

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Isla, Adrian, Jim K., Charlotte, Emily, Jerry, Lois, Marcy, Jimmy, Melissa, David, Denette, Linda, Mary, Dona, Debbie Tracy, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Hope, Tom & Jean Lenhart, Jack P., Brian, John, Julie M., Robbie K., Joyce Olson, Shirley, Norbert, Gabe, Jessica, Dawn, Tricia, Carter, Phil, Nerrezi, Michelle, Pat Mohns, Marr, Cyndy King, Everett Pfile, Tracy W., Lisa, Dave D., Jason Kruckenberg, Shari, Norm, Dean, Jim, Kim, Mary Ann Stewart, Karen, Pastor Mike, Karen, Eli, Chris, Richard Mackenthun, and Joe Beard.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of John Curtright, Michelle Olson, Gene Seifert, and Sandie Storlie. Bob and Karen Lowery upon loss of son Shawn. Sara and JD upon loss of father. Sherry upon loss of husband Dan. Nancy Laursen and family upon loss of daughter Kathy Esselman. Mike Kerr upon loss of wife Karen.

Weekly Schedule

Monday (May 8)

9:30am Prayer Group
10:00am Worship Team
6:30pm Church Council

Wednesday (May 10)

6:30pm Altar Guild

Thursday (May 11)

8:00am-3:30pm Annunciation Co-op
9:45am Internship Meeting

Volunteer Schedule

May 14

AV: Stacy Diemel
Acolyte: Damon Lynch
Ushers: Jim Freedlund & Pam Novotnak
Reader: Darran Landenberger
Communion Assistants: Nancy Freedlund & Darran Landenberger
Counters: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller

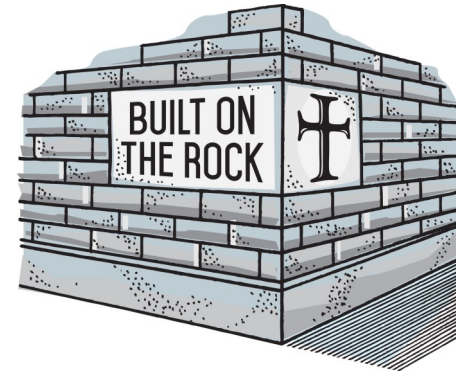
May 21

AV: Kara Wallace
Acolyte: Elliott Diemel
Ushers: Kathy Leahy & Jerry Yarolimek
Reader: Stacy Diemel
Communion Assistants: Richard Mackenthun & Pam Novotnak
Counters: Dorothy Bush & Brad Mueller

Presider: Pastor Cassandra Langr **Pianist:** Linda Chartrau
AV: Elliott Diemel **Acolyte:** Ava Lynch **Ushers:** Greg & Luann Bartz
Reader: Steve Shrider **Communion Assistants:** Lora Conrad & Amy Lynch
Counters: Sandy Buske & Kathy Leahy

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



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Church Office Hours:
M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm

**9:00 am
Service**

Intern & Contract Apprentice
Pastor Cassandra Langr
Tues-Fri 9:00 am-12:00pm

May 7, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please rise)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: (p.56)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN:

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (LBW #131, v.1-3)

Christ is risen alleluia
Risen our victorious head
Sing His praises alleluia
Christ is risen from the dead
Gratefully our hearts adore Him
As His light once more appears
Bowing down in joy before Him
Rising up from grief and tears

Chorus

**Christ is risen alleluia
Risen our victorious head
Sing His praises alleluia
Christ is risen from the dead**

Christ is risen all the sadness
Of our Lenten fast is o'er
Through the open gates of gladness
He returns to life once more
Death and hell before Him bending
See Him rise the Victor now
Angels on His steps attending
Glory round His wounded brow

Chorus

Christ is risen all the sorrow
That last evening round Him lay
Now has found a glorious morrow
In the rising of today
See the grave its firstfruits giving
Springing up from holy ground
He was dead but now is living
He was lost but now is found

Chorus

SALUTATION:

P: 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: (LBW p. 57-58, spoken)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let
us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: (p. 60-61)

Chorus

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood
set us free to be people of God. **Chorus**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing
and glory are his. **Chorus**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God
and the Lamb forever, Amen. **Chorus**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. **Chorus**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people
into a single will. Make us love what you com-
mand and desire what you promise, that, amid
all the changes of this world, our hearts may be
fixed where true joy is found; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60 (pew Bible p. 889)

SECOND READING: I Peter 2:2-10 (pew Bible p. 981)

(please rise)

ALLELUIA: (LBW p. 62)

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

(p. 63)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

(sung)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL TEXT: John 14:1-14 (pew Bible p. 875)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung)

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN:

“The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done” (LBW #135, v.1-4)

Chorus

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

The strife is o'er the battle done
Now is the victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia **Chorus**

The pow'rs of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions has dispersed
Let shouts of holy joy outburst
Alleluia **Chorus**

The three sad days have quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen Head
Alleluia **Chorus**

He broke the age-bound chains of hell
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell
Alleluia **Chorus**

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

(please rise)

NICENE CREED (p. 64)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE:

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

C: And also with you. (greet those around you)

OFFERTORY: (*ushers bring forward offering, p. 66*)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (p. 68-69, sung)

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: (p. 71)

HYMN: (p. 72)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white). Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“One Bread, One Body” (blue WOV #710)

(please rise)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN: (p. 72-73)

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

BLESSING: (p. 74, spoken)

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN:

“Lift High the Cross” (LBW #377)

Chorus

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name**

Come Christians follow where our captain trod
Our king victorious, Christ the Son of God

Chorus

Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine

Chorus

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died

Chorus

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee

Chorus

So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory

Chorus

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Church Happenings

Lawn Mowers Needed—Spring is here and the grass is growing. We need volunteers to help with lawn mowing. Please complete a sign-up sheet or contact the office by Sunday, May 7.

Honoring Our Grads—If you or someone in your family received any type of degree, received a professional certificate, or completed an apprenticeship this school year, please contact the office or complete a Connection Card by May 10.

Book Club—Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm at the church.

With Gratitude—Thank you Prince of Peace Church family for the cards, phone calls, and plant upon the loss of my daughter Kathy. Nancy Laursen



May 14	Mother's Day
May 21	Carpenter's Place & Honoring Grads
May 28	Pentecost

The flowers on the altar are provided by Charlotte Mohns in the memory of Aunt Delores.