

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

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**April 5, 2026  
Resurrection Sunday**

*Welcome!*

Welcome to all this Resurrection morning! Thanks for coming to help celebrate the Risen One. If you are new here, please know that everyone is welcome to receive communion.

We will be saying Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed! Several times this morning. It is a grand celebration of the wonder and miracle of death overcome.

If you have children with you, they are welcome in worship. We also have a joy room in the back for kids under age 4 if you prefer to have more space for littles to move around.

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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**

### **Easter Procession & Proclamation**

*(Sanctuary is dark; one voice begins singing. When you feel comfortable, please join in- Hold on, hold on, my dear ones, here comes the dawn.)*

**P:** *(from gospel of Matthew)* as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Gathering Hymn** *Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds*

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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;



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



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 -



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



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!"



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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*Woven by many hands during worship last week, the cross installation captures the vibrant diversity of our interconnectivity in Christ.*

*It is a physical representation of the welcome, inclusion, and affirmation of our God this Easter and always.*

## **Welcome**

**Pr. Sara**

**P: Christ is Risen!**

**C: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

**L: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of a grace-filled life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Music** *How Great Thou Art*

**Juanita Harris**

*Text: Cari G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989*

*Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune: adapt. Stuart K. Hine*

## **Children's Message**

**Drew Ajer, youth director**

## **Sermon**

**Rev. Sara Pearson**

# \*Hymn of the Day

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*Prayers of the People**

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

L: God of grace,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

*We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. You may pass the peace in whatever way is most physically comfortable.*

## **\*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 Meal**

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

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

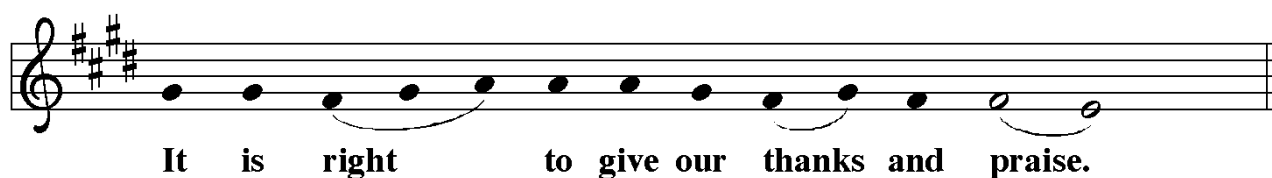
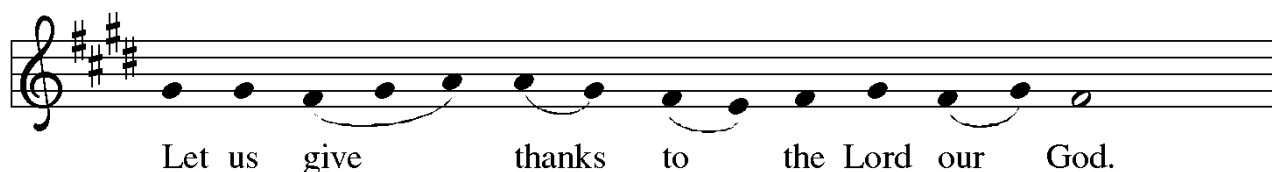
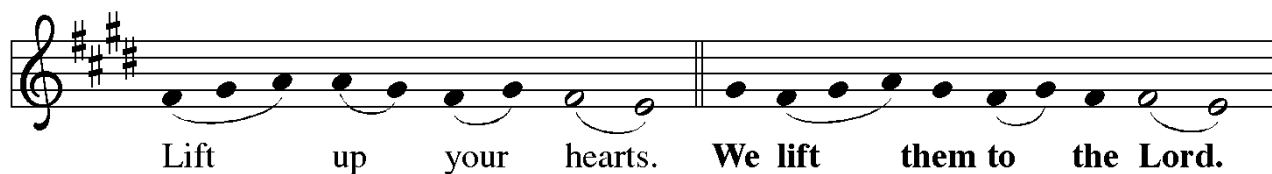
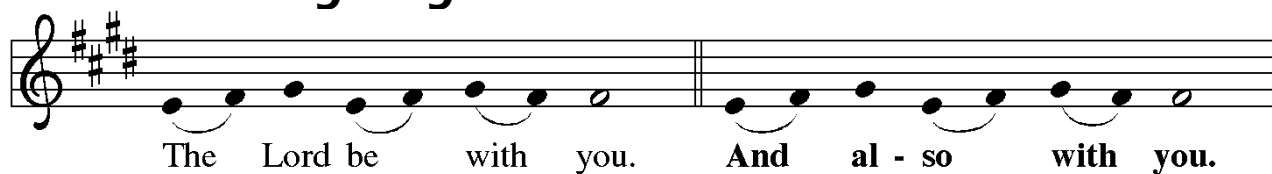
If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion!

