

of the church to receive communion as directed by the ushers. White grape juice is available in addition to red wine – ask the server for grape juice if that is your preference. An option of a gluten free wafer is also available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward and receive a blessing. If you have difficulty walking to the communion rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please join us in singing as communion is offered.

**Offering Time:** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us. If you are worshipping in person at church, you can place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed to you. Offerings can also be made by mail or online. Thank you for your continuing support to the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace.

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## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent  
11:00 am ~ March 23rd, 2025



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on this holy day!

## PRELUDE

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Lowell Mason/Eleanor Whitsett

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of  
God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

The Worship is over.

**The Service begins.**

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *Built on a Rock Ludwig* Lindeman/Lani Smith

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Assisting Minister: Diane Diekroger

Reader: Diane Diekroger

Choir Director: Ian Faleer

Organist: Williams

Ushers: Sue Grunau & Carol Spagnuolo

Greeters: Sue & Mel Grunau

Sound Technician: Brandon M. Bilek

Computer Operator: Steve Zinram

Altar Guild: Judy Kazak, Gloria Starr, Debbie Thomas

## March 30th Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## FLOWERS

Ron & Becky Kear – In Celebration of their Grandson's  
Marriage

 Sign-up sheet for ordering Altar Flowers is located in  
the Narthex

**Communion Notes:** In receiving the Lord's Supper, we  
hear the promise of forgiveness and grace that this gift is  
"for you." All who need to hear this word are welcome to  
commune here at Prince of Peace. Please come to the front

**LAMB OF GOD p. 191**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

**COMMUNION HYMN #679 - For the Fruit of All Creation**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our  
communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into  
freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #773 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**GATHERING**

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

**GATHERING HYMN #652 - Built on a Rock**

**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE page 184**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the  
hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends  
and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the  
water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your  
body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

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

### **OFFERING TIME**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* William Doane/Joyce Jones

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

A reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors 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, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they 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> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These

things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 189**

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

**Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting

the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”  
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *The Tree of Life* K. Lee Scott

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #334 - *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

**CREED**

**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 INTERCESSION**

*Each Petition will end with the phrase, “God, in your mercy,”  
please respond “**receive our prayer.**”*

*The prayers conclude:*