

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Setting 10

March 31, 2024

THEME: *Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

PRELUDE 8:00 A.M.

Piano duet by Gail Ernst & Donna Mohr

PRELUDE 10:30 A.M.

Piano duet by Gail Ernst & Donna Mohr

WELCOME (*Please note: the order of worship is completely printed in the bulletin*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (* indicates stand as you are able)

GATHERING

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL** *John 20:1-18*

P The Gospel according the twentieth chapter of John

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

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

***PROCESSIONAL OF CROSS & LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

***GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound* **ELW # 367**
verses. 1, 3 and 4



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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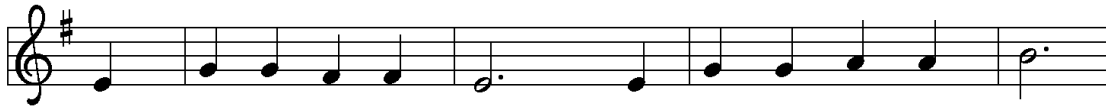
*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

*KYRIE

ELW PAGE 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O God,

C you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2,14-24 (*Worship Asst. reads the non-bold print; congregation reads the bold print*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The Gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Mark

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

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Carl R. Gauck

SERMON

Pastor Carl R. Gauck

verses 1, 4 & 5

***1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.***

***Refrain Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!***

***4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain***

***5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain***

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(The response to “God of Grace,” is “hear our prayer”)*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

8:00 AM OFFERTORY

Donna Mohr

10:30 AM OFFERTORY

Cherie Guillen & Gail Ernst

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

ELW # 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- 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 our thanks and praise.

*SEASONAL SENTENCE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord. We welcome our guests to commune with us today in the faith that Christ is present in this Sacrament. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafer is available upon request. Apple juice is in the center of the tray, or upon request. If you are unable to kneel, please feel free to stand at the communion rail. If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher and the Holy Supper will be brought to you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

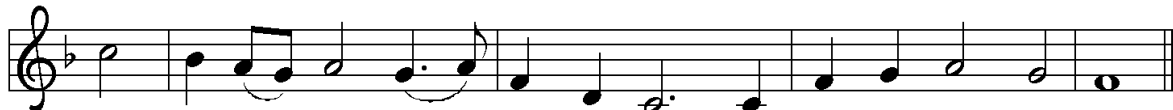
P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 208



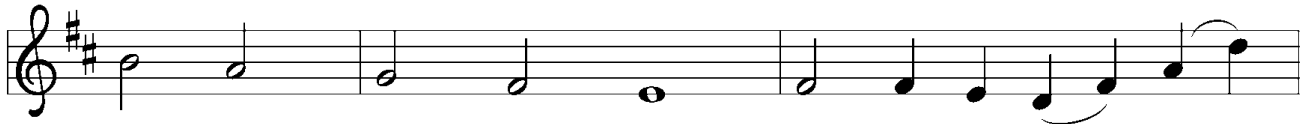
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 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.

7 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.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW # 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
C Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***THE BENEDICTION**

- P** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW # 382

verses 1,3 & 4

- 1 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 griefs and tears.*

*Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!*

- 3 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 first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. (Refrain)*
- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (Refrain)*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

- P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
C To be Spirit Led, Love Driven and God's light to the world!
A Let the Holy Spirit light our path to the future!
C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY OUR VISITORS! As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST: Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

REMINDERS: Please remember to turn off cell phones and/or place them on airplane mode prior to the beginning of worship. Doing so will help improve the internet strength for livestreaming the worship service on Facebook.

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR AREA are given to the glory of God by the following:
in memory of Bernie Webster

Rodney & Susan Stelford

Barry & Patty Killian

Dale & Sue Wilford in loving memory of parents

Bill & Gail Ernst

Jim & Sherry Smith in thanksgiving and memory of the saints

Caroline Wake in loving memory of husband Bill Wake

Ron & Donna Mohr in loving memory of Ed Kirner

Roger & Katherine Hayes-Wallenburg in loving memory of Marian Wallenburg, Brianna Beland & Tim Newsome

Brad & Tonya Messner

Amy & Tom Moore

Heather Roberts

Jenny Mattison in loving memory of husband Herb Mattison



EASTER BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT: Join us after the 8 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for an Easter breakfast! An Easter Egg Hunt for children will take place at 9:45 am.

