# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Fourth Sunday in Easter

Welcome!

Everything you need for worship is included in this bulletin.

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold print indicates response from all the people

# **Gathering**

**Prelude** The King of Love My Shepherd Is trad. Irish tune, setting by Healey Willan

#### Welcome

\*Please stand as you are able\*

## **Call to Worship**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed.** 

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed.

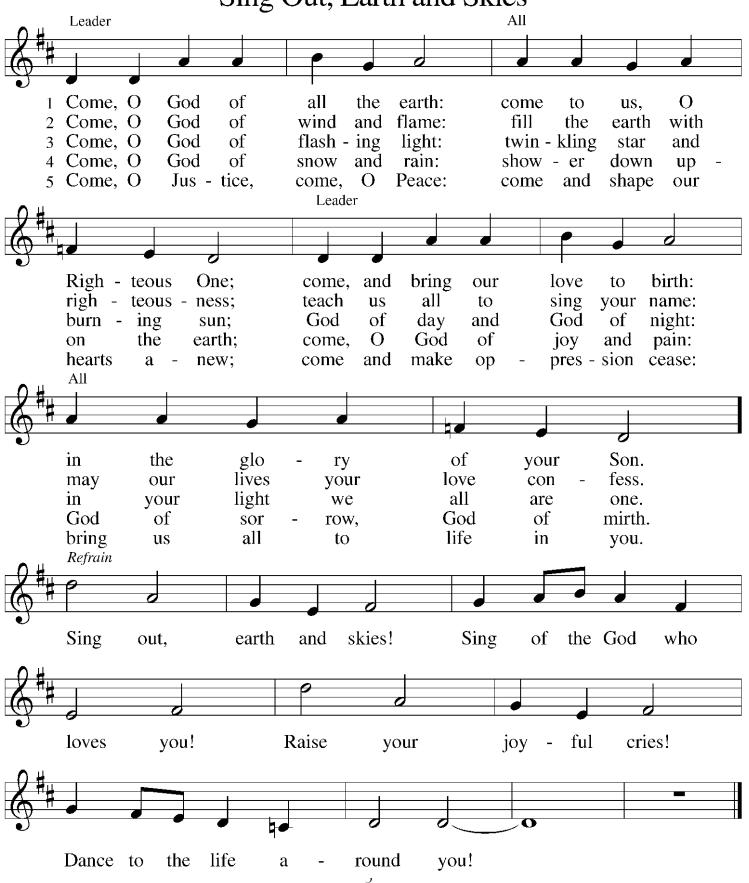
We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

\*Gathering Hymn Sing Out Earth and Skies (printed on the next page)





## \*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation.

We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

# The Word

First Reading Psalm 23

Psalm 23 is known as a "song of trust" because it encourages a sense of calm amidst the tragedies of life.

This is also a passage that many people will know because it is so often used at funerals.
Many may not even realize it's

from the Bible.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
We believe in the goodness of God.
We believe God hears and responds to our needs.
We believe God responds to all people everywhere.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

We are grateful that we've been blessed with enough water.

But we know that many do not have enough.

Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Too many people do not see God's righteousness.

Too many people watch violence, taste hunger, feel fear.

Too many people cry from the unspeakable horror of war.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.

To become involved is risky. Pain is often contagious. Our hearts may be broken and our lives may be threatened. Yet we hear God calling and we can no longer hide.

You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Our steps may be small and timid.

We may read a book, write a letter, or make a gift.

But each tiny step is blessed by God and multiplies.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

God is more relentless than war.

God is more pervasive than hatred.

God is more insistent than despair. Amen.

well-known
passage about
Jesus as the
Good
Shepherd.
There are
many reasons
why Jesus is
called by this

title.

John 10 is a

For example, Jesus is the good shepherd because he knows his sheep and he calls them by name (Lazarus in ch. 11 and Mary Magdalene in ch. 20).

Why do YOU think Jesus is called the Good Shebherd?

### **Gospel Reading**

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Kid's Message

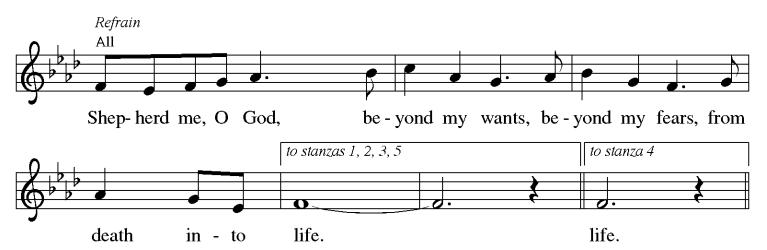
Drew Ajer

Sermon

Pastor Manda Truchinski

(Congregation joins on Refrain)

# Shepherd Me, O God



## \*Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Prayers are organized by themes and each prayer ends with...

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

# \*Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.

Deep gratitude for all that you do to support the ministries and programs of this congregation!

## **Offering**

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



# The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white. Please be welcome here!

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our usher know and we can bring you communion!

#### The Meal

# \*Please stand as you are able\*

#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*Invitation to Receive Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table. No matter one's race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, or faith background.

## \*The Lord's Prayer

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 tresspass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

L: Shepherding 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.

This portion of worship is meant to turn our hearts out towards our neighbors and world in need.

We head out of worship into the mission field...to love others as we have been loved here. So, GO! ©

# The Sending

#### **Announcements**

## \*Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope 

+ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Closing Song: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

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#### \*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please be seated and enjoy the postlude music

**Postlude** *The Royal March* 

**Charles Vincent** 

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us;
- 2 We are yours; in love be friend us,
- 3 You have prom-ised to re ceive us,
- 4 Ear ly let us seek your fa vor,

much we need your ten - der care. be the guard-ian of our way; poor and sin - ful though we be; ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,

for our use your fold pre-pare. seek us when we go a - stray. grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear

Je-sus, bless-ed

you have bought us; we are yours. hear us chil - dren when we pray. ear - ly let us turn to you. you have loved us, love us still.



Je - sus,

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours. chil - dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je - sus. bless-ed Je - sus. hear us ear - ly Bless-ed bless-ed Je - sus. Je - sus, let us turn to you. Bless-ed bless-ed you have loved us, love still. Je - sus, Je - sus, us

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Bless-ed

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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## With thanks to our worship leaders:

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#### **Welcome Visitors!**

We are so glad you joined us! Please drop by the welcome center and sign our guest book, or use the Visitor Card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: ask for a copy of the "Peace Notes", our printed announcements and calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website at propeace.org.

Prince of Peace is a congregation in the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA.

We are proud to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation, publicly affirming our commitment to be a welcoming community of faith for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also a member of NAMI-FaithNet, creating mental-health friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.







