

*April 12, 2026 – The Second Sunday of Easter  
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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Welcome to Prince of Peace! This morning's complete service is printed in this booklet.  
A supervised nursery is available during the worship service.

+++ THE GATHERING +++

Prelude: *Happy Day* - arr. John Cumberland

Greetings & Announcements

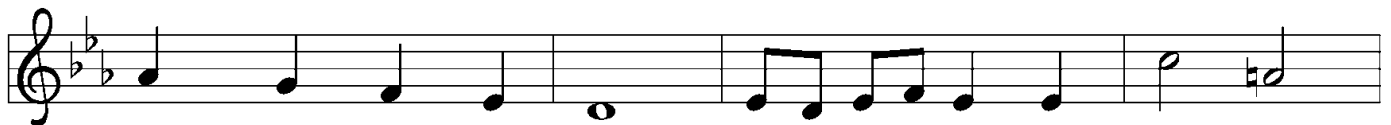
Opening Hymn: "*Thine Is the Glory*"



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C) **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P) The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

II Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be<sup>2</sup> to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

P) Let us pray ... Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, strengthen us so that we, who have not seen, may have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) Amen.

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

**Bible Presentation**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 16** (Read responsively by whole verse)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*P) The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

**C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this

book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P) *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon Sermon

Hymn: "Now the Green Blade Rises"



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Nicene Creed

**C) 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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## THE PRAYERS

- P) Rejoicing in God's marvelous works of new life, let us pray for renewal in the world, in the church, and in every living creature.

*Each petition concludes:*

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) To you, O God of newness and renewal, we lift up all for whom we pray, through the one whom you lifted up from death and the grave, Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C) **Amen.**

- P) Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

P) Most merciful God,

C) **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) **And also with you.**

## **The Offering**

*We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!*



## **The Offertory**

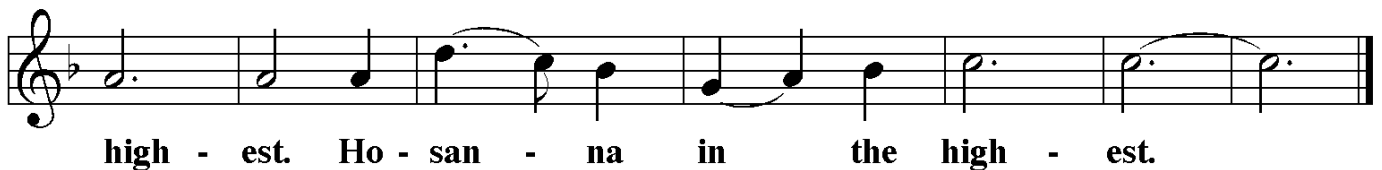
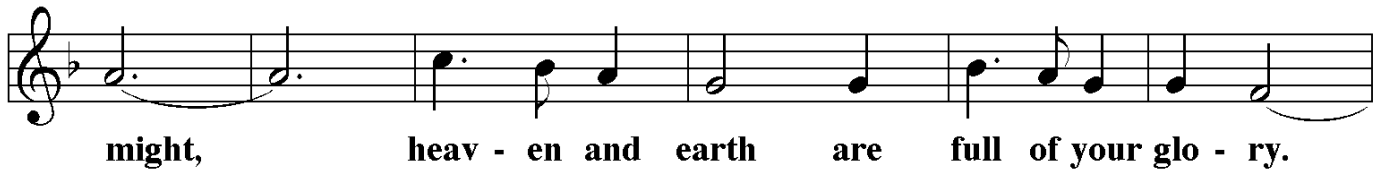
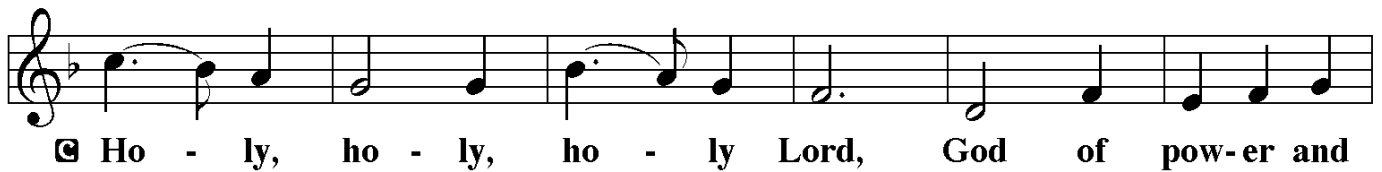
*Praise the King - arr. Matt Schinske*

## **Offertory Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you made yourself known to your first disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, and form us into your risen body in the world.
- C) **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.  
C) **And also with you.**  
P) Lift up your hearts.  
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## The Eucharistic Prayer for Easter

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,  
you bring light from darkness, speech from silence, and life from death.  
We praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for the prophets words which will not be in vain.  
But mostly we give you thanks for Jesus, your Son,  
who, living among us, forgave sinners,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me'.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and his glorious resurrection,  
we await the fullness of your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death into life,  
that we may live as your risen people,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C) Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Communion**

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:  
*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

## **Music During Communion**

*Jesus Messiah* - arr. James Koerts

P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C) **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

P) Let us pray... Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with the risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, strengthen us to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) **Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.  
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
He who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at his right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

## Dismissal

- P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P) Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

**Please also join us on:**  
**Sunday, April 19**  
**Worship @ 10:00 am**  
**(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))**  
**Sunday School @ 11:00 am**

**Blessing of the Quilts - Today**, Quilts will be blessed for their journey to their new home and **on the 17th**, we will deliver them to the area Ingathering of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief.

**The next men's book club will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 pm** at the house of Dick Moore. The book is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

**Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market starts Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm in the back parking lot.** Come each **Thursday May 7 – November 19, 3:00 – 6:30 pm (except May 28)**. Come browse and shop through and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community. For more information, email [farmersmarket@poplutheran.org](mailto:farmersmarket@poplutheran.org)

**Rest & Recharge on the Ridge ([Mar-Lu-Ridge!](#)) on April 26 from 2-5:30 pm**

Mar-Lu-Ridge is hosting this free event for you to find a quiet space to reconnect with nature, engage in a favorite creative hobby & recharge your soul. Hiking, mindfulness, yoga, hymn singing, arts & crafts, hammocks, nature activity guides, & a light meal at 4:30 pm. It's always helpful to know folks are coming! Email [mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org) to RSVP.

**Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!"** These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers **on the following dates from 3:00-5:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: Apr. 18, May 16**. Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions.

**Food for Thought:** Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. *Hosea 6:3*

**Prince of Peace welcomes people** as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

### **Important Upcoming Events!**

- Farmers & Artisans Market      Thursdays, beginning on May 7, 3:00 – 6:30 pm
- Yard Sale      May 30, 2026, 8:00am – 1:30 pm
- Honduras Mission Trip      June 18 – 28, 2026
- VBS      July 19 – 23, 2026
- Interfaith 5K      September 7, 2026

### Next Sunday's Readings

[Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#); [Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#); [1 Peter 1:17-23](#); [Luke 24:13-35](#)

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