ELEVATOR: Prince of Peace has an elevator located on the north end of the building.

A NOTE OF THANKS! We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the Fish Fry March 22nd! We had a lot of fun and hope you did too. We were able to raise \$496 to go to Least of These Food Pantry in Ozark! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who cooked, cleaned, served and sang! *POP Fellowship Team*



YOUR PHOTOS will be taken in the prayer chapel located on the upper level for the photo board in the Fellowship Hall and for the purpose of an in-house produced photo directory this year. Photos will be taken March 31, Easter Sunday in between the services. No sign-up needed-just come to the prayer chapel! *Dave Jahnke & Chris Hingst, Evangelism*

APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS: April 6 & 7 Noisy Offerings will go to ELCA Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle, who currently serves as a Dean for far rural eastern Russia. Our Companion Synod, part of the Central States Synod and chaired by Rev. Gary Teske, also works to offer support of Bradn. Our congregation at POP has maintained a sponsorship of Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle through the ELCA Global Mission for over 15+ years.

CARE RIDES: Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Your Congregational Care Team*

FOOD PANTRY: A reminder POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Outreach Team*

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE LEARNING MINISTRIES TEAM! We had a great time at the Children's Easter Festival on Saturday March 23rd! The Learning Ministries Team would like to thank everyone that assisted with the event and donated items for the event including:

- Ben & Joan Harrell for donating empty & toy-filled Easter eggs.
- Brad Beattie & Price Cutter for donating cookies and bottled water.
- Pastor Carl, Gayle & Amos Bell, Pam Duneman, Tonya Messner, Dave Jahnke, Katherine Hayes-Wallenburg, Gail Ernst, Ross Jahn, Herb Peterson, Brett Onstott, Chris Hingst, Carolyn & JR Frazier, and Brandon & Angie Messner for volunteering at the event.
- Diane Washburn for donating palms to place on the cross.
- Jason Farley and his petting zoo from Creeds Town Ranch for attending the event.
- Robin Fleetwood with Face Painting by Tangles for attending the event.
- All members of the congregation who donated candy for Easter eggs.
- All members of the congregation who donated to the March Noisy Offering that helped fund activities at the festival.
- Heather Roberts for ordering supplies and printing flyers for the festival.

Thanks to everyone and Happy Easter from the Learning Ministries Team! *Blessings, Angie Messner, Chris Hingst, & Dave Jahnke*

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Monday Evening Bible Study will not meet April 1 or April 8 and will resume April 15. *Tracy Richter*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in "Dani's Room." (No Sunday School Easter Sunday).

SERVANTS OF THE LORD: If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. *Patty Killian*

Easter Sunday, March 31st	8:00 am Worship Service	10:30 am Worship Service
Acolyte	Avilene Reece	Bryce Messner
Flowered Cross at 8 am/Alleluia Bearer at 10:30 am	Jeremy Stelford	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Tammy Jahnke	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Peggy McCabe
Ushers	Barry Killian & Dave Jahnke	Ross Jahn & Bill Ernst
Organist	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Children's Message	Pastor Carl Gauck	Pastor Carl Gauck
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian
Easter breakfast in between services	Fellowship Team	Fellowship Team

Saturday	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Acolyte	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer needed	Peggy McCabe
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Sunday	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Acolyte	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Brett Onstott	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Jim & Carol Kerns	Kathy Corwin	Patricia Van Aken	Kent & Leania Carter
Usher	Joel Karlson	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst
Hosts	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Bill & Gail Ernst	Mark & Pam Duneman
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger
Tellers	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 3/27/2024)

When a prayer request is given to the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God.

We pray for: *The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia and Papua New Guinea; Russian Bishop Alexander Scheiermann . Pr. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Prayers for Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Natasha and sons Matvey, Martin, & Lukas and mother in law Alla; St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Vitaly Mohr, Pastor Manfred Brockmann, and all who seek to spread God's mercy in word and deed.*

We pray for POP members: Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Butch & Donna Hayden, Andy Derr, Guy Kolie. Preston Kolie, Darrel Arnold, Les & Julie Rohr, Rick Lewis, Jim and Sherry Smith, Becky Skare, Peggy McCabe; Dave and Tammy Jahnke, Cherie Guillen, Joan Harrell, Jerry Van Aken, Jan & Pr. Carl & Jan Gauck.

