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Evangelical Lutheran Church



Certain Hope for Uncertain Times

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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

We're living in uncertain times. So much is changing. Things we thought we could always depend on are different. In the face of times like these we are hungry for hope. Hope that the virus will go away soon. Hope that life might go back to normal soon. Hope that things will get better. Such hope is good, but there is no guarantee that what we hope for will actually happen. Easter gives us a better hope—better because it is hope built on the promises of God. Promises that come from the same God who promised that he would overcome death. On Easter, God fulfilled that promise by the resurrection of Jesus!

INFORMATION

- Our nursery area is located near the entrance area of the church. It is equipped with a television monitor so that you can view and follow the service if you desire to stay with your child in the nursery.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors down the hallway on the right. A changing table for infants and toddlers is located in both restrooms. Additional restrooms are available in the education wing.
- The service is recorded and may be found on our YouTube channel or website.

EASTER SERMON SERIES

How good it is to have certain hope! But, there is so much more to learn about this certain hope than just what we will hear today. 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 25 th	—	Fully known & Fully Loved
Sunday, May 2 nd	—	The truly blessed life
Sunday, May 9 th	—	The Real Power Within!
Sunday, May 16 th	—	An answer to prayer

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 157

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, 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.**

[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.**

RESURRECTION DIALOGUE

[M]: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[C]: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

[M]: This is the day the Lord has made.

[C]: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*

[M]: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. *Exodus 15:1-2*

[C]: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.** *Psalm 95:2*

[M]: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. *Psalm 118:17*

[C]: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

[M]: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.
The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him. *Exodus 15:6-7*

[C]: **Death has been swallowed up in victory.** *1 Corinthians 15:54*

[M]: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? *1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*

[C]: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

[M]: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
Job 19:25

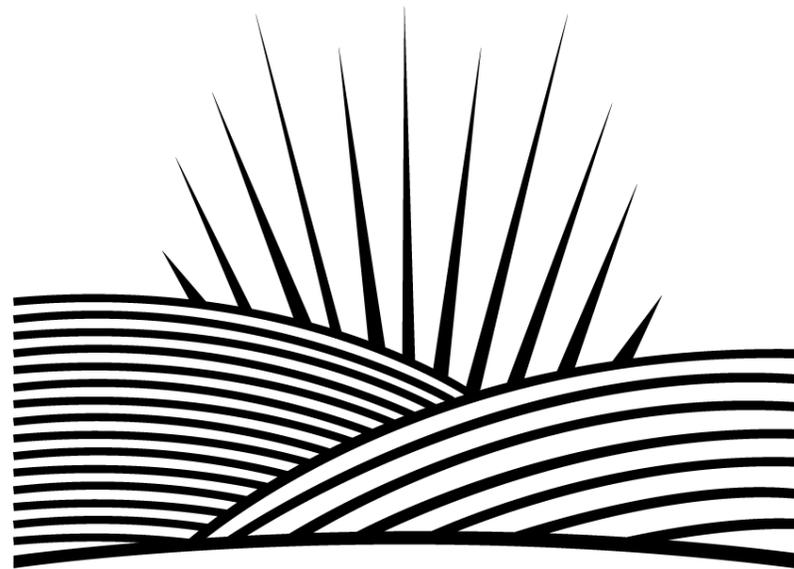
[C]: **The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.**
Revelation 11:15

[M]: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Revelation 7:10

[C]: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**
Revelation 5:12

[M]: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[C]: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



HE IS NOT HERE
HE HAS
RISEN

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

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This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

What is the shroud that covers all people and the sheet that covers the nations? Is it not the futility of history and of life itself, all of which ends in death and decay for individuals, for nations, for all institutions and all they build and hold dear? Is it not the fear that the disgrace of our vain existence and the folly of our struggles for life, for honor, for this and that will all be revealed in our death? Looked at apart from Christ we fear the shroud of death. But Christ is risen! Life makes sense and so does history. Life and history come from God and he gives and uses them, so that he can prepare a banquet for us, a banquet of life eternal.

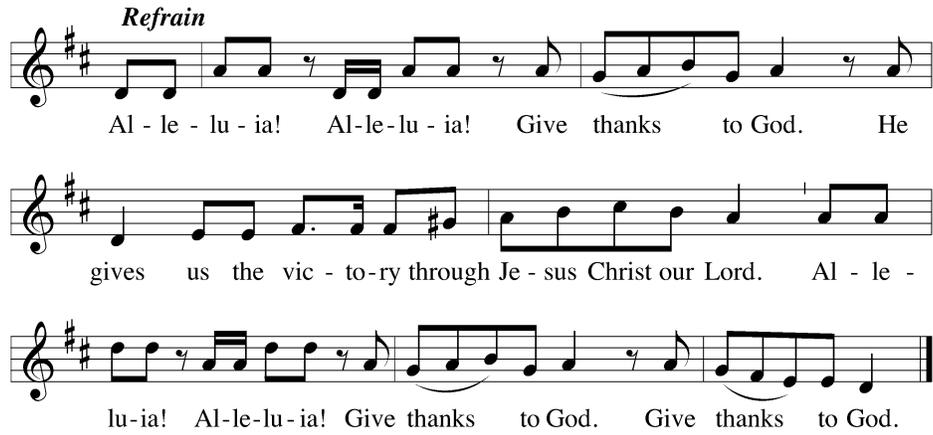
[M]: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter twenty-five:

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
⁹ In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

[M]: The Word of the Lord.