## **\*Words of Institution**

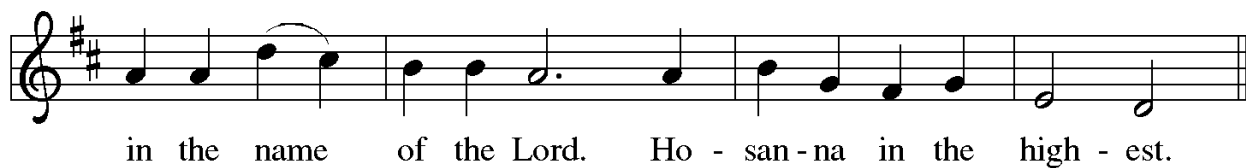
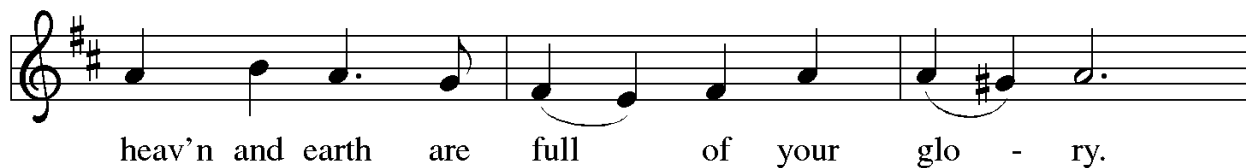
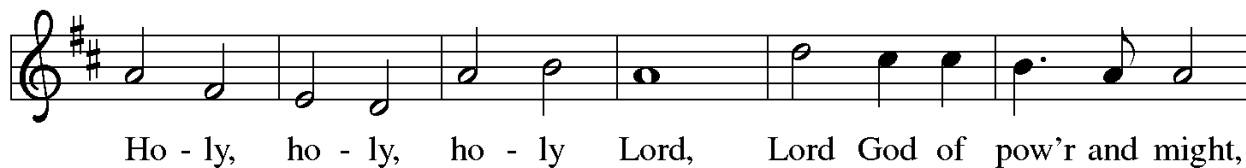
## **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*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, immigration status, political party, or faith background.*

## \*Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **\*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 trespass 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.**

## **Communion Music**

*I am the Bread of Life*  
by Suzanne Toolan

Kirk Eichelberger

*Offertoire pour Pâques, sur "O filii et filiae" (O Sons and Daughters)*  
Clément Loret

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**P:** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

We head out of  
worship  
empowered...to  
love others as we  
have been loved  
here. So, GO! ☺

A special  
welcome to our  
guests today!  
We have  
welcome bags for  
you, please raise  
your hand so we  
can hand them  
out during  
announcements.

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Please join us in  
the hall for  
Easter  
Breakfast! It is  
a free will  
offering  
fundraiser for  
our youth  
program and all  
of the volunteer,  
service, and  
relationship  
building that  
they do!

# 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:** *Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**With thanks to our worship leaders:**

Todd Hauschildt, *Head Usher*  
Carol Bierach, *Altar Guild & Sanctuary Art*  
Lisa Lesage, *Reader*  
Todd Hauschildt, Don Faulkenhagen,  
Gabe Pearson-Winterhof, Jakob Garcia, *Ushers*

**Special thanks to today's musicians:**

Juanita Harris, *Vocalist*  
Kirk Eichelberger, *Vocalist*  
Michael Touchi, *Organ*  
Heidi Modr, *Violin*  
Graham Nelson, *Cello*

**Prince of Peace Staff**

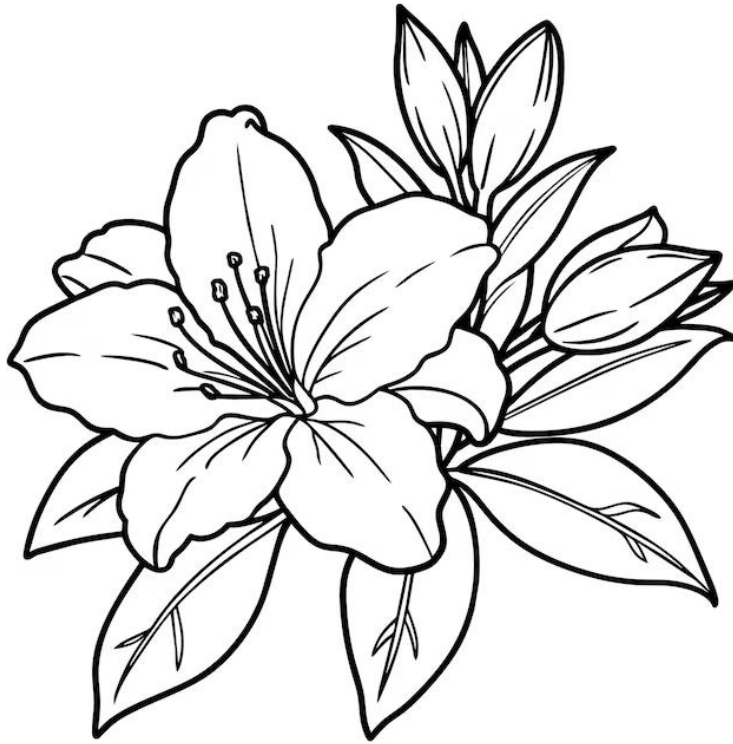
*Rev. Sara Pearson*  
Drew Ajer, *Director of Youth and Service*  
Anne Hess, *Office Manager*  
Katie Hoffman, *Office Associate*  
Barbara Day Turner, *Director of Music*  
Michael Touchi, *Pianist/Organist*  
Kerry Lewis, *Music Staff Associate*

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“Hold On” music and lyrics written by Heidi Wilson

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## **Azaleas in memory of**

Steven Garcia

Manuel Garcia

JoAnne Conly

Harriet and Howard Emerson

Doris and Robert Gartner

Benny Blake

Bob & Evelyn Schroeder

Jo-Ann Birdsall

For those forever in our hearts

## Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you joined us! Please use the Visitor Card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate. Special gift bags made for visitors are in the lobby as well.

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](http://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.

