

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Adrian, Emily, Jerry, Lois, Marcy, Jimmy, David, Denette, Linda, Mary, Dona B., Debbie Tracy, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Tom & Jean Lenhart, John, Julie M., Robbie K., Dave & Joyce Olson, Shirley, Norbert, Gabe, Nerrezi, Michelle, Pat Mohns, Marr, Cyndy King, Tracy W., Lisa, Dave D., Jason Kruckenberg, Shari, Norm, Andrew, Dean, Jim, Kim, Mary Ann Stewart, Karen, Pastor Mike, Eli, Chris, Richard Mackenthun, Joe Beard, Gene, Chuck Rogers, Donna P., and Alfred.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of Mary Hackett, Jim Korleski, Michelle Olson, Gene Seifert, and Sandie Storlie. Bob and Karen Lowery upon loss of son Shawn. Sara and JD upon loss of father. Sherry upon loss of husband Dan. Nancy Laursen and family upon loss of daughter Kathy Esselman. Mike Kerr upon loss of wife Karen. Ken Hausvick upon loss of wife Jean.

Weekly Schedule

Monday (May 15)

9:30am Prayer Group; 6:30pm Church Council

Tuesday (May 16)

1:00pm Naomi Circle; 6:15-8:30pm 4-H Club

Saturday (May 20)

7:00am Men's Group

Please note: Pastor Cassandra will be out of the office May18-26.

Volunteer Schedule

May 21

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Elliott Diemel

Ushers: Kathy Leahy & Jerry

Yarolimek

Reader: Stacy Diemel

Communion Assistant: Richard Mackenthun

Counters: Dorothy Bush & Brad Mueller

May 28

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Greg Bartz

Ushers: Lora Conrad & Debbie

Tracy

Reader: Pam Novotnak

Communion Assistant: Steve Shrider

Counters: David Baird & Dan King

Lawn Mowers: May 18-20 A. Goldsworthy, N. Larson

Presider: Pastor Cassandra Langr **Pianist:** Sara Lemen **AV:** Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: Volunteer **Ushers:** Jim Freedlund & Pam Novotnak

Reader: Darran Landenberger **Communion Assistant:** Nancy Freedlund

Counters: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller

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Church Office Hours:

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

**9:00 am
Service**

Intern & Contract Apprentice

Pastor Cassandra Langr

Tues-Fri 9:00 am-12:00pm

May 14, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Mom” sung by Sara Lemen

(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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for reflection.)

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**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Because He Lives”

God sent His Son
They called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Chorus

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

Chorus

And then one day
I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

Chorus

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” (blue WOV #673)

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
Singing glory hallelujah Jesus lifted me

Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me
Singing glory hallelujah Jesus lifted me

When I was in trouble Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble Jesus lifted me
Singing glory hallelujah Jesus lifted me

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

P: Let us pray...

**C: O God, from whom all good things come:
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31 (pew Bible p. 899)

SECOND READING: I Peter 3:13-22 (pew Bible p. 982)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 66:8-20

L: Praise our God, all peoples,

C: let the sound of his praise be heard;

L: he has preserved our lives

C: and kept our feet from slipping.

L: For you, God, tested us;

C: you refined us like silver.

L: You brought us into prison

C: and laid burdens on our backs.

L: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

C: but you brought us to a place of abundance.

L: I will come to your temple with burnt offerings

C: and fulfill my vows to you—

L: vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke

C: when I was in trouble.

L: I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams;

C: I will offer bulls and goats.

(continued)

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God;
C: **let me tell you what he has done for me.**

L: I cried out to him with my mouth;
C: **his praise was on my tongue.**

L: If I had cherished sin in my heart,
C: **the Lord would not have listened;**

L: but God has surely listened
C: **and has heard my prayer.**

L: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer
C: **or withheld his love from me!**

(please rise)

ALLELUIA: (green LBW p. 62)

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL TEXT: John 14:15-21 (pew Bible p. 875)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

(please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

OFFERTORY: *(ushers bring forward offering)*

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

(repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say,

"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

(repeat)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

Give thanks, give thanks

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
P: It is indeed their unending hymn.
C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(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)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN: (LBW p. 72-73)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-’ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG:

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” (WOV #674)

Alleluia Jesus is risen
Trumpets resounding in glorious light
Splendor the Lamb heaven forever
Oh what a miracle God has in sight

Chorus

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory
Alleluia**

Walking the way Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes
Breaking our bread giving us glory
Jesus our blessing our constant surprise

Chorus

Jesus the vine we are the branches
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree
Heaven to earth Christ to the people
Gift of the future now flowing to me

Chorus

Weeping be gone sorrow be silent
Death put asunder and Easter is bright
Cherubim sing "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder adorn us in light

Chorus

City of God Easter forever
Golden Jerusalem Jesus the Lamb
River of life saints and archangels
Sing with creation to God the I AM

Chorus

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Church Happenings

Book Club—Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm at the church.

With Gratitude

Thank you Prince of Peace Church for the prayers and thoughts during my illness.
Richard Mackenthun

Dear Brothers and Sisters
Thank you for the beautiful gifts of the stoles and the pectoral cross. They are blessings to the ministry in which God has called me. I will forever be grateful.
In His Service, Pastor Cassandra

Dear Friends in Christ and Fellow Ministers,
I wanted to thank you for your fond farewell blessings. I have enjoyed serving with you these past two years. It has been a blessing to me.
Yours and His, but not in that order, Pastor Bob

Dear Friends at PoP,
Just saying thank you does not seem enough to us for all the prayers, well wishes, and cards of encouragement we have received over the past month. We are truly a family of God at Prince of Peace and we are grateful to be a small part of that family. We are both on the mend. Thanks again!
Tom & Jean Lenhart

The flowers on the altar are provided by David & Reita Baird in honor of college graduates Rebecca Baird and Cassandra Clark.