



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

April 3, 2022  
9:40 a.m. Services

## THEME of the DAY

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*



## 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.**

**W**elcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

**W**e love kids in worship: young ones, old ones, squirmy ones, curious ones, crying ones, happy ones. Jesus loves them, too. In fact, one day when he was trying to explain to a bunch of adults who would enter the Kingdom of God, he plucked a child out of the crowd and said that if they wanted to enter his kingdom, they should be like this wide-eyed child! What an object lesson for us all and what hope, because we are all kids at heart, just trying to follow Jesus.

We know it is sometimes a challenge and, with our nursery closed for our youngest ones' safety during the pandemic, we have some ways to help you out. We have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the bathrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. We have a place for kids to play in our narthex, the **PRAYERGROUND**, which is stocked with toys and books and comfy chairs, and there are speakers projecting the service, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. **The space located at the back of the sanctuary, called the PLAYDECK, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby.** You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex **PRAYERGROUND** for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

**T**he 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 Stadtpfarrkirche 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.



**A hearing loop system** is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.

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**GATHERING**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
P—Pastor    A—Assisting Minister    C—Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC                    ***Just as I Am/Jesus Take All of Me***    B. Brown | C. Elliott | Wm. Bradbury

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen**

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

***Here I Am to Worship***

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.

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*

*Bridge*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. *Chorus*

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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

Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chri - ste, Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Creator God,  
C **you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.*

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I

will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet, whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the

law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if, somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE

Ho - ly\_ words long pre - served for our walk in this world;

— They re - sound\_ with God's own heart, O, let the an - cient words im -



part; An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, and chang-ing you;



We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

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## GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray

him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

(9:40) *Faith Formation students join us for worship during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.*

## SONG

### ***The Wonderful Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Chorus*

O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Final Chorus/Coda*

O the wonderful cross,  
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Bids me come and die and find  
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brigetta Wingender (Moses, too!)

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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Petitions end: Merciful God,

Response: ...**receive our prayer.**

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen**

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**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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OFFERING

*Sing Hallelujah*

Colleen Perrine

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Extravagant God,

C **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

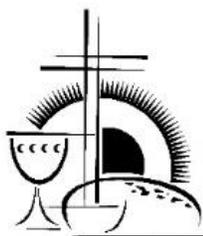
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

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

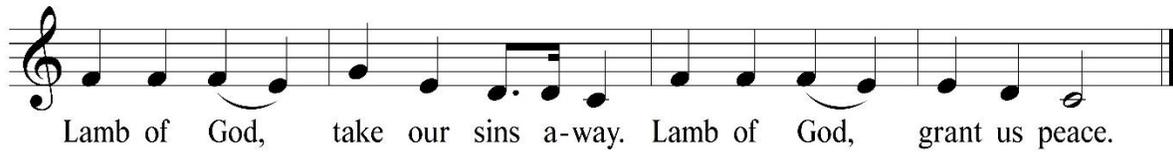
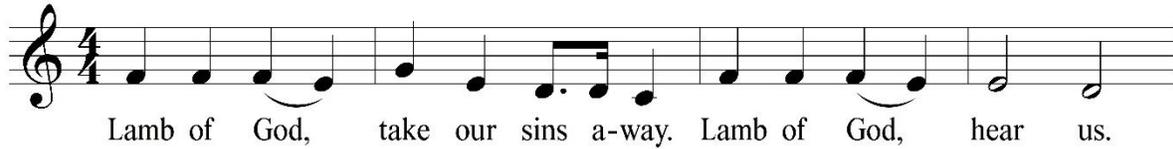
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

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



*In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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## COMMUNION SONG

### *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

#### *Chorus*

My chains are gone. I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures. *Chorus (repeat two times)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

P Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C **Amen**

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SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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FINAL BLESSING

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians...

C **...growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

A Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C **Thanks be to God!**



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Preaching/Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Pete Miller
Musician(s)	Colleen Perrine, Erik Larson Stacie Dobbe, Corrina Czarnik
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond Nathan Jansen
Ushers	Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer, Tom Scheuerman
Greeters	Gene Begalske



### **HOLY VESSELS — A LENTEN Season of Healing**

Each of us is created, a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through all kinds of changes in the last couple of years. We may feel like a glass vessel, fractured into pieces, and so we continue to seek healing and wholeness. In this Lenten series, we have been reflecting on healing through the stories of Jesus Christ in the gospel of Matthew. The stories tell us of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which seems broken. You were offered a piece of colored glass to use for the healing prayer of the week. Individual reflection pages will be available for you to write about how the topic touches your life. *During our final Lenten Wednesday, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will explore Restoration (Environmental Health).*

All Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services, using Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy, as well as Holy Week services listed below will be in-person and online. The services start at 6:15pm. Please join us!



### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – April 10**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14 @ 6:15 pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 15 @ 6:15 pm**

**FESTIVAL OF EASTER – April 17**

**8:00, 9:20 (note change in time), & 10:45 am services**

**Come, SING in the EASTER CHOIR!**

*See announcements, eblasts, FB for details or check with  
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**All Are Welcome!**