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Evangelical Lutheran Church



Certain Hope for an Uncertain World:  
An Answer to Prayer

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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**

“I’ll pray for you!” That is a positive promise! That others would take the time to bring my needs before God in heaven, it fills my heart with hope. How much more so when Jesus is the One who promises, “I’m praying for you!” If we have hope as fellow sinners pray to the Lord on our behalf, how much more so, much more sure and certain is our hope when the resurrected Lord Jesus is the One who is petitioning God’s throne of grace on our behalf!

## **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? <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	—	How to Hope
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	—	Peace > problems
Sunday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	—	Fully known & Fully Loved
Sunday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	The truly blessed life
Sunday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	—	The Real Power Within!
<b>Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>—</b>	<b>An answer to prayer</b>

# ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 152

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

EASTER

152

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.  
Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

STAND

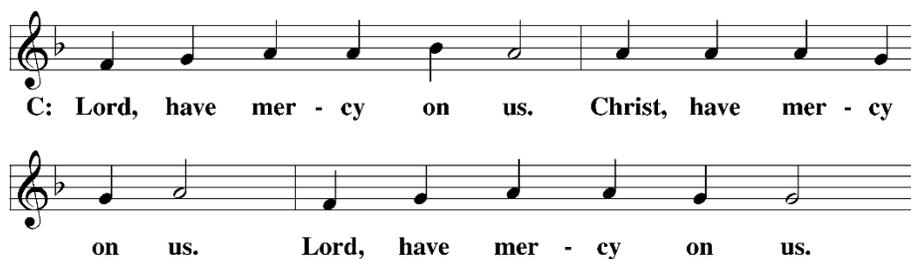
[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[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.



The image shows two lines of musical notation in a single system. The first line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us."

**[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.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]:** The Lord be with you.

**[C]:** And also with you.

**[M]:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]:** Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-26

*Our first reading today is a combination of the first reading for the festival of Ascension which was Thursday (40 days after Easter) and the first reading for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter which tells us what the disciples did following Jesus' ascension: God answers the prayers of his people, providing a qualified man to take the place of Judas in helping spread the saving Gospel message.*

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach<sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.<sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.<sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.<sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)<sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.<sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.<sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“ ‘May his place be deserted;  
let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

“ ‘May another take his place of leadership.’

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 8

### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,\*  
the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
the Son of Man that you care for him?

### ***Refrain***

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\*  
you put everything under his feet.

**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***





REDEEMER

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Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

SERMON

John 17:11-19

The Ascended Lord Intercedes for Us

- I. To protect you in the world
- II. To sanctify you in the world

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## 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](http://princeofpeacemartinez.com).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**[M]:** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

**[C]: Hear our prayer.**

**[M]:** Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

**[C]: Hear our prayer.**

**[M]:** Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**[C]: Hear our prayer.**

**[M]:** Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom:

Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**[C]: Hear our prayer.**

**[M]:** Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**[C]: 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.**

# 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:

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

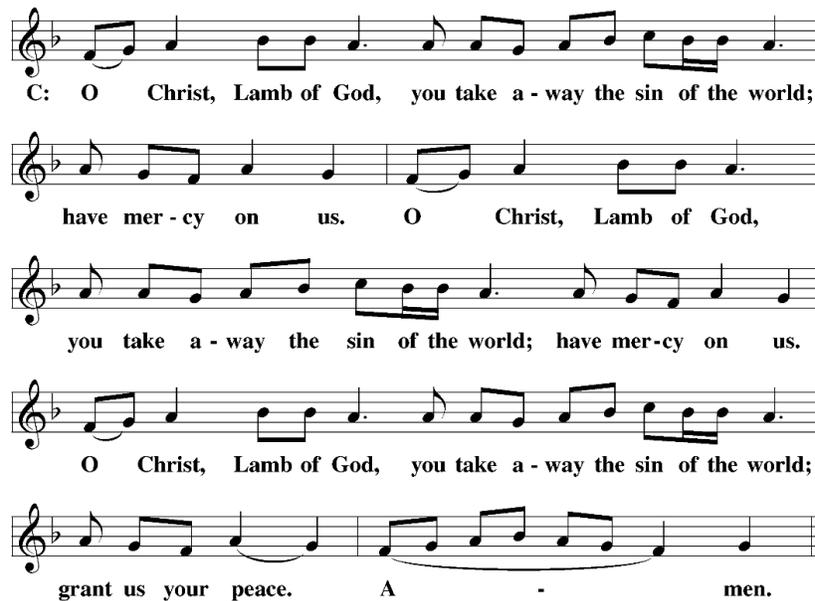
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[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.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - - - men.

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION

### THANKSGIVING

*STAND*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre -  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and 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.**

## HYMN 309

## Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

### HOLY COMMUNION

## 309 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,  
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.  
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:00 pm Catechism
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 pm Elder's Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Outside)

### FLOWERS

Shellie Dissmore provided the flowers for the chancel today to give thanks and praise to God on the occasion of her 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! We join her in thanking God for the blessings of marriage and ask him to bless all the families of our congregation with harmony and joy as we live our lives for Christ. Happy Anniversary Shellie and Gary!



### PRESCHOOL WEEK IN REVIEW

The preschool chapel devotion this week focused on Jesus' ascension which was celebrated on Thursday. These children never cease to amaze with their displays of faith and knowledge as they demonstrate the heavenly treasures they have stored up with their words and songs.

### COOKOUT/POTLUCK

On Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having a cookout/potluck at church following morning worship services. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from Pastor's office next to the restrooms. The sign up sheet will both help us anticipate how many people will be in attendance and provide a space to sign up to bring sides and drinks. Make sure to check out the sign-up sheet next time you are at church! If you have any questions, please contact Ray Bain.



<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
5/9/21	\$ 4,895.00	8:00 am	25	5/9/21	\$ 315.00
Month to Date	\$ 8,110.01	10:30 am	33	Month to Date	\$ 2,480.00
YTD	\$ 74,583.00	Total	58	YTD	\$ 16,410.00
Budget YTD	\$ 75,590.00			Budget YTD	\$ 12,615.00
2020 YTD	\$ 79,240.00	Youtube Views:	13	2020 YTD	\$ 19,622.00

**Weekly needs May Operating Offering**

**\$ 4,003.00**

**Monthly Mortgage Payment**

**\$ 2,867.00**

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