

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



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M-F 8:00 am -12:00 pm

**9:00 am
Service**

Interim Pastor Bob Castro
Tues & Th 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Intern & Contract Apprentice
Pastor Cassandra Langr
Tues-Fri 9:00 am-12:00pm

February 26, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO WORSHIP

(please rise)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

PASTOR: Return to the Lord your God,
for God is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast,
loyal Love.

(please be seated)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PASTORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THE DAY BY PASTOR

(please rise)

GATHERING SONGS:

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

(continued)

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
and with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You.

For if I'm holy as You are holy,
then I'll see You face to face.
Meld and mold me in Your image;
take me to Your holy place.

Lord, unite us in Christ Jesus,
our foundation Cornerstone.
With Your Spirit hold us together;
make our temple Your home.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
and with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You.

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Joy Invincible”, Switchfoot

FIRST READING: Psalm 51:1-17

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

(please rise)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

(please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the place of the dead.

On the third day He rose again. He went up into heaven, and is seated beside the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Christian Church, the community of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and in everlasting life. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray: God our Father...

C: You have given us all that we need. You did not even withhold Your only Son, but sent Him to rescue us. Receive these gifts we pray, as we offer not only what we have, but what we are, in grateful devotion for all that you are making us to be. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, holy be Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And 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

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

We celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. We understand this to mean that Jesus is truly present with us in His body and blood through the bread and wine.

We welcome all baptized adults and children who have been instructed to receive Holy Communion to share in the Lord's Supper.

*(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white).
Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)*

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Eat This Bread” (WOV #709)

“Jesus, Remember Me” (WOV #740)

(please rise)

THE BLESSING

SENDING SONG:

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Chorus

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

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

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

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who call'd me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve God.

C: Thanks be to God!

Church Happenings

Mary Rachel Circle—The women’s circle will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 1pm with Pastor Bob. The group will not have a lesson from their book that day.

Lenten Services—Join us for Cross-Generational Worship on Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning March 1st. We will gather at 5:30pm in Nicholas Fellowship Hall for a Lenten meal and worship service for all generations.

New Devotionals—The April–June edition of the “Portals of Prayer” devotional is now available in the book rack. Each daily devotional includes a Bible reading, mediation, and prayer bringing Christ into every aspect of your life. Pocket and digest size editions available.

Thank You—On February 19, Prince of Peace was able bring two trunks worth of non-perishable and food items to the Old Stone Pantry. Thank you for the generous donations. The Pantry was very appreciative.

Offering Envelopes—The 2023 Offering envelopes are now available for pick-up in the Narthex.

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Isla, Cathie Goldsworthy, Jessie, Steve, Erik Makos, Adrian, Stephanie, Jim K., Linda Chartrau, Vicki, Pat Taylor, Cathy, Ella Pearson, Chad, Dave & Joyce Olsen, Sandy, Bev, Sue, Ed, Krista, Denette, Everett & Penny Pfile, Mel, Sheila, Dan, Dick, Maddy, Jason Kruckenberg, Dean, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Mark M., Al, Darrell Crusan, Roger & Sigrid Peucker, and Brett Timmer.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of Matt Brown and Linnie Rose. Lora Conrad and family upon loss of cousin David Brunner. Rhonda Powers and family upon loss of mother Judy Hines.

Weekly Schedule

Monday (February 27)

9:30am Prayer Group

Tuesday (February 28)

9:45am Internship Meeting

1:00pm Mary Rachel Circle

6-9pm Rockton Quilt Group

Wednesday (March 1)

5:30pm Lenten Service

Thursday (March 2)

Judy Hines Memorial, Visitation at 4pm, Service at 5pm

Saturday (March 4)

7:00am Men’s Group

8am-1pm 4-H IL ext.—Nicholas Hall & Classrooms

Volunteer Schedule

March 5

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Dan King

Ushers: Greg & Luann Bartz

Reader: Darran Landenberger

Communion Assistants: Lora Conrad & Sherre Faulkner

Counters: Luann Bartz & Dan King

March Pew Stock: Cyndy King

March 12

AV: Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: Ava Lynch

Ushers: Pam Novotnak & Jim Freedlund

Reader: Steve Shrider

Communion Assistants: Darran Landenberger & Amy Lynch

Counters: Dorothy Bush & Steve Shrider