

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Appleton, Wisconsin

May 21, 2023

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.

Welcome 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!

We 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 to care for little kids in worship. That is why we have several options for parents and caregivers. ***NEW: We have a volunteer-staffed nursery during the 9:40 service for those 4 years old and younger that can be used if you wish.*** Just follow the signs or ask an usher for help to find it! Also, we have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the restrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. Additionally, in the sanctuary, we have a space in the back that we call 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. Another spot for kids to play is in our narthex called the PrayerGround, which is stocked with toys, books, and comfy chairs. There are speakers projecting the service in the narthex, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. 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!

The 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 by John & Carin Alhiser in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Preaching Minister	Pastor Roger McQuistion
Presiding Ministers	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Lori Adams
Musicians	Colleen Perrine, (8:00) Bob Merrill, (9:40) Quinn McGinnis
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond; (8:00) Peter Juhl; (9:40) Andy Palmbach
Ushers	(8:00) Bill Robarge, Greg Knudson (9:40) Bill Lempesis, Ron Jones
Greeters	(8:00) Margie & Mike Bricco, Sharyn March (9:40) Nan & Brad Bunnaw, Pat Meulemans

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

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

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

GATHERING MUSIC (8:00) Hymn Medley Bob Merrill, guitarist
(9:40) *Living Hope* Phil Wickham | Brian Johnson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Shout to the Lord* ELW 821

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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GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P And now, may 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of glory,

C **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This

Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that

you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

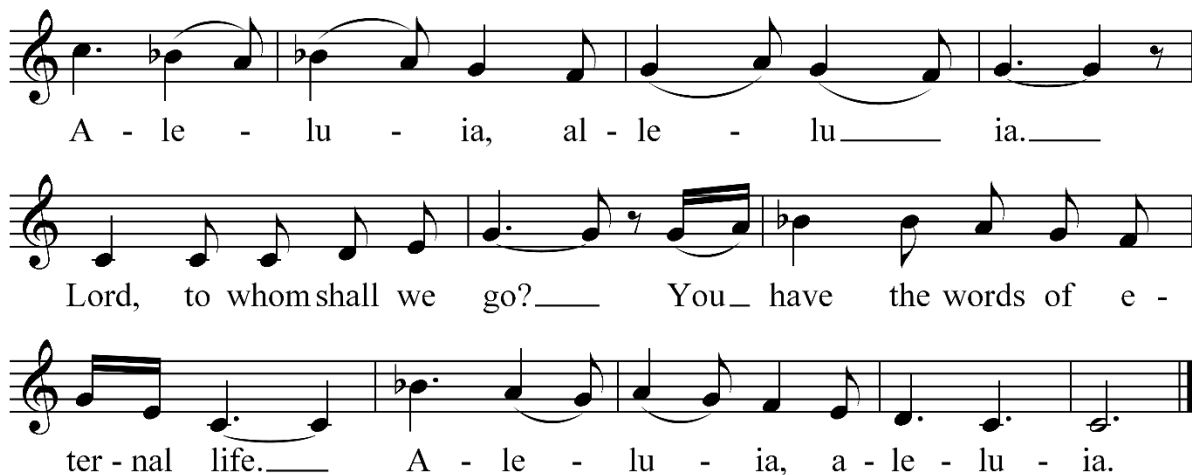
^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____
Lord, to whom shall we go? _____ You have the words of e -
ter - nal life. _____ A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the

world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are

yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and

I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

“Apocalypse Now?”

Pastor Roger McQuiston

(9:40) *Faith Formation children join us for worship during the singing of the hymn.*

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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SHARING THE PEACE

P May the peace of the living Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, be with you now and always.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions end: Hear us, O God,

Response: ...**your mercy is great.**

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

(8:00)

Hymn Medley

Bob Merrill, guitarist

(9:40)

Song Medley

Colleen Perrine & FF children

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Generous God,

C **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

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 TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



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

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COMMUNION MEDITATION

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen**

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG (8:00)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

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.
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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(9:40)

Pharaoh, Pharaoh!

CHORUS

Pharaoh, Pharaoh,
Oh, baby, let my people go. UH!
Yea, yea, yea, I said:
Pharaoh, Pharaoh,
Oh, baby, let my people go. UH!

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

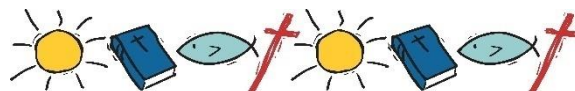
C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians

C **...growing in faith; reaching out in love!**

A Go in peace. Serve the risen one.

C **Thanks be to God!**



PLAN YOUR SUMMER WORSHIP WITH US!

Memorial Day Weekend (May 28) through Labor Day Weekend (September 3)

Sundays: 9:00 am

May 31 through August 30

Wednesday evenings: 6:15 pm



Baptisms



We rejoice with the Branchfield and Smith families as the following children enter God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism this morning:

8:00 a.m.— *Summer Iris Branchfield*; Parents: Tyler and Thea Branchfield
Sponsors: Theron Tracanna, Morgan Fessler, Mackenzie McGuire

9:40 a.m.— *Charlotte Grace Smith*; Parents: Kyle and Shannon Smith
Sponsors: Ameer Gilbert and Whitney Wentworth

Congratulations to both the parents and sponsors!

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