



THIRD SUNDAY  
in  
LENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
March 23, 2025  
The Third Sunday of Lent

# Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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Church Office Hours: T-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.  
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

## Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

### **As We Gather**

One of the important tasks of a prophet is to proclaim repentance. God's people are going in the wrong direction. They need to stop, turn, and return to God. Today we see Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus serving as God's prophets.

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**Look out!**

**Hymn of Invocation 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- C** **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.**
- P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- C** **You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- C** **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 33:7–20*

- A** A reading from the book of Ezekiel, chapter thirty-three

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Psalm 85 sung to the tune of LSB 753 “All for Christ I have Forsaken”*

1 Lord, You showed Your land Your favor and restored us bountifully.  
All our sin with grace You covered and forgave iniquity.

2 You withdrew Your burning anger, Turned away from Your fierce wrath.  
Now, once more, O God our Savior, Restore us who seek Your path

3 Will Your anger last forever? To all ages wrath prolong?  
Will You not again revive us that we may rejoice in song?

4 Show us now Your lovingkindness, Grant us Your salvation, Lord.  
I will listen to what God says: Peace to those who Him adore.

5 Let them not return to folly for salvation is quite near;  
In our land may the Lord's glory dwell with those who do God fear.

6 Love and truth have met together, Righteousness and peace kiss; then  
faithfulness springs forth from earth and righteousness looks down from heav'n.

7 For the Lord will give what's good and then our land its fruit will yield;  
Righteousness will go before Him, Make His steps a path revealed.

### **Epistle** *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

**A** A reading from the first book of Corinthians, chapter ten

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

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

### **Holy Gospel** *Luke 13:1–9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Hymn of the Day 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

## Sermon

### Offering/ Offertory 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface *LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, ...

#### Sanctus *LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

#### Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

#### Pax Domini *LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

#### Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



*Please Sit*

## Distribution Hymns

### 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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### 547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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## **Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**A** Let us pray...  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

## **Benedicamus** *LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction** *LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **Closing Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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# Peace Notes

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**Flowers on the altar** are offered by Doug and Rosemarie Butler in celebration of their first wedding anniversary! Happy Anniversary, Doug and Rosemarie!

**Order Lillies today!** Time to get your orders in for an Easter Lily! See the envelopes in the narthex this morning. Cost is \$7 per plant and you may designate them for a special person or event! Order yours today!

**IT'S TIME TO HOP ON DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL** to our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, April 12, 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 3-11. There will be crafts and games as well as egg hunts. We are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy, snacks, and small toys that the children will receive in exchange for the eggs they find (we do not need plastic eggs). These can be placed in the trunk in the narthex. We also need volunteers to help with hunt on Saturday morning and/or set-up on Friday afternoon, April 11, at 2 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, talk to Ed or Sharon Kaiser or Marabeth Warnke.

**March night at the Movies!** Join us for *Queen Bees*, a comedy about the young at heart! This movie tells the story of a woman who after reluctantly agreeing to move into a home for seniors, encounters a clique of mean-spirited women and an amorous widower. Join us for an evening of laughter and fun! As always, a pizza dinner is provided! Friday, March 28 at 5pm

**Join us** during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for dinner and worship following at 7pm. Start planning now for holy week! We will have a Palm Sunday brunch immediately following worship. Then services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday both at 7pm! Be sure to plan to join us!!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Today

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:45am

### Tuesday, March 25

Bible Study @ noon  
Prayer Team 7:15pm  
NA meeting 7:30pm

### Wednesday, March 26

Dinner at 6pm  
Worship at 7pm

### Thursday, March 27

Bible study 7pm

### Friday, March 28

NA meeting 11 a.m.  
Movie Night 5pm  
AA Meeting 8 p.m.

### Sunday, March 30

Bible Study 8:30am  
Worship at 9:30am  
Bible Study 10:45am

## COMING UP

### Monday, April 7

Board Meeting 7pm

### Saturday, April 12

Egg hunt 10am

### Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday Brunch

## Keep in Prayer this week

*Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...*

- ✠ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-torn nations in the world.
- ✠ For God's plan and provision for Prince of Peace as He prepares the hearts of our congregation and our future pastor.
- ✠ For the Walker family as they celebrate the birth of two baby girls into the family this past week.
- ✠ For safety and fair weather for those traveling
- ✠ For those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this weekend.
- ✠ Special thanksgiving for Ron and Barb Donoghue and their service to Prince of Peace as they move to the west side of the state this coming week.
- ✠ For those suffering with cancer. For strength, healing and peace.
- ✠ For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Pat and John Geisinger, Janice Kaminski and Shari Thilking, Joan B., Ann Maciejewski, Mike Hodgins, Nick Brennan, Elaine Echols, Britta Wofford, Velte Toledo, Carol Hamilton, JoAnn Lind

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### Service Schedule

|                       | 23-March            | 30-March         | 6-April         |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                       | 9:30 a.m.           | 9:30 a.m.        | 9:30 a.m.       |
| <b>ELDER</b>          | Greg Echols         | Dick Walker      | Greg Echols     |
| <b>READER</b>         | Karen Turgeon       | Karen Turgeon    | DeColle Abbott  |
| <b>GREETER</b>        | Susan & Kurt Vaaler | Chris Moses      | Marabeth Warnke |
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| <b>TELLERS</b>        | JoAnn Lind          | Sharon Moses     | Doug Butler     |
|                       | Mike Hodgins        | Irene Rothschild |                 |
| <b>USHERS</b>         | Mike Beyersdorf     | Kurt Vaaler      | Joe Svoke       |
|                       | Ed Kaiser           | Jesse Brindle    | Mark Wells      |
|                       | Dick Walker         | Doug Butler      | Mike Beyersdorf |

*Serving on Altar Guild for the month of March is Lillian Harmon*