



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

February 26, 2022

8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services

## THEME of the DAY

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*



## 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 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!

We know it is sometimes a challenge to care for little kids in worship. That is why we have several options for parents and caregivers. **NEW: We have a volunteer-staffed nursery during the 9:40 service for those 4 years old and younger that can be used if you wish. Just follow the signs or ask an usher for help to find it!** Also, we have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the restrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. Additionally, in the sanctuary, we have a space in the back that we call 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. Another spot for kids to play is in our narthex called the PrayerGround, which is stocked with toys, books, and comfy chairs. There are speakers projecting the service in the narthex, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. 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!

**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 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

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Paul Oakley

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Congregational Response**

The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple; let  
all the earth keep - rev' rence be - fore Him!

Colleen Perrine

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**Congregational Response:**

If we con - fess our in - i - qui - ties;  
and if our hearts are sin - cere  
our Heav - 'nly Fa - ther will for - give us.  
From sin we have no fear.

Colleen Perrine

GATHERING HYMN

*Tree of Life*

ELW 334  
St. 1-3, Lent 1

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.  
From the dawning of creation  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation,  
make us turn to you alone.

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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

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on me.

Cantor:

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken,  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;  
Forgive my unbelief, renew the fire again.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, our strength,

C **the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of

the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—  
<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.  
<sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type

of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought

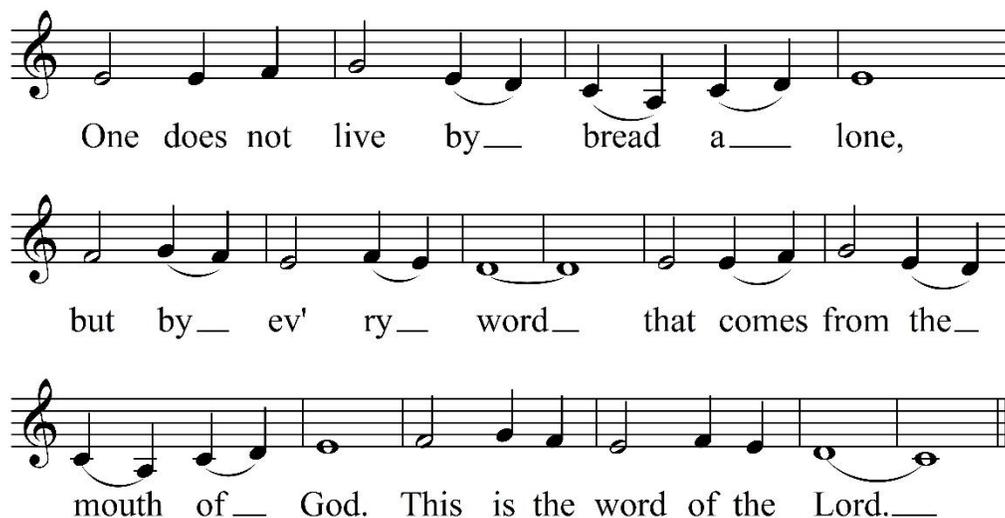
condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

#### LENTEN VERSE



One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the  
mouth of God. This is the word of the Lord.

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#### GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will

fall down and worship me.”<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

him.’”<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

***Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer***

ELW 618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

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 and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brigetta Wingender (and friends)

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 Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions end: Merciful God,  
Response: ...**receive our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

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**MEAL**

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

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OFFERING

*Sing out, Earth and Skies*

Marty Haugen

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of good gifts,

C **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the  
world. Look down on us with mer-cy and grace  
Lamb of God have mer-cy on us!

## COMMUNION

### *Blessing, Honor and Glory*

#### VERSE

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

#### CHORUS

Death could not hold Him down  
For He is risen.  
Seated upon the throne  
He is the Lamb of God.

#### VERSE

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(9:40) Guitar Solo: *Our Father, We Have Wandered* Hans Leo Hassler/J.S. Bach

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 Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

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 God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG

*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

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

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

- A Go in peace. Serve in love.
- C **Thanks be to God!**



**WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Preaching Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Presiding Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Assisting Minister	Adam Brown
Musician(s)	Colleen Perrine, Mary Volkman Laurie Rowinsky, Beth McQuiston Mary Herb, Michelle Weisman (9:40) Bob Merrill (guitar), Quinn McGinnis
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond Nathan Jansen
Ushers	(8:00) Dean Buffington, Bill Robarge (9:40) Scott Perrine, Mike Romnek
Greeters	(8:00) Margie & Mike Bricco, Tom & Ellen Rick (9:40) Cindy Romnek, Dean & Pam Gruner



Midweek Lenten services begin March 1 at 6:15 p.m. The theme for this year is **“I Was Just Wondering...”**. During our Midweek Services, the pastors will attempt to answer several common questions often asked about Jesus and Christianity.

- March 1: Lent 1: Is there more to life than meets the eye?  
Aren't all religions basically the same?
- March 8: Lent 2: Do the Gospels get King Herod right?  
Is Religion a cause for violence?  
Can we have peace on Earth?
- March 15: Lent 3: Will the world end in Armageddon?  
Where does Hell come from?  
How to live with the unpredictable time of death?
- March 22: Lent 4: Where does humility come from?  
Did Jesus condemn wealth?
- March 29: Lent 5: What happens to those who haven't heard about Jesus?  
Are we just a product of our parents' beliefs?  
Does God really wipe the slate clean?

All Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services will be in-person and online, beginning at at 6:15pm. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy along with our sermon series. Please join us for time of worship.

**Come early!**  
**Midweek Lenten suppers will be provided  
beginning at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

# Looking ahead:

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – April 2 (8 & 9:40 a.m.)**

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

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 7 @ 6:15 pm**

**FESTIVAL OF EASTER – April 9 (8 & 9:40 a.m.)**



**EASTER FLOWERS** are still available for ordering. Please check the church's website or your app for further details. You may also contact the church office for additional assistance.

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