

Weekly Schedule

Monday (March 20)

9:30am Prayer Group
12pm The Messenger deadline

Tuesday (March 21)

9:45am Internship Meeting
1:00pm Naomi Circle
6:15-8:30pm 4-H Club

Wednesday (March 22)

9:30am-12pm C.A.L.M. Coffee Club at Dee Dees in Rockton
5:30pm Lenten Service

Thursday (March 23)

8am-3:30pm Annunciation Co-op

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
March Pew Stock: Cyndy King

April 2

AV: Elliott Diemel
Acolyte: Connor Diemel
Ushers: Kathy Leahy & Jerry Yarolimek
Reader: Wendy Goldsworthy
Communion Assistants: Sherre Faulkner & Steve Shrider
Counters: Tom Lenhart & Steve Shrider
April Pew Stock: Sherre Faulkner

Volunteer Schedule

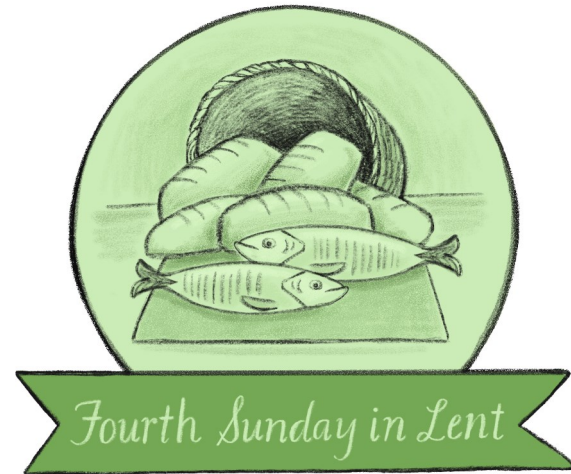
CHURCH RECORDS FOR 3/12:

Attendance: 50 Collection: \$1,001

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

Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



Presider: Pastor Bob Castro **Preacher:** Pastor Cassandra Langr
Pianist: Christine Gustafson **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

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

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

HYMN:

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (green LBW #245)

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell
Come ye before him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God indeed
Without our aid he did us make
We are his folk he doth us feed
And for his sheep he doth us take

Oh enter then his gates with praise
Approach with joy his courts unto
Praise laud and bless his name always
For it is seemly so to do

For why? The Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure

To Father Son and Holy Ghost
The God whom heav'n and earth adore
For us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore

LENTEN DIALOGUE:

- P: Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**
- P: Seek the Lord while He may be found.
- C: Call upon Him while He is near.**
- P: Let the wicked abandon their ways,
- C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.**
- P: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,
- C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.**
- P: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat. Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.
- C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- C: 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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray...
- C: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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: I Samuel 16:1-13

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23 (KJV)

L: The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

L: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul:

C: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

(please rise)

GOSPEL TEXT: John 9:1-41

(please be seated)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” (LBW #451, v.1-5)

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green he leadeth me

The quiet waters by

He leadeth me he leadeth me

The quiet waters by

My soul he doth restore again

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness

E'en for his own name's sake

Within the paths of righteousness

E'en for his own name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale

Yet will I fear no ill

For thou art with me and thy rod

And staff me comfort still

For thou art with me and thy rod

And staff me comfort still

My table thou hast furnished

In presence of my foes

My head thou dost with oil anoint

And my cup overflows

My head thou dost with oil anoint

And my cup overflows

(continued)

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be

(please rise)

PEACE:

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

(ushers bring forward offering)

THE PRAYERS (LBW p. 129-130)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 130)

(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:

"O Living Bread from Heaven" (LBW #197)

(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

HYMN:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (green LBW #456)

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spreadst a table in my sight
Thine unction grace bestoweth
And oh what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Church Happenings

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.

In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Isla, Cathie Goldsworthy, Adrian, Jim K., Sue, Krista, Dan, , Hoyd, Sherry, Kim, Jason K., Dean, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Mark M., 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, Jeremy, and David.

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. Rick & Mary Jo Olson and family upon loss of nephew Erik Makos.