirit worked faith in the man's heart by the good news of salvation that God prepared for us sinners in and through his Son, Christ Jesus.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ^[37] ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

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May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

John reminds us that the Holy Spirit works love for one another in the hearts of believers. He also says that the way we can know that Christ lives in us is by the love we have for one another, since love is the work of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

(John 14:6 cf. NIV)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

With his illustration of a vine and branches, Jesus impresses upon us that our faith and our works of faith are the result of the Holy Spirit's work, for he says, "Apart from me you can do nothing." By being connected to Christ by faith, we have spiritual life; we are able to love one another; and we are able to boldly testify to the world that Jesus lived and died to save us all from our sins and give us eternal life in heaven.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

EASTER

168**With High Delight Let Us Unite**

1 With high de - light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet
 2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love



Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who
 Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART (448 448 44 44 8) *Cinquante Pseaumes*, Geneva, 1543, alt.

Remain In Christ!

- I. So you will continue to be a living branch
- II. So you will bear much fruit
- III. So you will be pruned by the Father

STAND*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres-ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING

During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, princeofpeacemartinez.com.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: Lift up your hearts.

[C]: We lift them up to the Lord.

[M]: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[C]: It is good and right so to do.

[M]: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

The musical notation consists of six lines of music for a single voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

(8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M]: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

[M]: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C]: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

[M]: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

[C]: And his mercy endures forever.

[M]: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

[M]: 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.

[C]: Amen.

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Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



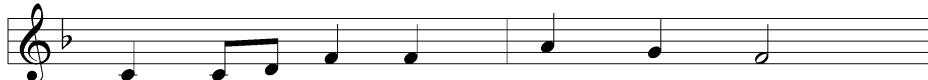
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate,
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd,
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing
 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga;



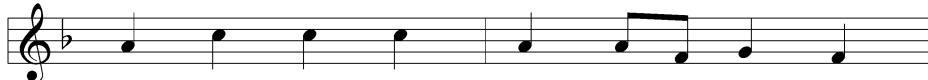
Lord and Son of A - bra - ham;
 Food for bod - y, food for soul;
 From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
 Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;
 To the Fath - er's home on high;
 Christ, the first - born from the dead;



Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - - ther,
 Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - - en,
 Christ, true vine, you nur - - ture branch - es
 Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 Christ, the truth that frees the cap - - tive;
 Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - - tion;



Per - fect God, the great I Am;
 Nour - ish, strength-en, make us whole.
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
 Nev - er - fail - ing vi - - gil keep.
 Christ, the life that can - not die.
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head:



Christ, the Light, you shine un - van - quished,
 Feed us with the food of heav - en,
 Graft us in - to you, O Sav - ior;
 When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us,
 Me - di - a - tor to the Fath - er,
 Praise and thanks and a - do - ra - tion



Light and life you bring to all;
 Fore - taste of the feast to be;
 Prune our hearts so we re - main
 Find us, lift us, bear us home;
 Sac - ri - fice and Great High Priest:
 And un - end - ing wor - ship be

Light our path with your own presence,
 Quench our thirst with living water
 Fruitful branch - es in your vine - yard
 Lamb of God, our Shepherd, keep us;
 Lead us to your heav'n - ly man - sions,
 To the Father and the Spirit - it

Grant us grace to heed your call.
 Spring - ing up e - ter - nal ly.
 Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 Let us hear your voice a - lone.
 There to share your wed - ding feast.
 And to you e - ter - nal ly.

This inventive hymn is replete with scriptural titles and illustrations that describe the person and work of Christ from beginning to end.

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 Tune: HOLY MANNA (87 87 D) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1825

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY	5:00 pm Catechism
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Outside)

FLOWERS



Tom and Jackie Bondow purchased the flowers for the chancel today for the occasion of their birthdays! It is good for us to take time to offer our Lord our thanks and praise for the blessings we enjoy in our daily lives because of his incomparable kindness to us. Thank you, Tom and Jackie and Happy Birthday to you both!

PRESCHOOL WEEK IN REVIEW

This past week, the preschool children learned the same story about the Ethiopian eunuch that we heard in church this morning. When asked what they would say to the Ethiopian or a person who had questions like the Ethiopian, they all worked together to say that Jesus died for your sins so he could take them all away and you don't have to worry about dying because of Jesus, you'll go to heaven. It calls to mind the words of Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"



GUEST PREACHER

Thank you to our guest preacher, Pastor Emeritus David Neumann, for the message this morning.

Operating Offerings

4/25/21	\$ 4,800.00	8:00 am	32	4/25/21	\$ 25.00
Month to Date	\$ 15,941.96	10:30 am	41	Month to Date	\$ 3,420.00
YTD	\$ 66,268.00	Total	73	YTD	\$ 13,655.00
Budget YTD	\$ 67,585.00			Budget YTD	\$ 11,468.00
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