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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

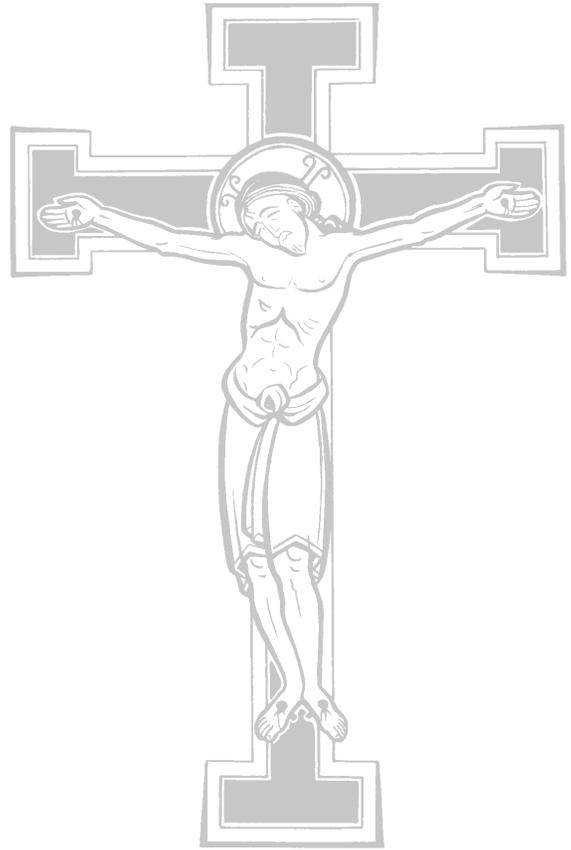
MARCH 8, 2025 ✕ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



OUR OFFERING APP/ELECTRONIC GIVING IS CHANGING!

Please note that we are rolling out a new app that will be a home for much of the communication and scheduling and giving we do here at PoP.

Here's a QR code that takes you to our church center app: Please get the app and look around! It's easy to sign up and this will also be our new church directory.



If you currently have a recurring gift set up through Pushpay (our former system), you will need to cancel recurring gifts there. You can find your Pushpay account at pushpay.com/g/popslc

Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of Peace is an ancient Christian custom, originally referred to as the "Kiss of Peace." Paul wrote to the Romans and the Corinthians and the Thessalonians: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thess 5:26). There are constant references in the following centuries to Christians sharing a holy kiss during worship, either after the Lord's Prayer or just before communing together as a sign of unity in the presence of Jesus, as Ephesians 4:3 calls us to: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eventually the kiss became a handshake with the words, "peace be with you" in most of the Western Christian churches. We'll follow this lovely ancient custom and say, "peace be with you" to those seated around us and perhaps offer a handshake during Lent as a symbol of our reconciliation to each other in the peace of Jesus and as an expression of our love for one another.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type. ☞

HYMN 394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

PLEASE STAND.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



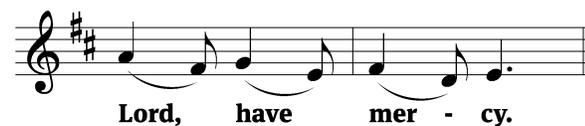
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord



1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com -
 3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -
 4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -



claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
 pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
 fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our
 parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en



sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
 in his care. He all de - crees, who
 Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his
 not your hearts. His ways are best and



fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
 by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
 flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
 lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

God's love is poured into my heart like living water.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out

