

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2026, 11:00am**  
**Divine Service Setting IV**

**Prelude: CCLI 2298355 Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

*CCLI 2298355*

- 1 Chorus  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You
  
- 2 Chorus  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You
  
- 3 Verse  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy
  
- 4 Chorus  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You
  
- 5 Chorus  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You
  
- 6 Verse  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

7 Bridge  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Hymn of Invocation: CCLI 4785828 Lead Me To The Cross

*CCLI 4785828*

- 1 Verse 1  
Saviour I come quiet my soul  
Remember redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom
- 2 Pre-Chorus  
Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss
- 3 Chorus  
Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross
- 4 Verse 2  
You were as I tempted and tried human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death  
Now You're risen
- 5 Pre-Chorus  
Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss

6 Chorus  
Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

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*Stand*

## Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

*LSB 184*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day: Easter 4 (Three-Year Lectionary)** *LSB 205*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

*Psalm 23*

**L** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**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 your staff, they comfort me.**

**L**       <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
      you anoint my head with oil;  
      my cup overflows.

**C**       <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**All: 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.**

**Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**A**   This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**   **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Hymn: CCLI 4836375 Psalm 23**

*CCLI 4836375*

- 1   Chorus 1  
      Jesus my Shepherd and only Provider  
      He makes me lie down in green pastures  
      He leads me beside the still water  
      He restores my soul
  
- 2   Verse 1  
      Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
      All the days of my life  
      And I will dwell in His house forever  
      Until the end of time

- 3 Chorus 2  
Jesus my Shepherd and only Provider  
You make me lie down in green pastures  
You lead me beside the still water  
You restore my soul
- 4 Verse 2  
Though I walk through the valley of shadows  
I will not be afraid  
Your rod and staff are my only comfort  
And You'll be with me always
- 5 Bridge  
You prepare a table before me  
In the presence of my enemies  
And You anoint my head with oil  
And my cup overflows  
My cup overflows with Your Love  
With Your Love
- 6 Chorus 2  
Jesus my Shepherd and only Provider  
You make me lie down in green pastures  
You lead me beside the still water  
You restore my soul

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## Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

*John 10:1-10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Children's Message

### Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

*Sit*

### Presentation Hymn: CCLI 7121852 Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me CCLI 7121852

1 Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2 Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3 Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4 Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

5 Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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**Sermon**

*Pastor Matthew Prince*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 207*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response for prayer petitions:

**P** Lord in your mercy

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*LSB 207*

*Stand*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 209*

**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.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Hymn to Depart: CCLI 3798438 Blessed Be Your Name**

*CCLI 3798438*

- 1 Verse 1  
Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name
  
- 2 Verse 2  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name
  
- 3 Pre-Chorus  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say
  
- 4 Chorus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name
  
- 5 Verse 3  
Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name
  
- 6 Verse 4  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

7 Pre-Chorus  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

8 Chorus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

9 Bridge  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

10 Bridge  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

11 Chorus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace and serve the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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