

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Isla, Cathie Goldsworthy, Erik Makos, Adrian, Jim K., Vicki, Pat Taylor, Ella Pearson, Sue, Ed, Krista, Denette, Everett & Penny Pfile, Sheila, Dan, Dick, Maddy, Jason Kruckenberg, 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, and Jimmy.

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

Weekly Schedule

Monday (March 6)

9:30am Prayer Group

Wednesday (March 8)

9:30am Worship Team

9:30am-12pm C.A.L.M. Coffee Club at DeeDees

5:30pm Lenten Service

Thursday (March 9)

8am-3:30pm Annunciation Co-op

6:30pm Altar Guild

Volunteer Schedule

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

March Pew Stock: Cyndy King

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

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



CHURCH RECORDS FOR 2/28:

Attendance: 50

Collection: \$1,776

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Reita Baird & Sue Peterson.

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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 5, 2023

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please rise)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: (p.56)

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

HYMN:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LBW #229, v.1-4)

A mighty fortress is our God
A sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal

No strength of ours can match his might
We would be lost rejected
But now a champion comes to fight
Whom God himself elected
You ask who this may be
The Lord of hosts is he
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord
God's only Son adored
He holds the field victorious

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us
We tremble not, unmoved we stand
They can-not over pow'r us
Let this world's tyrant rage
In battle we'll engage
His might is doomed to fail
God's judgment must prevail
One little word subdues him

God's Word forever shall abide
No thanks to foes who fear it
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit
Were they to take our house
Goods honor child or spouse
Though life be wrenched away
They cannot win the day
The Kingdom's ours forever

SALUTATION:

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: (spoken)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let
us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

(no Hymn of Praise during Lent)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Eternal God, it is your glory always to have
mercy. Bring back all who have erred and
strayed from your ways; lead them again to em-
brace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold
it fast; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Ho-
ly Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

C: where does my help come from?

L: My help comes from the LORD,

C: the Maker of heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot slip—

C: he who watches over you will not slumber;

L: indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD watches over you—

C: the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

(continued)

L: the sun will not harm you by day,
C: **nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all harm—
C: **he will watch over your life;**

L: the LORD will watch over your coming and going
C: **both now and forevermore.**

(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.**

GOSPEL TEXT: John 3:1-17

(please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

HYMN:

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LBW #499)

Come thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love
Teach me ever to adore thee
May I still thy goodness prove

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart oh take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

(please rise)

NICENE CREED (p. 64)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** (greet those around you)

OFFERTORY: (*ushers bring forward offering, p. 66*)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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. 68-69)

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 him 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

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.

HYMN: (p. 72)

C: 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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

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

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Come Let Us Eat” (LBW #214)

“Come With Us” (LBW #219)

(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:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless
you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN:

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (LBW #385)

What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme
I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing his love for me
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity
I'll sing on

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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