



**Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026**

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Our Mission

*To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship
and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for all.*

Pastor: Rev. John "Ben" Mandrick

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WELCOME! In the midst of this holy season of Lent, we welcome you to our community of faith. Lent is a time of journey, giving thanks for the gift of Jesus' sacrifices for us, and for praying for strength to follow in the way of Jesus. Our worship services, which are a bit more subdued in Lent, are a chance for you to encounter God in prayer, thanksgiving, confession of your failings, and Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence in our community and we pray our worship will be a blessing for you. Everything that you need for worship is found in this worship folder. Congregational responses are shown in BOLD.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Faith, Worship, Fellowship

Holy Communion is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

Introduction to the day

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

A Time for Meditation & Prayer

WELCOME AND MISSION NOTES

PRELUDE: *by the POP Band*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*We stand*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Brief moment of silence for self reflection

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

Jesus, Name above All Names

WORDS: Nanda Hearn (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14; Phil. 2:9)

MUSIC: Nanda Hearn

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Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful



Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is



with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

Emmanuel



1) Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el.
 2) If an - y one shall be in Christ



his name is called Em - man - u - el;
 Then they will have A brand new Life.



God with us, re - vealed in us;
 Behold the old will pass a - way



his name is called Em - man - u - el.
 So let new Life Be - gin to - day.

Text and music: Bob McGee
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(We are seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

R: A reading from Genesis.

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

R: A reading from Romans.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(We stand as we are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word

Words by Amy Grant
Music by Michael W. Smith

G D G C D G CCLI#1249345



GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Pastor John "Ben" Mandrick*

(We stand as we are able)

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

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APOSTLES CREED

A: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

(We are seated or we kneel)

A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your people. Help us to believe your promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, so that we might share in his righteousness and resurrection.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

God of life, preserve your creation. Open our eyes to see where destruction and waste, harm creation. Guide us to your will for the world.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

King of Kings, All Power and authority our yours. Give wisdom to rulers, justice to the oppressed, and hope to those seeking peace.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

Almighty God, nothing is beyond your power. Answer the prayers of those suffering in body, mind, and spirit. Especially these from our prayer list and those we say aloud or silently.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

Prince of Peace, you were lifted up that all might be saved. Shield all those in times of trouble, war, or unrest. Send your spirit to bring peace to lands where conflict rages

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

Living God, in great love you gave your son for us. Embrace the grieving as they Mourn the loss of loved ones. Bind us to your promise of life eternal in the death and resurrection of Christ.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

Saving Lord, you are our savior. Keep safe all who risk peril to help others. Especially our military personnel, healthcare workers, and first responders.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Psalm 121:1, 2)

P: Holy God of mercy and grace, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in Jesus name.
Amen.

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *(Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *by the POP Band*

(We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

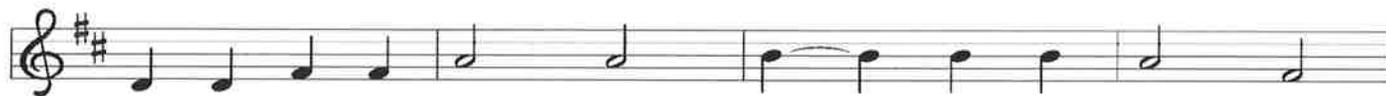
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

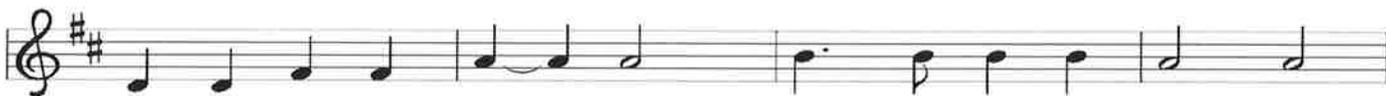
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! —Vs. 1



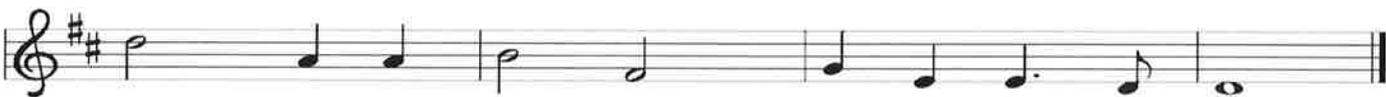
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
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

The table is set and all God's children are welcome.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Holy communion is a gift of God's grace and is open to all. Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers to receive the host from the pastor. Gluten free hosts are available. Receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Grape juice is available in the center ring. Return to your seats by the side aisle placing empty cups in receptacle.)*

Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
 2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
 3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
 you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
 cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

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COME TO THE FEAST

Words and Music by Jeff Lawson

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9 **B** **VERSE** **D#7** **G#m** **B** **C#**

1. Go to the high - ways and hedg - es. Go to the far - thest of...
 2. Go to the streets of the ci - ty. Bring in the crip - pled and...
 3. ...robe of the Lamb you'll be cov - ered, dressed in His pure right - eous -

12 **F#** **D#7/G** **G#m** **E** **B** **F#**

fields. Go and com - pel... the sick and the well... for
 blind. All who would taiste this ban - quet of grace
 ness. For all of your guilt His blood, it was spilt... so

15 **B** **F#** **B** **B** **F#/A#**

our Fa - ther's house will be... filled. **1.** **2.3.**
 must come and waiste no more time. - Come to the feast,
 come by your Fa - ther, be... blessed. /

18 **G#m** **E** **B** **F#/A#** **G#m** **E**

— come to the ta - ble, the great and the least... the rich and the poor,

21 **F#** **B** **F#/A#** **G#m** **E** **B** **F#**

— Come to the feast... come to the ta - ble.

24 **B** **F#** **B** **D#7** **G#m** **E** **C#/E#** **F#**

Come and hun - ger no... more. 3. In the... 3

2. **B** **F#** **B** **D#7** **G#m** **E** **B** **D#7**

Come and hun - ger no... more.

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We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
 3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Generous God,
 at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
 As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
 now make us one loaf to feed the world;
 in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.

BLESSING

P: Please receive this blessing. May God be with you all, above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, within you to bring you to eternal life. May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN

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Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

A: DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Please inform Pastor Ben in writing or by phone of any

- 1) Upcoming medical interventions in which you desire pastoral prayers and/or visitation,*
- 2) Changes to the prayer list,*
- 3) Announcements for the bulletin.*

Pastor Ben can be reached by cell at 904-556-6687

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