

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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March 16, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

Today is the
Second Sunday
in Lent.

Welcome to a
wonderful time
of year to grow
in faith and
connections to
God & neighbor

This year at
PoP, our Lenten
theme
is...Finding God
in the midst of
the extremes.

We have
designed
worship,
gatherings, and
small groups
that will meet
you where you
are! Maybe you
want some joy in
the form of
socializing.
Maybe you are
eager to get your
resistance and
justice on?
Maybe you are
seeking
peace...whatever
it is that you
need, we
hopefully have a
connection point
for you.

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

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Gathering

Prelude *"Heinlein" (Forty Days and Forty Nights)*

Peter Lutkin, on a 17th century tune by Martin Herbst

Call to Worship

Come as you are.

If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,
if you know every scripture or none at all,
if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,
or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,
come as you are.

This is God's house. None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

Welcome

****Please stand as you are able****

***Confession & Forgiveness**

The story of Mary and Martha is often painted as a story where one does right and one does wrong.

We know that life is often more complicated than that.

We know that faith is embodied through being present and taking action—and everything in between.

Knowing this, like Mary and Martha, let us draw near to God. Let us be honest about our lives, our hopes, and our mistakes. For even in our messy middle, God meets us with grace.

Let us pray: God of Grace,

We long to do the “right” thing.

We long to make the “right” choice.

We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.

Show us the way. Amen.

Faithful friends, God knows our hearts.

When we mean well and lose our way, God knows.

When we try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows.

When we long to be close to God, and doubt our worth, God knows.

You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve.

This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate us from God’s love. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Take, Oh Take Me As I Am*

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And also with you.**

Loving God, **When our anxiety hovers close,**

when fear clings to our bones,

when our stress rises like the tide, see us.

Speak to us. Call us by name.

See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room.

Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky black of night.

Call us beloved. Call us by name. Call us your child.

Whatever you do, speak to us, for we cannot live on bread alone. Amen.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

The Word

*Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

***Song of the Day**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

In a time of divisiveness and anger, we come to the table in unity, and in hoped for unity. It is a moment of peace & encouragement that can buoy our spirits for the living of these days.

Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white. Please be welcome here!

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.

*Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

*Words of Institution

*Invitation to Receive Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table. No matter one's race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith background.

*Great Thanksgiving

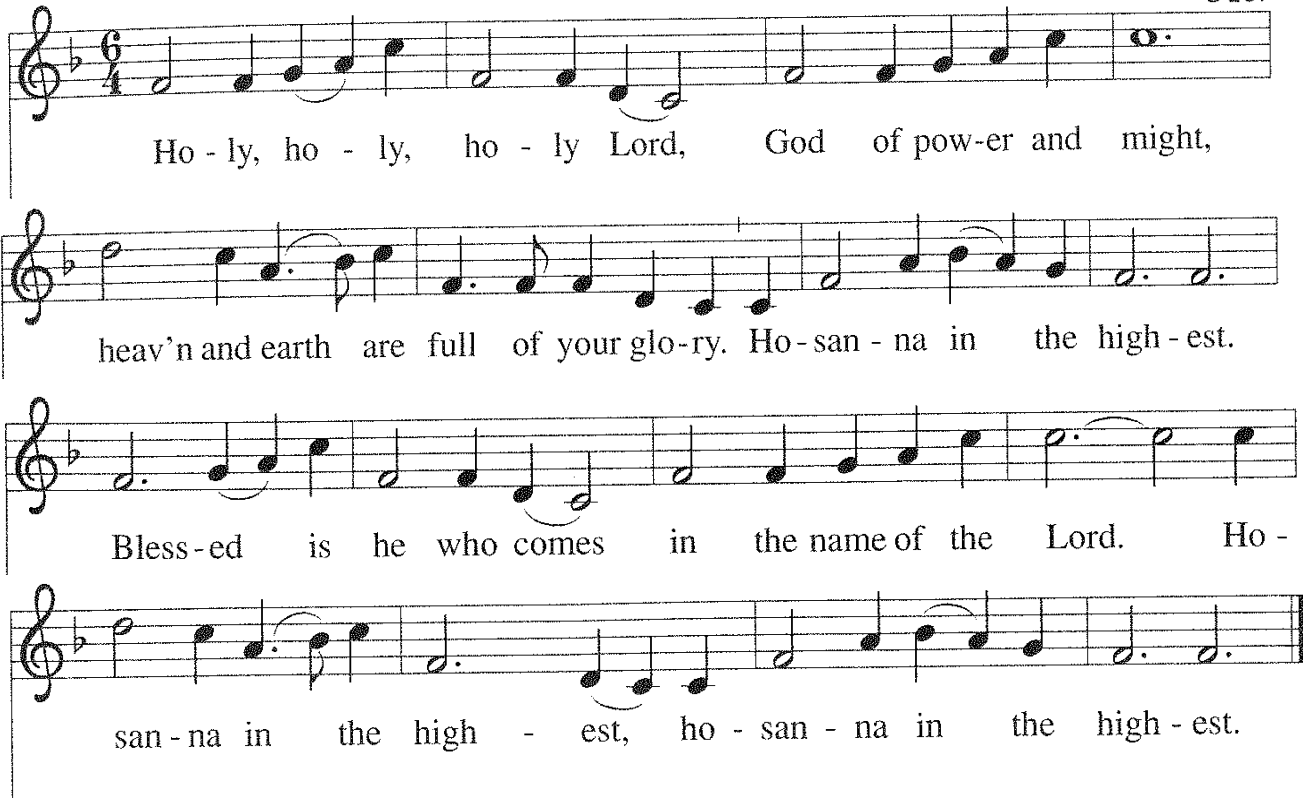
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The 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.**

Communion Music *"Modal", from Three Quiet Preludes*

Alex Rowley

Dear ones,
remember we have
worship on
Wednesday! If you
know someone
looking for a little
community and a
good meal, invite
them! Worship
this Lent will
feature the faith
stories of 4 of our
members. And
very accessible
worship style that
anyone of any
faith can connect
with.

Remember also, to
stop by the
narthex sign up
sheets and book
cart for resources
to enliven your
Lent!

The Sending

Announcements

***Blessing**

The God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Song** *Lord of all Hopefulness*

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God. We will!

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude music

Postlude *Agincourt Carol (O Love, How Deep, How Broad,
How High)* attr. John Dunstable

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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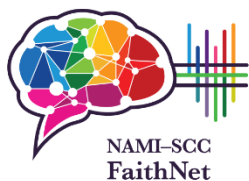
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Learn about upcoming events: ask for a copy of the “Peace Notes”, our printed announcements and calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website at propeace.org.

Prince of Peace is a congregation in the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA*.

We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, publicly affirming our commitment to be a welcoming community of faith for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also a member of *NAMI-FaithNet*, creating mental-health friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.



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