



**March 1, 2020 | 9:30 a.m. | First Sunday in Lent**

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Mike Jacobs   Ron Swanson   Paul & Cleo Dillabough   Michael Darland   Laura Eller

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**Assisting in Worship**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Suzy Steinmetz	<b>Lector</b>	Bonnie Rockwood
<b>Greeters</b>	Verne and Ellen Schoeneman	<b>Ushers</b>	Don and Karen Johnson
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Scott and Nancy Stevens	<b>Music</b>	Allen Quie, Dave DeJonge, Audrey Cox

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

ELW# 326

**Greeting:**

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

**P:** And also with you.

**Litany of Confession (Based on Psalm 51)**

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

**L:** Have mercy on me, O God, because of your amazing love. You are filled with mercy; wipe away my sins. I've been out of step with you and done what is evil in your sight. I know the mistakes I have made, and my sin is ever before me.

**Sung Response**

**L:** Soak me with your mercy, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I will be like fresh fallen snow. Fill me with joy; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Turn your eyes from my sin and give me a clean bill of health.

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### ***Sung Response***

#### **Absolution**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Announcements**

#### **First Reading: Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. <sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah <sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. <sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. <sup>10</sup>Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**L:** This is the Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**L:** The Gospel of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message**

Pastor Rick Sherrill

## Prayers of the Community

## Offering

## Special Music

Your Great Name  
Audrey Cox and Dave DeJonge

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## 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.

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## Distribution Music

God Loved the World

ELW# 323

## Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

## Closing Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW# 618

## Dismissal

## Postlude

## Happening Today at Prince of Peace

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**10:30** a.m. **Fellowship,** Gangsei Hall

**11:00** a.m. **Youth Summit,** Arcadia R12

**1:00** p.m. **Boy Scouts T6,** Arcadia R12

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**Thank you notes from the Christmas angel families are in a yellow folder in the narthex!**

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## **Sung Response**

### **Absolution**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Children's Message**

### **Announcements**

### **First Reading: Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel: John 3: 1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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 apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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:

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### **Message**

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## Prayers of the Community

## Offering

## Special Music

Concerto No. 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement

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## The Celebration of Holy Communion

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## Distribution Music

Concerto No. 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement

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## Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

## Closing Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW# 843

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**March 15, 2020 | 9:30 a.m. | Third Sunday in Lent**

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**Prelude** *Because He Lives* Gaither

**Welcome and prayer**

**Opening Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW# 335

**Greeting:**

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

**P:** And also with you.

**Litany of Confession (Based on Psalm 51)**



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## **Sung Response**

### **Absolution**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Children's Message**

### **Announcements**

### **First Reading: Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. <sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. <sup>10</sup>For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." <sup>11</sup>Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Gospel: John 4: 5-42**

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

L: The Gospel of Life.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Paul Nelson

## Hymn of the Day

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

ELW#614

## Prayers of the Community

## Offering

## Special Music

*Voices of Praise*

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

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Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW# 325

Dismissal and Postlude

## Happening Today at Prince of Peace

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool Mission Statement:** *We welcome people to a relationship with Jesus, equip them with a faith that works well in real life, and send them into the world to serve others.*

***Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Gangsei Hall after worship!***

**9:00** a.m. **Ch.i.L.L.**, Conference Room

**9:00** a.m. **Nursery**, Preschool Room 1

**9:30** a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary

**9:30** a.m. **No Sunday School**

**10:30** a.m. **Fellowship**, Gangsei Hall

**11:00** a.m. **Ides of March**, Arcadia R12

## Upcoming at Prince of Peace

*See [www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org) or *The Messenger* online for more info!*

**Lenten Worship Services-** every Wednesday through April 1, at 11am in the Sanctuary.

**Women's Bible Study (Mary's & Martha's)-** meet Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am/conference room.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick -** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am in the conference room

**Knitting Group** meet every Tuesday, at 1pm in the Conference Room – everyone welcome!

**Sew and Tie Quilters ~** meet every Friday at 9am in the choir room- Questions see Suzy Steinmetz.

**Quilters meet every Saturday**, at 9am in the Choir Room.

**BG's next meetup** is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Zinqué - see Pastor Paul for details!

**First Communion Workshop -Sunday, March 29**, Noon-2:00pm, Office Conference Room

Contact Pastor Rick to sign up [pastorrick@poppheoenix.org](mailto:pastorrick@poppheoenix.org). First Communion will be celebrated on April 5 (Palm Sunday).

**Theology Pub** is at 7pm on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Fate (S. Scottsdale)- invite a friend!

**Every Body Matters Exercise Group- now through Easter Sunday-** Strengthen your body and soul during Lent! Meet in the south parking lot every Thursday at 5:30p (Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) to run/walk the canal. Questions? Contact Dena Welch-Rowland (480.220.0396).

**Packathon:** The Sixth Annual Arcadia Cares Food for Kidz Packathon will be held next Saturday, March 21. To sign up to pack food or to become a sponsor or other donor visit our website!

**Street Fair- Save the Date- Saturday, April 4, 2020!** – This year's Street Fair is April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm featuring live music, food off the grill, carnival games and a silent auction full of AMAZING items!

**Save the Date-** April 26<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our 85-plus members during worship service



**March 22, 2020 | 9:30 a.m. | Fourth Sunday in Lent-Online Worship**

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**You Are Mine** (ELW 581)

"I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."

**Refrain**

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

"I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name." **Refrain**

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!" **Refrain**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** (ELW 858 v. 1, 2, 4)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously  
reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before  
him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**Confession and Absolution**

L: We worship this morning in the name of the God who loves us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Holy God, we are open books to you. You know every hair on our heads, every beat of our hearts and every thought in our minds. Wash us clean and take our sins as far from us as the East is from the West, so we can love you and passionately serve your world. In the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray.

**C: Amen.**

L: From 1 John 1:8-10 – "If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrong. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts."

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

L: Holy and Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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 all our hearts, minds and passion, and we have not loved others as we love ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, transform us and inspire us, so we can follow you all of our days. Amen.**