



**“Lost and Found – Compassionate Indulgence”**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 14, 2021**

**WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/worship/>.*

*If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, or online. Thank you for your generosity.*

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**    *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

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**Preparing for Worship**

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

**Call to Worship (based on Matthew 20:1-16)**

Come!

Come and worship,

you who woke early and you who slept late;

you who come often, and you who don't.

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

and more than enough grace to go around.

Let's worship God together!

**Music "There is a Love" - Joel Payne**

There is a love

that's better than life to me,

jealous and strong,

pursuing and claiming me,

seen in the Son,

in Jesus who rescued me;

this is love.

There is a love

that speaks of amazing grace,

stooping to serve

and taking the sinner's place,

humble in death

and suffering my disgrace;

this is love.

*Refrain*

Oh your love is better than life to me,

heaven's highest treasure,

wonderful and free,

binding me to you for eternity,

your love.

There is a love

securing my destiny,

filling my heart,

to counsel and comfort me,

stilling my fears

and trading my pain for peace;

this is love.

Your love is better than life to me,

better than life to me.

Better than life to me, O God.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
Who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for individual confession and self-reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we are captive to sin  
And cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Greeting**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Divine Word,  
You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Music        “Something Beautiful For God” - Bryan Sirchio**

Know this one thing above all else  
We are loved, loved by God  
Let this be how we see ourselves  
As people loved, loved by God  
And once we know the love of Christ  
Feel God’s healing in our lives  
Loving service is how we give our love back to God

## *Chorus:*

Today let us do something beautiful for God  
Do something small, but do it with great love  
Do what we can, where we are, with what we’ve got  
Today let us do something beautiful for God

Everyone who we meet today  
Is God's child, God's own child  
May our lives help them hear God say  
You are my child, God's own child  
A smile can radiate God's love  
Let them see the Christ in us  
Let our lives be the cheerfulness of God in this world

*Chorus*

Jesus will visit us today  
In disguise, in disguise  
Poor and weak, Christ will come our way  
Jesus Christ, in disguise  
The lonely, poor, the victimized  
Love for them is love for Christ  
Love is water to quench the thirst of Christ on the cross

*Chorus*

**Gospel Reading**            **Luke 16:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**Message**

***Pastor Andrea Fluegel***

**Music**    ***“O Lord Hear My Prayer” (ELW 751) - sung by Rachel Kurtz***

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to me.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought. Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Brazil and wherever COVID-19 rages, send healing. In Myanmar and wherever tyranny rules, restore human rights. In Nigeria and wherever there is domestic terrorism, send concord. In Ethiopia and wherever there is bloodshed, bring peace. In Yemen and wherever people starve, give food and water. In the United States and wherever there is discrimination, inspire all residents to honor one another and to strive for justice. Prosper the work of those who care for victims of violence, and grant legislators wisdom in decision-making. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer,**

**O Lord, hear my prayer:**

**When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer**

**O Lord, hear my prayer:**

**Come and listen to me.**

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter. Give us patience and courage when the way seems long.

We lift before you all people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds . . .

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to 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.

**Music "Imago Dei" – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

*Refrain:*

Imago Dei the image of God is here  
Imago Dei the likeness of God alive (repeat)

Holy because we are of God  
We are all of God  
Holy because we are of God  
We are all of God

*Refrain*

Siblings because we are of God  
We are all of God  
Siblings because we are of God  
We are all of God

*Refrain*

*Descant*

We belong to one another  
We belong  
Imago Dei the image of God is here  
Imago Dei the likeness of God alive

## **Blessing**

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith,  
as we are being rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened by the Spirit,  
and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

Gathered by Grace.  
Sent to Serve.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Limited in-person worship** is now being held. Pre-registration is required each week to attend in-person. We will be following social distancing guidelines as well, and masks will be required. Online or on-demand worship will continue to be available. Please register online or call the church office and leave a voicemail message. We will call you back to confirm. Sanctuary doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to worship.

### **Gathered and Sent Bible Discussion Available By Phone**

The weekly Gathered and Sent Bible discussion recording (podcast) is now available by phone. Just call **978-599-7887** and stay on the line to listen to the recording that discusses the upcoming Sunday scripture reading. A new recording is posted every Monday. Gathered and Sent podcasts can also be found on the church website, Spotify, Pandora, Alexa, Audible, iTunes, Apple Podcast, Google Podcasts, and more. Listen, invite, and participate in God's Word.

### **Mountain of Love**

Each Lenten season, Prince of Peace has a Mountain of Love to support the Weekend Backpack Program, Caritas, and the Vilas Food Pantry as a spiritual practice of generosity and almsgiving. This year, we are asking for **monetary donations**, or you can donate specific items needed such as spices, plastic spoons, cooking oil, oatmeal packets or cups, apple cider packets, or dry soup packets. These are much needed items, but rarely donated.

### **Christ in Our Home**

The April/May/June 2021 edition of ***Christ in Our Home*** is now available. If you would like one, please call the church office and leave a message (715-479-9263). We will be happy to mail one to you.

### **Thrivent Choice Selection Reminder**

Attention Thrivent members, did you know that you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace? Also, did you know that you need to intentionally make this election every year and the deadline is March 31st? If you would like to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to Prince of Peace, please call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 to make your elections or Thrivent representative Nathan Musolff at 715-350-4125 to assist you.

### **CURRENT PHASE: 2**

- **Limited in-person worship.** Pre-registration is required to attend in-person. Online or on-demand worship will continue to be available. Please **sign up** on the church website at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/signups/> or by calling the church office. **Please sign up each household individual.** Again, use the sanctuary doors to enter the building. Doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to worship.
- Critical staff and volunteers by invitation-only access to building.
- Visitors must wear a facemask and keep to social distancing guidelines.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.  
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,  
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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