

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025 ✠ 8:00 AND 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



OPENDOOR POLICIES
A Lent Series

Lent 2 A Heavenly Perspective

Sometimes, it helps to get a new perspective. A new, fresh, outside perspective. Our God has that perspective and invites us to share it. God sees humanity as we really are. God allows us to see us as we really are. Finally, we are not only people that have a hard time doing what is right, but people that are dead-set on doing what is wrong. It's a stark, realistic view of our sinful nature.

But God also gives us a view of his amazing grace. He has loved us with an eternal love. He has gone to extremes in his loving rescue of us at his Son's cross. He has gone to extraordinary lengths to call us to faith. He is determined not to let us have our own way, but instead to win us over back to himself. When we struggle and fail, we can see things from our gracious God's perspective and take confidence in his saving success.

Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of Peace is an ancient Christian custom, originally referred to as the Kiss of Peace. Paul wrote to the Romans and the Corinthians and the Thessalonians: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thess 5:26). There are constant references in the following centuries to Christians sharing a holy kiss during worship, either after the Lord's Prayer or just before communing together as a sign of unity in the presence of Jesus, as Ephesians 4:3 calls us to: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eventually the kiss became a handshake with the words, "peace be with you", in most of the Western Christian churches. We'll follow this lovely ancient custom and say, "peace be with you" to those seated around us and perhaps offer a handshake during Lent as a symbol of our reconciliation to each other in the peace of Jesus and as an expression of our love for one another.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

∞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type. ∞

HYMN 395 What Grace Is This

PLEASE STAND.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \oplus Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

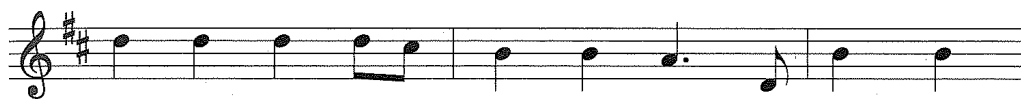


A - men.

PSALM VERSE

Psalm 42:5b

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -



lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Jeremiah knew the path the Lord had called him to walk—calling the nation to repent—might get him killed. In love for the Lord and for his nation, Jeremiah walked that path willingly.

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this

house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal

palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God.

Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 42



1 As the deer pants_ for the wa - ter, so my
 2 You're my friend, and_ you're my broth - er, e - ven
 3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
 though you are a King. I love you more than
 you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire_ and I long to wor - ship you.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
 real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -



lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Being a follower of Jesus means that our path in life will resemble his. The path to heaven inevitably includes crosses. Paul encourages us to follow his example of determination.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus

Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

The Pharisees offer Jesus a shortcut to safety. But Jesus was determined to continue down the path he was on for us and our salvation.

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 817 Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

SERMON Luke 13:31-35 Let Christ be your success

CREED: WE ALL BELIEVE

The soloist sings the first verse; the congregation joins in verses 2 and 3.



1. We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en,
2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing
3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, sweet hope and com - fort giv - ing



The Fa - ther, who to us in love Has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
An e - qual God-head, throne and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing,
Now with the Fa - ther and the Son In e - ter - nal light is liv - ing,



He in soul and bod - y feeds us; All we need his hand pro - vides us.
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it;



He through snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no harm be - tides us.
Made true man, our eld - er broth - er, That the lost might life in - her - it,
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.



He cares for us by day and night; All things are gov - erned by his might.
Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful men And raised by God to life a - gain.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the Church, that our Lord gather His people as a hen gathers her chicks and keep them in true faith, that He unite His Church by His Word and defend Her from all enemies of the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our sisters and brothers in Christ, who, like Jeremiah, are persecuted for doing the Lord's will, and let us pray for their persecutors, that God grant our fellow Christians courage, confidence and boldness to confess Jesus, trusting Him who has conquered death; and that the

God who wants all people to be saved, turn all enemies of the Gospel to repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our own lives of faith, that God grant us faith that responds to threats with the firm conviction that we will obey the Lord no matter what the consequences, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are troubled by addictions, that our Lord would show them mercy, assure them of forgiveness, break the bonds that enslave them and by His promises strengthen them to overcome their addictions, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who govern us, that our Father would guide them by His Spirit and fill them with wisdom, conviction, care and a clear understanding of what is good and right,

and that He provide our land with peaceful and judicious citizens, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for...

Harry (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Tim (Paul and Emma Porter's brother-in-law with cancer), Chaunc (Krystal's son), JoElla (recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic back issues), Janice and Julia (cancer diagnosis), Paul (Pam Farrell's nephew with serious health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter with health issues), Mona (health issues) and Crissy (cancer), Bob Bruce (heart trouble) Patty (Kim Vail's mother), Tom Smith (recovering from surgery), John Farrell, Felix, Orion, Lindsey

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM



1 Round God's throne on high blaz-ing an-gels cry, sing-ing,
2 Blest be Da-vid's Son! In God's name he comes, grace and



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
par - don to pro-vide us. Sing, "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"



shin - ing bright - ly forth, fill - ing heav'n and earth."
Je - sus, hear our plea: come and set us free!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with repentant joy as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen.**

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS

(for more information on this practice we observe this Lent, see the inside cover of this bulletin)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of forgiveness and unity. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)

The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other, shaking hands, and saying:

Peace be with you.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

HYMN Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me *(printed on the next page)*

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Gal. 2:20



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and
 side, the Sav-ior, He will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re-
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my
 said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will re-

free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace.
 - joic - ing, for in my need His pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and He was raised to o - ver-throw the grave.
 - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is
 To this I hold: my Shep-herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry

whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
 val - ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
 ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete, still my

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

HYMN 853 I'm But A Stranger Here

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 519 There Is A Redeemer



Thank you to Eliot Heiderich and Tori Diersen for using their gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

Early Ministry Experience - As part of their first year of pre-seminary studies, three young men are here at Prince of Peace this weekend. Jonah Mittelstadt, Eliot Heiderich and Levi Panitzke are students at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, studying to be Lutheran pastors in the national church body Prince of Peace is joined with: the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. They begin their Spring Break this year in a program called Early Ministry Experience which means they spend a few days observing our pastors and our congregation. Please welcome them to Prince of Peace and in your prayers ask the Lord to bless these young men who are gifts to his Church!

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The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. That is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing. But that is the story of Jesus, Who, "being in the form of God did not count equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking on the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a human being, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross." Is the story of God who wants to become close to us, so close that we can see him with our own eyes, hear him with our own ears, touch him with our own hand; so close that there's nothing between us and Him, nothing that separates, nothing that divides, nothing that creates distance.

Jesus is God-for-us, God-with-us, God-within-us. Jesus is God giving Himself completely, pouring Himself out for us without reserve. Jesus does not hold back or cling to His own possessions. He gives all there is to give. "Eat, drink, this is My body this is My blood. This is Me for you." - Henri Nouwen