

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church February 23, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Schumm Music Director, Karen Turgeon Office Manager, Laura Dygert Church Office Hours: T-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

- 1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God Matthew 28:19
- 2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
- 3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
- 4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.

May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

As We Gather

Jesus often shares words that challenge us, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." In a world where most relationship are transactional, Jesus asks us to be transformed. God loved the world and gave His Son. We are called to love because He first loved us. We gather in worship of our God who loves us!

February 23, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Real Love

Opening Hymn 544 O Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place, But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.

3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore; For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought, By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b*

- P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.
- Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
- P For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
- Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- P Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

Kyrie LSB 204

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

- 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

- Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 45:3–15*

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter forty-five

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 'And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 850 it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' 12 And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

A reading from the first book of Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." 34Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41There is one glory of the sun,

and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

- This is the Word of the Lord. $[\mathbf{A}]$
- Thanks be to God. \mathbf{C}

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

32"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

1 Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.

2 Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility, Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.

3 Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend; Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering Create in me a Clean Heart Hymn 956
Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- **P** It is truly good, ...

Sanctus LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

- Refrain:Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me. No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity. With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
 And deep within our hearts now shine;
 There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be
 As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
 Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
 Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!

 Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.

 Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
 Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray...
- C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Closing Hymn 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed, We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart, Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.

- 2 Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go, To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show; Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give, That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

Peace Notes

Flowers on the altar this morning are offered by Kurt and Susan Vaaler in loving memory of Kurt's mother, Gloria Vaaler. Thank you for your special gift!

Farmington CARES Food Collection is in the last week! CARES biggest needs at this time are: Dried beans/lentils, Nuts, Canned Soup, Baking Mixes, Dried Fruits, and Canned Meats. You can help those in need right here in our community by dropping off your unexpired, non-perishable food in the narthex now through February 26th. Help with a little extra in your grocery cart this week! Thank you for your support!

February Movie Night This Friday!- Join us this month for the movie *Reagan*, a drama about the life of Ronald Reagan, from his childhood to his time in the oval office. The date is set for Friday, February 28 beginning at 5pm. Invite friends and family and join us! As always, it is free and includes a pizza dinner!

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Noon worship will be at St. Paul, Northville with a luncheon to follow. An evening meal at Prince of Peace is at 6pm with Worship following at 7pm. Be sure to join us!

May 22—Forever Young: Detroit Historic Tour – The Forever Young group is taking a Detroit History Tour to see buildings designed by the famous Albert Kahn. We will be led by Michael G Smith, President of the Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation. We will "dive into the life and legacy of Albert Kahn, the visionary architect who transformed Detroit's skyline and industrial landscape." The group will be picked up by a tour bus at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia at 1:30pm. Snacks and water are allowed on the bus. The tour will include opportunities to go inside the buildings as well. We will return to CoS around 4:30pm. The trip, which includes a tour bus and guided tour, costs \$50 per person. Seats are limited. Sign up and learn how to pay by calling Barb Karowich (734-480-1644) or Linda Waara (734-245-5733).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Today</u>

Bible Study 8:30am Worship at 9:30am Bible Study 10:45am

Tuesday, February 25
Bible Study @ noon
Prayer Team 7:15pm
NA meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 26 Bible Study @ noon

<u>Thursday, February 27</u> Bible Study 7pm

Friday, February 28 NA meeting 11 a.m Movie Night 5pm AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 2
Bible Study 8:30am
Worship at 9:30am
Bible Study 10:45am

COMING UP

Monday, March 3
Board of Director meet 7pm

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday
Dinner at 6pm
Worship at 7pm

Sunday, March 9
Daylight Saving
Time Begins

Keep in Prayer this week

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.
We place our sick under your care and humbly
ask that you restore your servants to health once
more. Please remember to keep
in prayer...

- ♣ For resolution to conflict and peace in the areas of the Middle East, Ukraine and all wartorn nations in the world.
- ♣ For God's plan and provision for Prince of Peace as He prepares the hearts of our congregation and our future pastor.
- Thanksgiving for Joan B. as she has finished her cancer treatment and waits for upcoming test to see if she is in remission
- for those affected by the water main break in the area of Family of God
- birthday blessings for Pastor Mark who is celebrating his birthday next week.
- ⊕ For the health concerns of: Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Helen Nye, and Rachel Svoke, Dennis Coffey, Jean Karpinski, Pat and John Geisinger, Janice Kaminski and Shari Thilking, Joan B., Ann Maciejewski, Mike Hodgins, Nick Brennan, Elaine Echols, Britta Wofford, Velte Toledo

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	Service Schedule		
	23-February	2-March	9-March
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDERS	Dick Walker	Dick Walker	Mike Beyersdorf
READER	Susan Vaaler	Ron Donoghue	DeColle Abbott
GREETER	Marabeth Warnke	Lynne Bauer	Barb and Ron Donoghue
VIDEO OPERATOR	Chris Moses	Barb Donoghue	Ed Kaiser
TELLERS	JoAnn Lind	Sharon Moses Irene Rothschild	Doug Butler Ron Donoghue
USHERS	Joe Svoke Mark Wells Ed Kaiser	Ed Kaiser Mark Wells Charley Staab	Dick Walker Kurt Vaaler Jesse Brindle

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of February is DeColle Abbott