We pray for loved ones and friends: { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Ronnie Bell (daughter in law of Amos & Gayle Bell) ▶

Anna Fisher and family, daughter of Amos & Gayle ▶

Jackie Milan, (health concerns) and **Tammy Milan** (breast cancer) Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ▶

Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ▶

Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ▶

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ▶

Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ▶

Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ▶

Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ▶

Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ▶

Sandra Doudna and Carolyn Allen, sisters of Herb Peterson who have serious health conditions ▶

Eleanor Lambert, mother of Mike Lambert; **Mark Butcher**, who has cancer and **Jeffrey Roberts**, friend who has severe medical issues -friends of Mike Lambert ▶

Peter Harootunian & parents Jack & Kathy (Jack & Kathy are neighbors of Diane Washburn- Peter has been missing since 5/15/2022) ▶

Terry Broderick, younger brother of Tammy Jahnke. ▶

Suzanne Day, daughter of former POP member Albina Born who has serious health concerns post accident ▶

Doug & Tina Reynolds, Doug is the son-in-law of Amos & Gayle ▶

Terry McDonough, good friend of Gail Ernst, who lives in St. Louis and struggling with Parkinsons Disease ▶

Simon, grandson of Amos and Gayle Bell – health issues ▶

Wallis McCraw, wife of Diane Washburn's cousin, medical issues ▶

Amanda, friend of Tina Bell Reynolds, prayers for support and strength as she grieves the loss of her daughter who died in a car accident (submitted by Gayle and Amos Bell) ▶

Prayers for Jean Sommer, friend of Sarah Derr, and family-Jean is receiving a new kidney! ▶

Becky and husband Steve, friends of Sarah Derr - Steve is on hospice due to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Andy Love, friend of Amos & Gayle Bell

Linda Lynch, her husband Mark, & family. Mark who has lung cancer & is dealing with a lot of fluid retention. They hospitalized him 9/19 to monitor the rate of fluid retention and try to slow it. Linda is a friend of Sarah. ▶

Lisa Martin, daughter of Herb Peterson's cousin who lost both of her legs to diabetes (10/12)

Linda Newman, 42 year old daughter of a friend of Diane Washburn who has 3 bad heart valves and in need of a heart transplant (10/14)

Janet Lumby, submitted by Barb Gielow (11/1) ▶

Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV ▶

Jan Dietrich, stage 4 terminal cancer-friend of Bill and Gail Ernst (1/2)

for local county jail inmates, their families and dear ones, as well as the victims

for local county jail staff and their families and dear ones

John McCabe, son of Peggy McCabe, who has upper back, left shoulder and neck injuries from an off-shore incident in December

Stephanie Kissel, niece of Sharlene Snyder, who is 50 years old, recently diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer and is in hospice care (2/4)

Brenda Perkins, friend of Diane Washburn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia (2/27)

Trent Mohr & family, son of Ronald & Donna Mohr, who underwent emergency surgery in Iowa

Tim McGraw, cousin of Diane Washburn, recovering from major surgery March 28

Albina Born, pneumonia (3/19)

Pat Plymire, a dear friend of the Killian's who underwent open heart surgery at Barnes Jewish in St. Louis

Sandy Call, friend of Gail Ernst, health concerns (3/26)

Dan Wasall, first cousin of Sherry Smith, serious illness and hospitalized in Washington State (3/24)

We pray for those who grieve:

The family of Randy Hendry, nephew of Jenny Mattison, who passed March 21st in Wichita

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31	8:00 am	Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:45 am	Easter Egg Hunt for Children!
	10:30 am	Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Monday, April 1		Easter observance-church office closed
		No Monday Evening Bible Study
Tuesday, April 2	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Wednesday, April 3	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
	6:00 pm	Long Range Planning Committee (<i>Library</i>)
Saturday, April 6	9:00 am	Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society (<i>Rock Room</i>)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, April 7	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE: Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at www.pop-elca.net!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
- 2) Mail your offering to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the “**VANCO MOBILE**” app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO** and give at your convenience;
- 4) Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see the opportunity to give online;
- 5) Scan the QR code to the right. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the “**VANCO MOBILE**” app.



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Prayers of Intercession for Easter Sunday 2024

- A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

- A** Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (especially all who are currently on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds....) and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A** Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**