[C]: Thanks be to God.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He gives us the vic - to-ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

Psalm Tone



The LORD is my strength and my song;
 he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
 the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,
 and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
 you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

**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 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ's resurrection gives us certain hope in this life and for the next. Jesus has conquered death for us!

[M]: A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter fifteen:

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

[M]: The Word of the Lord.

[C]: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. *(Psalm 118:24 cf. NIV)*

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The empty tomb and the angel of the resurrection says to all of our fears, Don't be afraid! He is risen, just as he promised! Now we can be certain that he will keep all of his promises. For if he kept this one, then nothing will be too hard for him, and nothing will hold him back from his assurance to us of his grace, his protection in life and death, his promise even of our resurrection.

[M]: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter sixteen:

[C]: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

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. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

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

⁶ "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. ⁷ 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.' "

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

[M]: The Gospel of the Lord.

[C]: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

EASTER

720 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong
 2 No son of man could con - quer
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful

bands For our of - fens - es giv -
 death, Such ru - in sin had wrought
 down, His peo - ple to de - liv -
 strife When life and death con - tend -

en; But now at God's right hand he
 us. No in - no - cence was found on
 er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with

stands And brings us life from heav -
 earth, And there - fore death had brought
 crown From death's pale brow for - ev -
 life; The reign of death was end -

en. There - fore let us joy - ful be
 us In - to bond - age from of old
 er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says

And sing to God right thank - ful -
 And ev - er grew more strong and
 An emp - ty form a - lone re -
 That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -
 bold And held us as its cap -
 mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -
 death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree—
 So strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.
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SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:19-20

Certain Hope for Uncertain Times

I. In this life

II. As you look beyond this life

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.

REMAIN STANDING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [M]:** Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.
- [C]:** **When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our song, and when we sin be our salvation.**
- [M]:** Remove the shroud 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.
- [C]:** **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.**
- [M]:** 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.

[C]: Triumph over our enemies, and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

[M]: 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 power of the Spirit, use all of us to share with a broken and dying world the news of your eternal victory.

[C]: Empower us to speak your truth and love to our circles of friends, relatives, and neighbors. Bless our efforts to help others to trust the certain hope that Easter promises.

[M]: 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.

[C]: 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.

[M]: 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.

[C]: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! 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.**

BE SEATED

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.

HYMN 142

EASTER

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

142 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant
2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is
3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el
fly - ing From his light, to whom we give
stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of
Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the
Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from
gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the
raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.
watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.
brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.
Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

STAND

PRAYER

[M]: Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BLESSING

[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.

REMAIN STANDING

HYMN 162

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

EASTER

162

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious, Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!"

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

BE SEATED

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY	5:00 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Class
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Outside)

TODAYS MUSICIANS: Ms. Barbara Thomas (8:00) Mrs. Judy Kuehl (10:30)

FLOWERS

Betty Daniel has purchased the flowers for the chancel area today to thank God for the blessing of life – especially the privilege of living life as a child of God! Living life as a child of God is to enjoy blessings beyond measure on a daily basis! May we all remember the precious gift of eternal life that is ours for Jesus' sake and live each day to the fullest as God's own people.



PRESCHOOL WEEK IN REVIEW

This past week, the preschool children celebrated Easter first by learning about Jesus' resurrection and what it means for them and then by having an Easter egg hunt on the playground!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

With more families returning to in-person worship, we are once again offering Sunday School at church during the Bible Class hour in-between services. Bring the whole family to learn about the great love God has for all people!

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
3/24 & 3/28	\$ 3,743.75	8:00 am	31	3/28/21	\$ 2,415.00
Month to Date	\$ 16,029.75	10:30 am	30	Month to Date	\$ 5,470.00
YTD	\$ 47,547.00	Total	61	YTD	\$ 10,220.00
Budget YTD	\$ 51,510.00	Midweek	15	Budget YTD	\$ 8,601.00
2020 YTD	\$ 49,388.00	Lent 6		2020 YTD	\$ 14,320.00
		Youtube	18		
		Views:			

Weekly needs March Operating Offering **\$ 4,019.00**
Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 2,867.00**

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