

Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Certain Hope for an Uncertain World:
How to Hope

Easter 2

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"Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace."

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

THEME FOR TODAY

When you've had your hopes dashed it can be hard to hope again. When our hearts are hurting, sometimes our hearts want to hope. There is too much pain. Too much risk. Too much uncertainty. Jesus understands. He meets us in our doubts and disbelief, not only with evidence of his resurrection but also with healing words that raise up sure and certain hope in our souls!

INFORMATION

- Our nursery area is located near the entrance area of the church. It is equipped with a television monitor so that you can view and follow the service if you desire to stay with your child in the nursery.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors down the hallway on the right. A changing table for infants and toddlers is located in both restrooms. Additional restrooms are available in the education wing.
- The service is recorded and may be found on our YouTube channel or website.

EASTER SERMON SERIES

How good it is to have certain hope! But, there is so much more to learn about this certain hope than just what we will hear today. Join us throughout the Easter season to celebrate the certain hope Easter gives.

Certain Hope for an Uncertain World:

Sunday, April 11th	—	How to Hope
Sunday, April 18 th	—	Peace > problems
Sunday, April 25 th	—	Fully known & Fully Loved
Sunday, May 2 nd	—	The truly blessed life
Sunday, May 9 th	—	The Real Power Within!
Sunday, May 16 th	—	An answer to prayer

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 145

EASTER

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's
heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where
I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and
me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor
gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -
he is gone, Live and reign with him in -
act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry
pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -
trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!
giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;
ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;
por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
"Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt.
Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✝) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

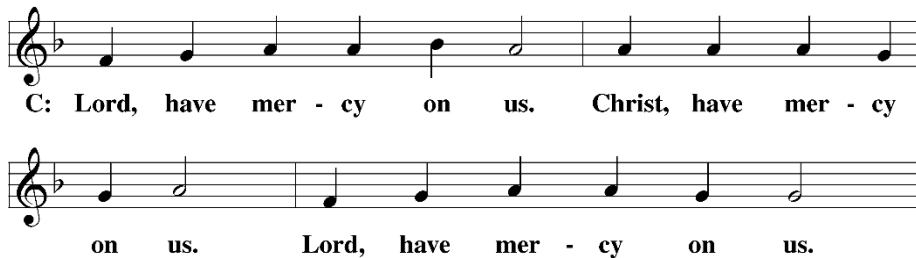
[M]: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[C]: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

(Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.)



[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✝) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

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This Is the Feast of Victory*Dignus est Agnus*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



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



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, And
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be-

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia!

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



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

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SALUTATION

(This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section of the service.)

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 26:19-29

Standing on the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, the Apostle Paul boldly invites Festus to learn how to hope in the resurrected Christ!

¹⁹ “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. ²¹ That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. ²² But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—²³ that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

²⁴ At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”

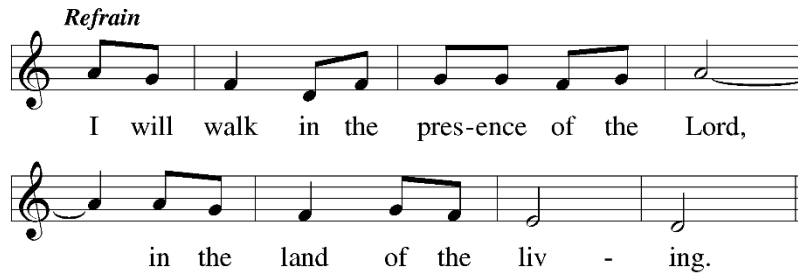
²⁵ “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. ²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”

²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

²⁹ Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 16



Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Because of Christ's death and resurrection our whole attitude towards the law of love changes. We want to love those he loves, not to gain his love but precisely because we have it already.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. *(John 20:29b)*



STAND



GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The very first thing the disciples hear from the mouth of the risen Savior is: Peace! That's even his message to Thomas and now with an exclamation point behind it to us who have not seen but by the power of the Word have nevertheless believed.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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

EASTER

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O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear,
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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|---|---|
| 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! | 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! |
| 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! | 9 On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615, alt.

Hope aggressively

- I. Resting in God's peace**
- II. Doing God's task**
- III. Overcoming by the Spirit**

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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OFFERING

During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, princeofpeacemartinez.com.

EASTER

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1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant
 2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is
 3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -

glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el
 fly - ing From his light, to whom we give
 stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more

In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of
 Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the
 Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,

souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from
 gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the
 raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has

three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.
 watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.
 brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.
 Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

STAND

PRAYER

[M]: 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.

[C]: Amen.

BLESSING

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

[M]: 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.

[C]: Amen.

REMAIN STANDING

HYMN 756

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

FAITH

756 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch his hands and side
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
No gra - cious words we hear
Nor fol - low where he trod,
And may our faith a - bound
Are found in means di - vine:
In realms of clear - er light,
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But in his prom - ise we re - joice
To call on you when you are near
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,
We may be - hold you as you are
But we be - lieve him near.
And cry, "My Lord and God!"
And seek where you are found.
Be - neath the bread and wine.
With full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	Pastor @ Circuit Meeting in Bluffton, SC
TUESDAY	5:00 pm Catechism
WEDNESDAY	10:15 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship with Lord's Supper (Inside) 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Lord's Supper (Outside)

FLOWERS

Chris and Vanessa Deines are celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary. The flowers today are their gift of gratitude to God for the blessings they have enjoyed as husband and wife. We join them in thanking God for blessing this union and for providing them with a common faith in Jesus Christ by which they can continue to encourage one another and serve one another as though serving their Lord. Congratulations to Chris and Vanessa!



PRESCHOOL WEEK IN REVIEW - Last week was Spring Break!

CAMP SOUTH (JULY 26-30)

All youth entering 4th - 9th grades in Fall of 2021 are invited to a fantastic week of so much fun and growing in God's Word! Hosted at the Georgia FFA camp in Covington, GA, we're inviting youth to take part in engaging worship & Bible studies, great activities, and opportunities to meet new friends. Talk to Dave Wood for registration information.

- Where - Georgia FFA/FCCLA Camp in Covington, GA
- When – July 26-30
- How much - \$295/youth
- Who - those entering 4th - 9th grades (as for Fall 2021)
- For more information, visit southatlanticyouth.com

AMAZING RACE – TEEN CHALLENGE (JUNE 22-25)

All high school teens are invited to an unforgettable teen rally with scavenger hunt through Disney's Magic Kingdom, inspiring keynotes, fun at an amazing resort, and a great chance to grow with people at the same point in life's journey. Talk to Dave Wood for registration information.

- Where – Tropical Palms Resort (Kissimmee, FL)
- When – June 22-25
- How much - \$395/youth
- Who - High school teens (9th-12th grades as of Spring 2021 and those 9th grade in Fall of 2021)
- For more information, visit southatlanticyouth.com

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
4/1, 4/2, 4/4/21	\$ 4,769.00	8:00 am	45	4/4/21	\$ 2,275.00
Month to Date	\$ 4,769.00	10:30 am	65	Month to Date	\$ 2,275.00
YTD	\$ 52,710.00	Total	110	YTD	\$ 12,495.00
Budget YTD	\$ 55,529.00	Maundy Thursday	27	Budget YTD	\$ 9,318.00
2020 YTD	\$ 54,742.00	Good Friday	32	2020 YTD	\$ 15,263.00
		Youtube Views:	50		

Weekly needs April Operating Offering

\$ 4,019.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00

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