

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School



Prince of Peace's Mission Statement

*As the redeemed people of God through Jesus Christ, we are committed to:
1) Celebrate God's Promises; 2) Learn God's Word; 3) Grow in Christ-likeness;
4) Share God's Truth; and 5) Live God's Love.*

AS WE GATHER

It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness—the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we gather again today to see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world—the light no darkness can overcome.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and the SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

CONFESSIOIN and ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Grant that we may acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42: 14-21

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5: 8-14

GOSPEL -

John 9: 1-11

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

“A one eyed man is King, in the country of the blind” Pastor Gene

Text: Ephesians 5: 8-14

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Lord, shine Your light of mercy and grace into our darkened hearts of sin and eyes blinded to Your will and ways, so that we know the fullness of Your

forgiveness, life, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer

P: For those that we have named and those that we have listed on our prayer page and those who we hold dear to our heart, experience healing according to God's will, (*) let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For guests in worship today and for each of us, that Christ would bless our hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Lord hear our prayer.

P: These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire our well-being; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to 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 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.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace;

C: Amen.