



**FESTIVAL SERVICE**

*Easter Sunday, AD 2025*

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder (except for three hymns during communion - you can find those in the blue hymnals in the pew or on the screens up front). Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

# HAPPY EASTER!



### *A Prayer before worship*

O Lord, You made the dawn of this Holy Easter Day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit, may worship You in sincerity and truth. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

# + THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD +

PLEASE STAND and face the Paschal Candle at the back of the sanctuary at the minister's invitation.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**<sup>1</sup>

This is the day the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let us be joyful and sing loud songs of Alleluia!



The Paschal Candle, a symbol of resurrection and life, is brought forward signifying that CHRIST IS RISEN and is truly present among us gathered in His blessed name. He is our light and the Light of the World!

The Alleluia banner, which was put away at the beginning of Lent, is returned to the sanctuary and carried forth with joy as we sing the word "Alleluia" which means "praise the Lord."

The Processional Cross, is carried forward with joy as we remember the sacrifice completed that allows us to come before God with our prayers and praises on this blessed morning!

The worshipers turn and follow as the Paschal Candle and cross are carried to the front of the sanctuary. There the Paschal Candle stands by the baptismal font where we have been raised to new life in Jesus and the Processional Cross stands by the pulpit where Christ crucified is the center of our preaching.

Hymn 438



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,

<sup>1</sup> This ancient Easter greeting, known as the Paschal Greeting, is one of the oldest and most wide-spread traditions in the Christian Church. Today and throughout the seven weeks of the Easter Season, whenever the minister says to the people, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" they respond loudly, joyfully and boldly: "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## EASTER DIALOGUE

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by His death and resurrection.

**Christ has triumphed for us.**

Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

*2 Corinthians 5:15*

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

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

**the old has gone, the new has come!**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

For you were once darkness,

**but now you are light in the Lord.**

*Ephesians 5:8*

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,

**we too may live a new life.**

*Romans 6:4*

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

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

*1 Corinthians 15:54,55,57*

Let us praise the Lord!

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

*Hymn 511, stanza 3*

*The congregation sings:*

**Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 the 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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## EXODUS 15:1-11

**T**hen Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:  
“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.  
Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

“The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.  
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.

Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.

“In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’

But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who among the gods is like you, Lord?

Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory,  
working wonders?



The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## GOD’S RIGHT HAND AND HOLY ARM

HYMN 937, ARR.

*Choir: God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory,  
God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory.*

*1. Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.  
Death has no power over him; he lives to God.*

*God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory,  
God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory.*

*2. Why seek the living now among the dead?  
Recall his promise unto you; he lives again.*

**CONGREGATION  
and choir:**



God’s right hand and ho - ly arm have won the vic - to - ry,



God’s right hand and ho - ly arm have won the vic - to - ry.

Choir: 3 *Gone is death's victory, gone is death's sting.  
God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord.*

**CONGREGATION and choir:** **God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory,  
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Death has no power over him; he lives to God.**  
**God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory,  
God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.**

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

**L**isten, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that

is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."  
"Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED *Prince of Peace Choir*

*Words and music: Keith, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash  
Choral setting by Joel Raney*

*They crucified my Lord, and he never said a  
mumblin' word.  
How can it be, the One who died,  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing hallelujah.  
For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their friend and king;  
Christ, Christ, He is risen.  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.  
Where doubt and darkness once had been,*

*They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing hallelujah.  
The power that raised Him from the grave,  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;  
Go tell of His goodness.  
Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Hallelujah.  
All creation join to say,  
"Hallelujah!"*

**IF WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE  
BELIEVE WE SHALL LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM.  
WE KNOW THAT CHRIST, RAISED FROM THE  
DEAD WILL NEVER DIE AGAIN, DEATH HAS  
NO MORE POWER OVER HIM.**

## EASTER GOSPEL

## LUKE 24:1-12

*Please stand.*

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord

Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you

look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>"The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary

the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Alleluia! Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## THE 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.**

*Be seated.*

## HYMN 443 AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

### EASTER SERMON

*After the sermon, the congregation stands to sing:*

*Hymn 471, st. 1+4*

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Be seated.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, God of grace, You have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**Christ is risen!**

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**He is risen indeed!**



We marvel at the love You showed by Your willingness to sacrifice Your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at Your mighty power, which raised Him from the dead.

**We praise You for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

Lord Jesus, God of grace, fill our hearts with resurrection joy by Your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in You.**

Holy Spirit, keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when You will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**Alleluia!**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private prayers.

*Silent prayer*

Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. It is in His name that we bring this and every prayer to You, just as He taught:

**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.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give a gift in that way.*

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

## THE HOLY SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**



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. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this morn when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is this morn when man is reconciled to God in Christ.



Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,  
The God on high by all adored.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The heav'ns above and earth below  
To one and all His glory show.  
Sing hosanna! Christ has risen!  
Life is dawning, joy increasing. Alleluia!



*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

## THE WORDS OF JESUS

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away.  
Mercy show us, peace bestow us.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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DEAR GUESTS... Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. We ask that only members or others in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. Others are invited to speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil for more information about communing with us in the future. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith. Instead, it is our desire to do what the Bible teaches in 1 Corinthians 11. We know you wouldn't want a doctor to prescribe medicine without knowing your condition; we believe that Christians should want a pastor to know your spiritual condition before giving you this powerful sacrament too. We believe that we receive just what Jesus says: His true body and blood in a miraculous way! We ask your patience and hope you will receive this request with love. Thank you for your understanding!

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**HYMN 510 | IN CHRIST ALONE**

**HYMN 466 | CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Please stand.*

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.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the LORD with gladness.

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.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please remain standing for the closing hymn.*

## **I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES**

*Hymn 441, st 1,2,3,5,7,8*

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my everliving head!**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives all-glorious in the sky;  
he lives exalted there on high.**

**3 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.**

**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!**

**Serving among us today to our risen Savior's glory...**

Organ/Piano

Neil Woller

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Tori Diersen, Monica Brandt,

Brass

Tom Bruce, Pastor Boettcher, Greta Boettcher

Vocals

Prince of Peace choir, Chandra Lange (director)

Percussion

Michael Paulsen, Cassie Peil, Callie Peil, Chloe Peil, Kenzie Peil



Hang around....  
**EASTER EGG  
HUNT AT  
11:30 THIS  
MORNING!!!!**



**You're always invited to Prince of  
Peace!**

Sunday Worship

8:00 am and 10:15 am

Sunday Family Bible Hour (all ages)

9:15 - 10:00 am

Thursday night worship

6:30 pm

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