

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
May 22, 2022  
8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians  
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love*

**POP VISION 2024**

*We will be...an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,  
transforming the lives in our community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**W**elcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

**W**e love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge and, with our nursery closed for our youngest ones' safety during the pandemic, we have some ways to help you out. We have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the bathrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. We have a place for kids to play in our narthex, the **PRAYERGROUND**, which is stocked with toys and books and comfy chairs, and there are speakers projecting the service, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. ***The space located at the back of the sanctuary, called the PLAYDECK, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby.***

You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PRAYERGROUND** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

**T**he Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources, and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

**A hearing loop system** is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.



Flowers are placed in honor of the 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Sondra Joten.  
Congratulations!

### **WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Preaching Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Lori Adams
Musicians	Colleen Perrine, Stacie & Everett Dobbe Ada & Erik Larson, Brianna Sikes Violet & Kiran Lison
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond Nathan Jansen
Ushers	(8:00) Al Peckham, Tom Scheuerman (9:40) Chris Howard, Scott Perrine
Greeters	(8:00) Margie & Mike Bricco (9:40) Brad & Nan Bunnow, Pat Meulemans

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**GATHERING**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P—Pastor    A—Assisting Minister    C—Congregation

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

(8:00)	<b><i>Step by Step</i></b>	David Beaker Strasser
	<b><i>Sing Hallelujah</i></b>	Colleen Perrine
(9:40)	<b><i>Step by Step</i></b>	David Beaker Strasser
	<b><i>Simple Gifts</i></b>	Piano Solo – Brianna Sikes

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

(9:40) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

**C We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen**

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C Amen**

*Verse*

Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
 Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
 I'm so glad You're in my life,  
 I'm so glad You came to save us.

*Chorus*

You came from heaven to earth  
 To show the way,  
 From the earth to the cross,  
 My debt to pay,  
 From the cross to the grave,  
 From the grave to the sky;  
 Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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## GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste, Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. to Verses

Verse 1

1. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa -  
 1. - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 1. praise you for your glo - ry. to Refrain

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Bountiful God,

**C** you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.*

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## FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the

gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

*John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are

written in the Lamb’s book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and

remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

"Clothing Ourselves in Peace!" Pastor Roger McQuiston

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

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POP KIDS PRAISE SONG & VIDEO

Brigetta Wingender & friends

*God Made Everything*

Colleen Perrine

#### NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & SHARING THE PEACE

- P Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.  
Petitions end: God, in your mercy,  
Response: ...**hear our prayer.**
- P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C **Amen**
- P May the peace of the risen Christ be with you now and always.
- C **And also with you.**

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**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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OFFERING

*We Are an Offering*

ELW 692

We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices,  
Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours,  
We are an offering.  
All that we have,  
All that we are,  
All that we hope to be,  
We give to You,  
We give to You.  
We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering,  
We are an offering.

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OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Living God,  
C **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He said to them, "When you pray, say":

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**

### INVITATION COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



*In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.*

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line has a first ending bracket over the first three notes (1,2) and a second ending bracket over the last three notes (3). The third line has a 'Final' bracket over the first three notes and a double bar line at the end.

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I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 I want to follow Jesus.  
 God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
 The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
 I want to look at Jesus.  
 Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
 and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
 I want to be with Jesus.  
 When we have run with patience the race,  
 we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &amp; PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
 C **Amen**  
 P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new  
 heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as  
 witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
 C **Amen**

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**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## (8:00) ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINAL BLESSING

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of  
 adoption, † bless you now and forever.  
 C **Amen**

## SENDING SONG

*Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior,  
 Lord, there is none like you.  
 All of my days I want to praise  
 the wonders of your mighty love.  
 My comfort, my shelter,  
 tower of refuge and strength;  
 let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
 never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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## DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
C **Thanks be to God! ALLELUIA!**



Memorial Day (May 29)  
Through  
Labor Day (September 4)  
8 & 9:30 a.m.

**NOTE CHANGE IN TIME OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE!**

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