

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



The flowers on the altar are provided by Jim & Nancy Freedlund.

Presider: Pastor Bob Castro **Preacher:** Pastor Cassandra Langr
Pianist: Sara Lemen **AV:** Elliott Diemel **Acolyte:** Ava Lynch
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Church Office Hours:
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

March 12, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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:

“Praise and Thanksgiving” (LBW #409,v.1-4)

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer
For all things living, Created good
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood

Bless, Lord the labor We bring to serve you
That with our neighbor We may be fed
Sowing or tilling We would work with you
Harvesting, milling For daily bread

Father, providing Food for your children
By your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that rejoicing
With us all others May know your care

Then will your blessing Reach ev'ry people
Freely confessing Your gracious hand
Where all obey you, No one will hunger
In your love's sway you Nourish the land

“O Christ the Same” (WOV #778, v.1-3)

O Christ the same through all our story's pages
Our loves and hopes our failures and our fears
Eternal Lord the King of all the ages
Unchanging still amid the passing years
O living Word the source of all creation
Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze
O Christ the same who wrought our whole salvation
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays

O Christ the same the friend of sinners sharing
Our inmost thoughts the secrets none can hide
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love in triumph glorified
O Son of Man who stooped for us from heaven
O Prince of life in all your saving power
O Christ the same to whom our hearts are given
We bring our thanks for this the present hour

O Christ the same secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves our days and years remain
Our work and rest our waking and our sleeping
Our calm and storm our pleasure and our pain
O Lord of love for all our joys and sorrows
For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee
O Christ the same beyond our brief tomorrows
We bring our thanks for all that is to be

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: Eternal Lord, 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, so that we become instru-
ments of your redeeming love; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

C: and extol him with music and song.

L: For the LORD is the great God,

C: the great King above all gods.

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth,

C: and the mountain peaks belong to him.

L: The sea is his, for he made it,

C: and his hands formed the dry land.

L: Come, let us bow down in worship,

C: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

L: for he is our God and we are the people of his pas-
ture,

C: the flock under his care.

L: Today, if only you would hear his voice,

**C: "Do not harden your hearts as you did at
Meribah,**

L: as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
where your ancestors tested me;

C: they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

(continued)

L: For forty years I was angry with that generation;

C: I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'

L: So I declared on oath in my anger,

C: 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

(please rise)

RETURN TO THE LORD: (LBW p. 63)

C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

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

GOSPEL TEXT: John 4:5-42

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: (sung) 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:

“What Feast of Love” (WOV #701)

(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

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG:

“Lord of All Hopefulness” (LBW #469, v.1-4)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy
Be there at our waking and give us we pray
Your bliss in our hearts Lord at the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labors and give us we pray
Your strength in our hearts Lord at the noon of the day

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing and give us we pray
Your love in our hearts Lord at the eve of the day

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping and give us we pray
Your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the day

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Church Happenings

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

Restaurant Fundraiser—Jessica's Restaurant in Roscoe will donate 15% of your bill to the Rock House Kids charity, in Rockford, from sales all day on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The vision of Rock House Kids is: *“To meet the physical, emotional, and educational needs of inner-city children by instilling hope in a safe, Christ-centered environment.”*

If you want more information on this organization go to www.rockhousekids.org. They can also use volunteers.

Easter Flowers – We will be decorating the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday with lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. If you would like to order a flower in memory of/or in the honor of a loved one, please complete the order form and place it in the offering plate/church office by March 26. The price for lilies is \$13.00. Tulips and hyacinths cost \$10.00 each. Please make checks payable to the Prince of Peace Altar Guild.

With Gratitude

Thank you Mary Rachel Circle for the generous donation to our meal program! We are humbled by the outpouring support, donations, and encouragement we are receiving. And..

Thank you friends for the altar flowers. We are grateful and awed by your support of our meal program. Reita & Sue

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Isla, Cathie Goldsworthy, Eric M., Adrian, Jim K., Vicki, Ella Pearson, Sue, Krista, Everett & Penny Pfile, Dan, Jason K., Dean, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Mark M., Al, Darrell Crusan, Roger & Sigrid Peucker, Brent Timmer, Charlotte, Connor, Pastor Mike, Amy, Barb G., Emily, Ken, Pastor Ian Griffith, Jerry, Lois, Marcy, Jimmy, Darwin, Gail, Nancy Freedlund, Pastor Bob Castro, John, Janis Appleman, Cheryl Peterson, Scott Johnson, Tony, Sally, Michael, and Jeremy.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of Matt Brown and Carolyn Kennedy. Rhonda Powers and family upon loss of mother Judy Hines. Dean & Ollie Buchanan upon loss of daughter Georgia.

Weekly Schedule

Monday (March 13)

9:30am Prayer Group

6:30pm Church council

Wednesday (March 15)

5:30pm Lenten Service

Thursday (March 16)

8am-3:30pm Annunciation Co-op

6:30pm Book Club

Saturday (March 18)

7am Men's Group

8am-1pm Annunciation Co-op

1-3pm C.A.L.M. Coffee Club at Dee Dees

Volunteer Schedule

March 19

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Elliott Diemel

Ushers: Dorothy Bush & Debbie Tracy

Reader: Sue Peterson

Communion Assistants: Lora Conrad & Steve Shrider

Counters: Pam Novotnak & Kara Wallace

March Pew Stock: Cyndy King

March 26

AV: Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: Damon Lynch

Ushers: Lora Conrad & Sherre Faulkner

Reader: Jim Freedlund

Communion Assistants: Cyndy King & Richard Mackenthun

Counters: David Baird & Brad Mueller

CHURCH RECORDS FOR 3/5:

Attendance: 47

Collection: \$3,990