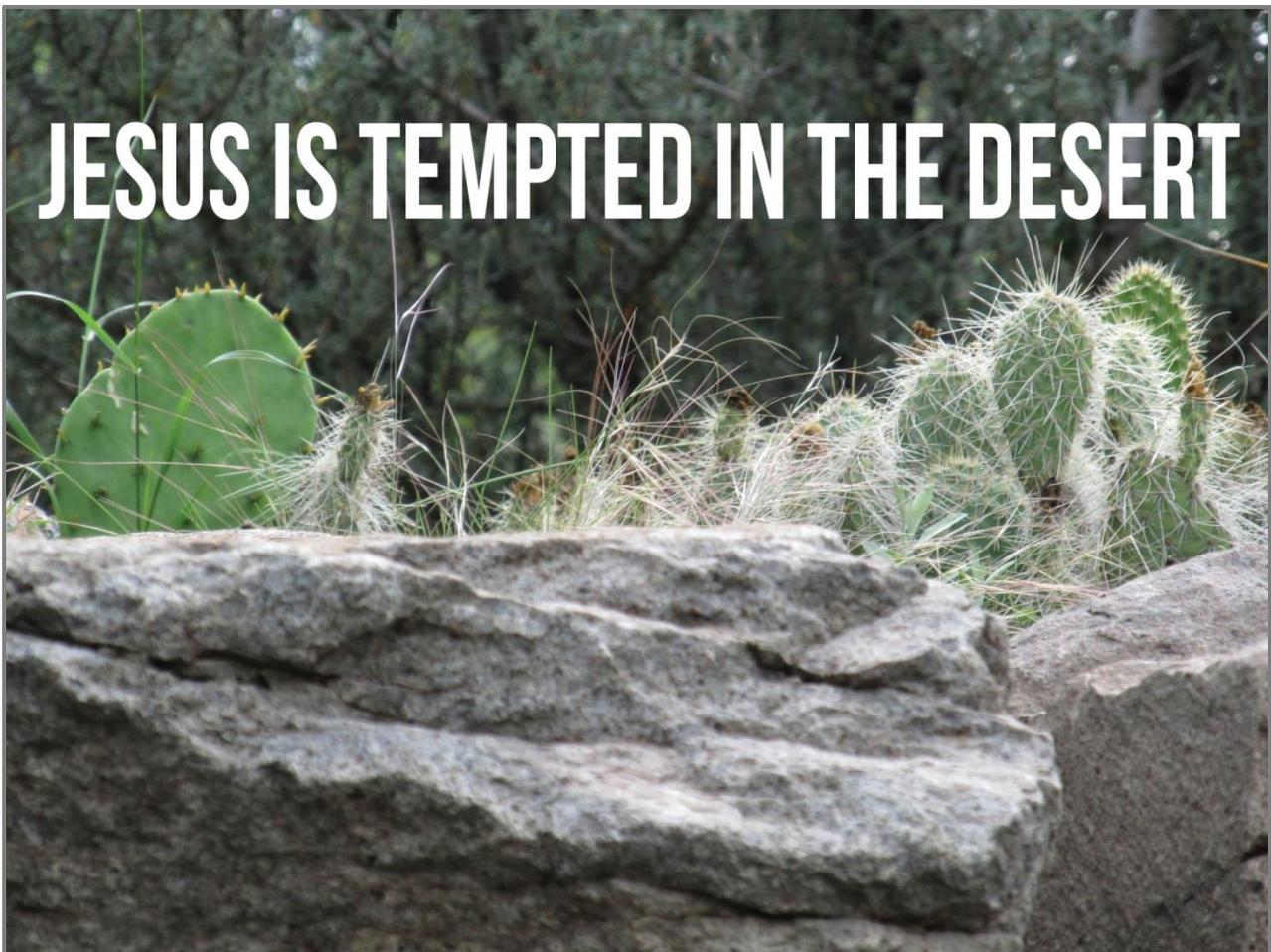


First Sunday in Lent



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
February 21, 2021**

Mission Statement
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love

PoP Vision 2024
We will be
... an engaged and inclusive congregation of disciples,
transforming the lives in our community
through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