into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

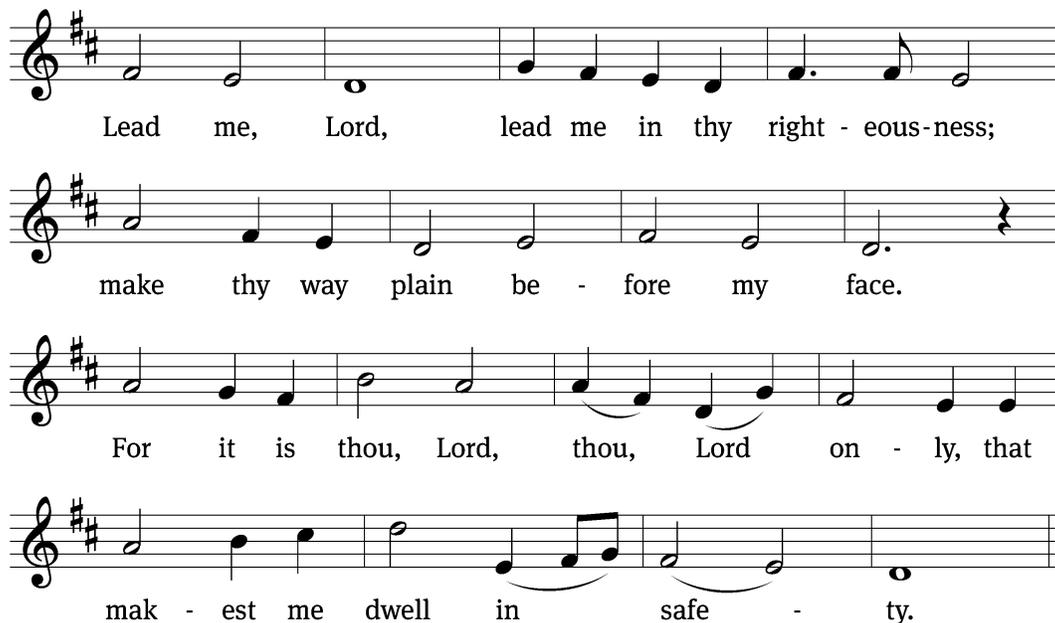
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Lead Me, Lord

Hymn 926



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord on - ly, that
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in

Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 893 - STANZAS 1, 10, 3 For All the Faithful Women

SERMON EXODUS 17 Yes, He is. Yes, He does. Yes, He will.

Please stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

*Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4
Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
Colossians 1:16*

*Romans 10:9
Matthew 16:16
John 3:16
John 1:1,8,12,17:22
Colossians 2:9
John 1:2
John 10:30
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23
John 6:41; Luke 15:20
Luke 1:34-35
John 1:14
Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18
Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6
Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55
Matthew 26:64
Acts 10:42; My 3:12
2 Peter 1:11*

*Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
John 15:26
Mt 3:16-17
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4
Psalm 106:48

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For true wisdom in Christ, that the faithful may recognize that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a daily return to baptism, repentance and sorrow for sin, that the Old Adam in us should be drowned and die with all evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to

call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for...

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)



*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

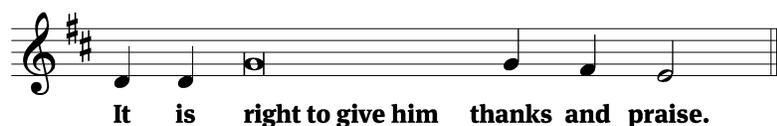
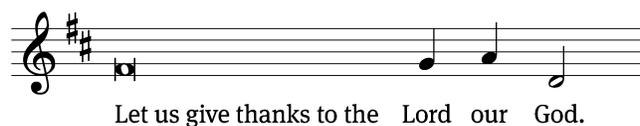
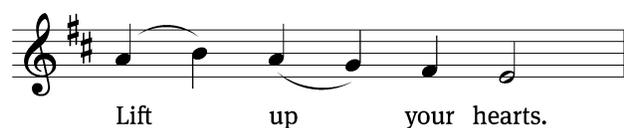
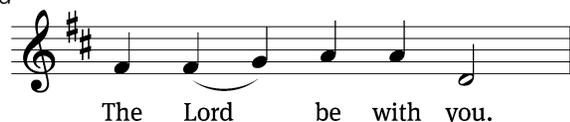
A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome..

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with repentant joy as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen.**

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 JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS

(for more information on this practice we observe this Lent, see the inside cover of this bulletin)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of forgiveness and unity. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)

The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other, shaking hands, and saying:

Peace be with you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

HYMN 667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 857 Glorious Things of You are Spoken



Thank you to Greta Boettcher for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

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