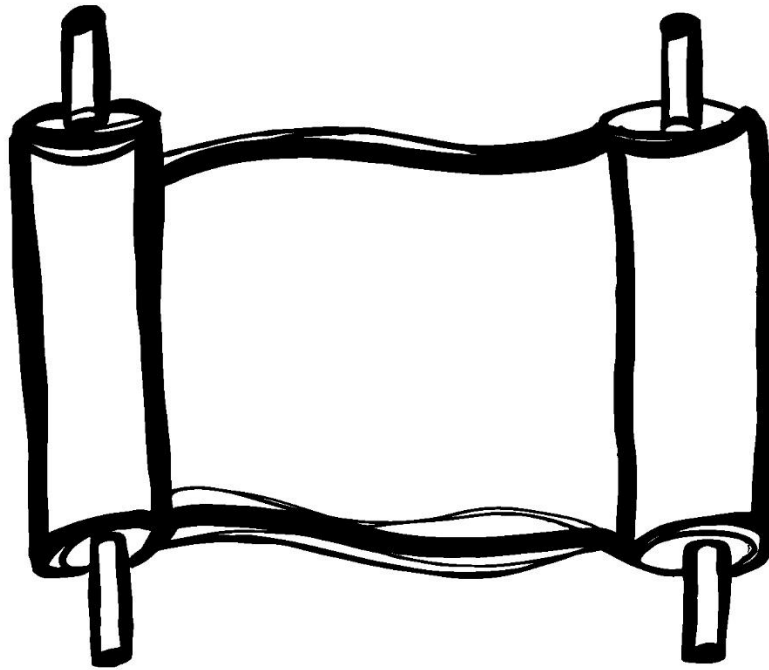


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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 3, 2024  
9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE**



**PASTOR AMBER CRAIG  
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## GUEST INFORMATION

### OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

"Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love."

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In love we proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. We affirm faith in God through community life as reflected in our joyful fellowship of word and sacrament. With the help of the Holy Spirit we enthusiastically witness to and embrace all of God's Creation.

### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace is a community that exists to **INVITE** people to faith and **INSPIRE** people with God's love so that they may **GROW** in faith and **SHARE** their gifts with integrity in the name of Jesus Christ.

### OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Prince of Peace is a Christian community that exists to reflect God's love and forgiveness for all people as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to...

**WORSHIP** as a joyful experience of communion with God through Word, Sacrament, music and Christian community.

**WELCOMING** Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation eager to share God's unconditional love and grace.

We welcome all. We welcome you as you are: Whatever your race, ethnicity, or skin color; Whatever your sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Whatever your health, disability, mental health status, family status, or income; Whatever your religious background, no matter where you are on your faith journey; Whether you are young, old, or somewhere in between; Whether you are feeling guilty or feeling blessed. We commit to the work of racial, social, and economic justice; the care of God's creation; and unity with all through the Gospel. It's what Jesus would do!

**LEARNING** as a life-long process to increase each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ through prayer, bible study and active service in our church, community and world.

**LEADERSHIP** that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and shared by our Pastor, staff and lay leaders as we strive to live as a Christian community with integrity.

**OUR USHERS** are available to help you with directions or questions. Just ask!

**RESTROOMS** are located in the adjacent corridor and can be found by exiting the Welcoming Area through the west side doors. Restrooms are on your left at the end of the first corridor and also across from the kitchen as you continue toward the Northcrest Drive exit.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available. Please ask an usher.

**OUR PASTOR GREETES GUESTS** after services at the main exit. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

**PRAYERS** If you would like something added to Sunday prayers, you can send an email to [office@poplutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@poplutheranchurch.org). You may also add your prayers to the comments during the Facebook Live service. God hears our digital prayers.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES** We welcome all people at Prince of Peace and do our best to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines at Prince of Peace. Communion will be offered both up front, or if you prefer in your seat with a communion kit.

**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING:** During the offering, we join millions of other Christians around the world in worshipping our God through the giving of financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper with us, please know that there is no expectation around your giving; simply give as the Holy Spirit leads you or let the plate pass you by. For those who worship with us regularly, our friends and members, your joyful and generous giving supports all we do to build God's kingdom here at Prince of Peace. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **INVITE**

**PRELUDE** “Largo” GF Handel, arr. B. Smith

## **WELCOME**

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT** “Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God’s love.”

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Call to Worship** *(from Ministry Matters. Used with permission.)*

**One:** Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

**All:** **God’s holy word revives us.**

**One:** Simple and confused, we yield.

**All:** **God’s word gives us wisdom.**

**One:** Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

**All:** **God’s word enlightens our eyes.**

**One:** More precious than gold is God’s word.

**All:** **Sweeter than honey are God’s commands.**

## **CONFESSION**

**One:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**All:** **Amen.**

**One:** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

One: Holy God,  
**All: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.  
**All: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN “Word of God Come Down to Earth” ELW #510



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673  
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## Prayer of the Day

One: Let us pray,  
 Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully  
 and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of  
 grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus  
 Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## INSPIRE

**CHILDREN'S TIME and Blessing** Pastor Amber Craig

**ALL: CHILDREN OF GOD, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE  
OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND  
GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.**

**Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)**

*<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:*

*<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40 (NRSV)**

*<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,<sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,<sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?<sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?<sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’<sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’*

**One:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

# Hymn of the Day

## "Canticle of the Turning"

ELW #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

Continue on next page.





You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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**“Sparks Around the Fire: Compassion and the Cross”**  
**Act 3: The Least of These**  
**by David R. Weiss**

Luke        *Tom Miller*  
Matthew   *Randy Johnson*

Mary Magdalene  
Philip

*Alicia Pearson*  
*Chuck Schwartz*

**GROW AND SHARE**

**APOSTLES CREED**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

One:        The peace of the Lord be with you always!

All:        **And also with you!**

**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

*An alternate way to give:*

*“Instructions for use found in the Faithworks”*



**Choir Anthem**    “I Love to Tell the Story” Text by Katherine Hankey, Music by William Fisher, arr. Donald Moore

## **Prayer of Blessing**

One: Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.

**All: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## DISTRIBUTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace, you are justified, you are forgiven, you are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ and made for the glory of God. You are known, you are never forsaken, you are held in the palm of God's hand, you are loved. May the peace and power of our God be with us until we gather again, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW #803

## DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude "Prelude in A Minor" Benedetto Marcello



*"Word of God, Come Down o Earth" "Canticle of the Turning"*

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS, ACCIDENT OR GRIEF.

AMBER CRAIG, PASTOR; JAYNE DOZOIS ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR; ANN CRIVELLO, WORSHIP ASSISTANT  
**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE PRINCE OF PEACE; TODAY AND EVERY DAY!**

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872