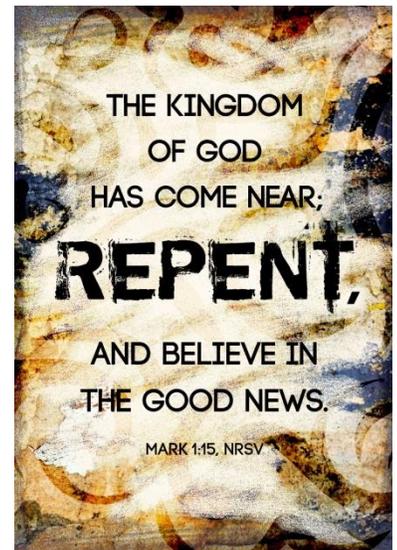
Worship Leaders

Preaching Minister	Jennifer DeNetz
Presiding Minister	Roger McQuiston
Musicians	Colleen Perrine Tad Peterson & Corrina Czarnik
Reader	Leah Johnson
Children's Message	Brigetta Wingender
Technical Support	Nathan Jansen Tom Richmond

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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P-Pastor R-Reader C-Congregation



GATHERING MUSIC

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen**

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence for reflection

P Fountain of living water,

C **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen**

P Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1 Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2 King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus (repeat chorus as above)

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Chorus So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
ALL **Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.**
Leader Chri-ste, Chri-ste e-le-i-son.
ALL **Chri-ste, Chri-ste e-le-i-son.**
Leader Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
ALL **Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the

clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which

a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

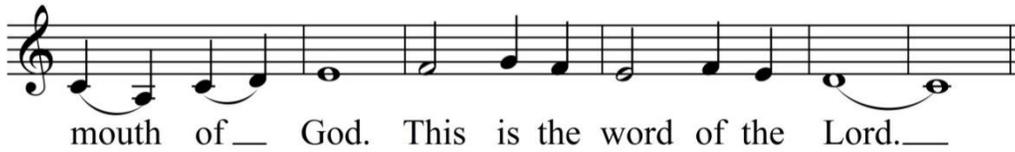
LENTEN VERSE



One does not live by__ bread a__ lone,



but by__ ev' ry__ word__ that comes from the__



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GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE & SONG

Brigetta Wingender & Musicians

My Forever Hero

Colleen Perrine

Jesus, be with me ev'ry day, your presence lights my way, you're my forever hero!
 Jesus, you're always there to guide me, you're standin' right beside me, you're my forever hero!
 Everyone wants a hero, with superpowers. Jesus will be your hero, no matter what will come.
 Jesus will rescue you; Jesus will rescue you from darkness!
 Jesus will be your forever hero; He will be at your side!
 Jesus, you fill me with your power. I need you every hour;
 you're my forever hero, you're my forever hero, you're my forever hero!

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
 through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
 full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
 Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
 Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.

Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "and re - new a right spir - it with - in me." The third staff contains the melody for the third line: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
 Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God of the cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our time, talent and treasures we receive blessings of grace and love. Use the gifts we offer toward your holy work of bringing peace, justice and service to the world. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen**

PRAYERS

Petitions end: Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

FINAL BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Prince of Peace is a family of Christians, growing in faith and reaching out in love.
Be at peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Midweek Lenten Worship Services

“What does it mean to be chosen to follow Jesus?”

That is what we will ask one another in our Midweek Lenten services this year. How did/does following Jesus change our lives?

The Wednesday Midweek Services begin on February 24 and will be livestreamed at 6:15, using the beloved Holden Evening Prayer. Also we will use brief video clips to look at Jesus from the perspective of those who met him. We are using the first year of an online video series, “The Chosen,” which is available for free personal and congregational use on Youtube and “The Chosen.com” website.

Here is how it will work. The pastors will look at one character each week. They will use video clips, insights and Biblical background and questions to explore the life of a particular person who met Jesus. Then, after the service, we will do a 20 minute Zoom Sermon Talk Back.

Here’s how you can participate!

- Tune into the Livestream and watch the service/sermon live.
- Tune into the Zoom 20 minute Sermon Talk Back, which will be held right after the service. There you can share your questions, discoveries and “a-ha” moments.

Here is the sign in info:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769807014?pwd=VIBTSmE5amdWOEdJd1FvMDdvaXJIZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6980 7014

Passcode: 366294

- If you really want to go deeper, you can watch all 8 episodes of “The Chosen.” (They are 45-50 minutes each. It would be a great Lenten devotion for you and/or your family.) They are on Youtube for anyone to access. So go to Youtube and type in “The Chosen Season One.” Keep in mind that these episodes are not just dedicated to one character. You will meet numerous characters interacting with one another. Since we don’t have direct quotes from characters about their interactions with others off-camera from Jesus, the writers have taken some dramatic license to imagine some dialogs and situations that aren’t in the Bible, all while staying true to the characters and what we know they could have said.

Intrigued? We hope so! Plan on joining us!

Here is what the schedule looks like:

Feb. 24 – Mary Magdalene

March 3 – Nicodemus

March 10 – Matthew

March 17 – Peter

March 24 – Congregational Healing Service