



April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God’s song of love this morning. Once again, welcome!

**Nursery Care for children up to age 4 is available during worship in preschool Room 1 (exit using the south door church entrance go through the courtyard gate and follow the signs towards the preschool deck). **Children activity bags are available in the narthex.*

Partnering in Prayer: Nan Nelson Barbara Sipple Cleo Dillabough
 Martha Weld Donna Hesse Betty Schroeder

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW# 379

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
 thinking that he would never wake again;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry,
 grieving, or in pain,
 your touch can call us
 back to life again,
 fields of our hearts
 that dead and bare have been;
 love is come again
 like wheat arising green.

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the closeness of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Kyrie

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

L: In peace, with open hearts and unclenched fists, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: For God's glory to shine everywhere, for the unity of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live in love, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: God of every moment, help, save, empower, enlighten and defend us.

P: Thank you, praise you, thank you. Amen.

Assistant:
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
Congregation:
A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise:

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Announcements

Gospel: Acts 1:1-14

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: This is the Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

You Shall Be My Witnesses

Pastor Rick Sherrill

Message Hymn

We Walk by Faith

ELW# 635 v.1,2,4,5

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

4. For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

5. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW# 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

1. Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2. Now he sends us all out,

strong in faith, free of doubt,

strong in faith, free of doubt.

Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

Dismissal

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to POP?



We'd love to connect!



POP Announcements

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10am in the conference room!
Everyone welcome.

Women's Fellowship/Bible Study -Tuesday's at 9:30am- 11:00 am in the Church office conference room. Welcoming women of all ages. Contact Debbie Nelson if you have any questions, debnelson1@cox.net.

Theology Pub -Tuesday's April 9th, 7pm at Fate Brewery (S.Scottsde) Everyone is Welcome!

BG's next meetup is April 26 at OHSO (Arcadia) at 5pm. Contact Pastor Paul if you have any questions. See you there, everyone is Welcome!



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