

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church March 30, 2025 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm Music Director, Karen Turgeon Office Manager, Laura Dygert 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

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature. Luther explains the Apostles' creed in this way. Isaiah describes a God who is strength and salvation. This is a God worth singing about! We join in praise of Him!

March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday in Lent My Salvation

Opening Hymn 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive 1 Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander! Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing, Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing. Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh; Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession. Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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▶ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- 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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** 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,
- 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- **P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 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.
- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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.

• And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 *Isaiah* 12:1–6

A reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter twelve.

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Sung to the Nettleton tune LSB 848 "Lord whose Love Through Humble Service"

1Bless-ed is the one whose sin is covered over by the Lord, Whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose guilt God won't record. Bless-ed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against him, In whose spirit no deceit or hidden sin is found within.

2When I held my sin inside me, and kept silent in my way, Then my bones grew weak and wasted through my groaning all the day. For Your hand was heavy on me; day and night, my strength did lapse; Sapped away as in the heat of summer's hot, lethargic grasp.

3Then I told You of my sin, and did not hide iniquity; I said, "I'll confess my trespass"—You forgave, purged guilt from me. Therefore, let the godly pray to You while You may still be found; Surely waters will not reach them, mighty waves that surge around.

4For You are my place of hiding, You protect me from all strife; And with songs of Your deliv'rance, You surround and keep my life. "I will teach and will instruct you in the way that you should go; I will counsel and watch o'er you; the right path to you I'll show.

5"Don't be like the horse or mule that do not understand at all; Lest they're led by bit and bridle, they won't come when you do call." Many woes afflict the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love does surround the ones who trust Him. Sing! Rejoice in God above!

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

A reading from the second book of Corinthians, chapter five.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he

has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.''

- **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 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass, Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits; His blessèd angels gather Around the heav'nly gates. No question will be asked us How often we have come; Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door, What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Sermon

Offering

Offertory 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image 1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd 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! Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

 Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me, Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee? Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask beside Thee.

 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear. Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me. 3 Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour; Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him. 4 Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice. Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my Savior move me Since He deigns to love me. 5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again. Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever. 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,

Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er I here must bear,

Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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,
- **G** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

Benedicamus LSB 202

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

Benediction LSB 202

- Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe: Through Thy suffrings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,

For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Peace Notes

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.

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!!

Another Way Pregnancy Center Laugh4Hope is coming up on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm, join us for an evening of clean, family-friendly comedy that will lift your spirits and provide hope to women and families in need.

Date: Friday, April 4, 2025
Location: Ward Church, Northville
Tickets: awpcfriends.org/events

WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Today</u> Bible Study 8:30am Worship at 9:30am Bible Study 10:45am

<u>Tuesday, April 1</u> Bible Study @ noon Prayer Team 7:15pm NA meeting 7:30pm

<u>Wednesday, April 2</u> Dinner at 6pm Worship at 7pm

<u>Thursday, April 3</u> AWPC class 5:30pm

<u>Friday, April 4</u> NA meeting 11 a.m AA Meeting 8 p.m. *AWPC Laugh4Hope!*

<u>Sunday, April 6</u> Bible Study 8:30am Worship at 9:30am Bible Study 10:45am

COMING UP

<u>Monday, April 7</u> Board Meeting 7pm

<u>Saturday, April 12</u> Egg hunt 10am

<u>Sunday, April 13</u> 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 wartorn 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 safety and fair weather for those travelling
- ✤ 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, Carol Hamilton, JoAnn Lind

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	30-March	6-April	13-April
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDER	Dick Walker	Greg Echols	Mike Beyersdorf
READER	Karen Turgeon	DeColle Abbott	Susan Vaaler
GREETER	Chris Moses	Marabeth Warnke	Elaine Echols
VIDEO OPERATOR	Lillian Harmon	Ed Kaiser	Jesse Brindle
TELLERS	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild	Doug Butler	Barbara Moore Jim Hart
USHERS	Kurt Vaaler Jesse Brindle Doug Butler	Joe Svoke Mark Wells Mike Beyersdorf	Ed Kaiser Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler

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