



PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Noon & 7:00 PM

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

POP's Café: Coffee and breakfast are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is March 14 & 15.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

On the cover: *Day of The Lord* by Hannah Garrity; inspired by Joel 2:1-2, 12-17. *God calls us home. In this image I imagined God weeping for our return, calling out to his children, "Come home to me. I love you." Specifically, I am "abounding in steadfast love," says the Lord (Joel 2:13).*

The Church Year

The Season of Lent

In the church, the **liturgical year** focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The changing *seasons* of the church year provide an opportunity to celebrate the Christian faith in worship. The six seasons are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

The **fourth season** of the church year is **Lent**. It extends from Ash Wednesday on February 18 until the day before Easter on April 4. It is a forty-day season, which recalls Christ's forty day ordeal in the wilderness during which he prayed, fasted, and was tempted by Satan. The forty days of Lent do *not* include Sundays. Sunday is always a day of celebration to commemorate the resurrection.

Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism.

The changing **liturgical colors** in the sanctuary serve to adorn the worship space and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. The liturgical color for today is **purple**, which suggests somberness and solemnity.



SCAN
to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

(Noon)

Adagio

Roger Nyquist

(7:00 PM)

O People, Mourn Your Great Sins

J. S. Bach

PSALMODY

Psalm 51

The Cantor will sing the psalm, and the Congregation sings the Refrain following verses 8 and 17, as indicated.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Refrain

PSALM REFRAIN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away¹ from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.

¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near— ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, ⁹as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, ¹⁰as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

ELW S151b



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

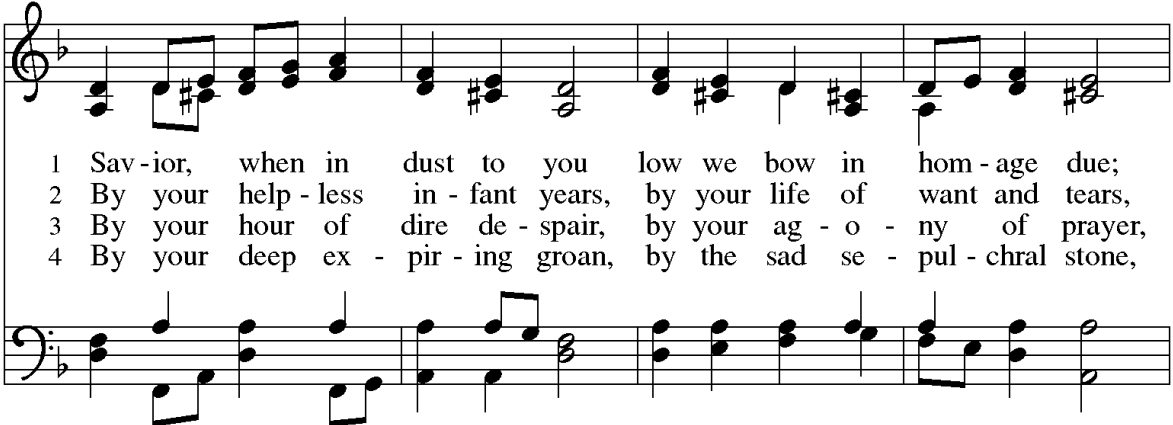
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY


ELW 601

Savior, When in Dust to You

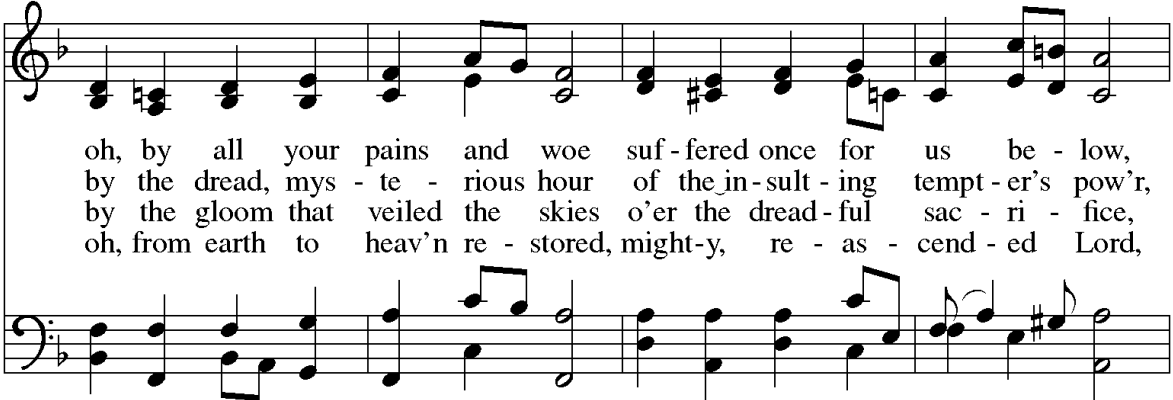
ABERYSTWYTH




1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-tur-ing scorn,
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,
by the dread, mys-te-ri-ous hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,
oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

INVITATION TO LENT

Presider: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering the Passover of Jesus from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.



CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

All: Almighty and merciful God, grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Presider: Almighty and merciful God, grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins.

All: Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Bless these ashes and those who receive them. May this sign of our mortality and penitence remind us that only by the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who wish to receive ashes on their forehead may come forward. The ministers will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

SOLO

Ashes
Sam Stiner, soloist

Tom Conry

SONG

Remember

REMEMBER



Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to dust you shall re - turn.

VOLUNTARY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Sherri Hansen

RESPONSE TO ASHES

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

All: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local partners that help people in need.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(Noon)

Out of the Depths
Sam Stiner, soloist

Thomas Keesecker

(7:00 PM)

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir
(In deepest need I cry to you)
Prince of Peace Choir

from Cantata 38
J. S. Bach

*Ob bei uns is der Sünden viel,
bei Gott ist veil mehr Gnade;
sein Hand zu helfen hat kein Ziel,
wie groß auch sei der Schade.
Er ist allein der gute Hirt,
der Israel erlösen wird
aus seinen Sünden.*

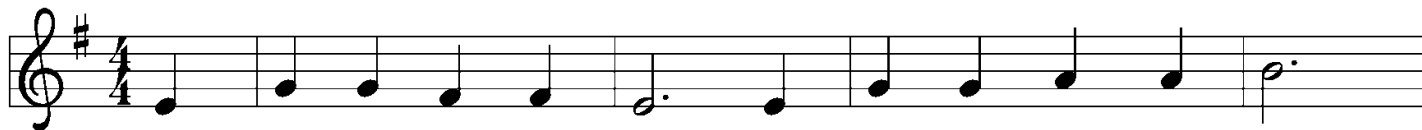
If we are exceedingly sinful
Then God is more exceedingly merciful;
Your helping hand knows no end
It is as great is our suffering.
You, alone, are the good shepherd
The one who saved Israel
From all of its sins.

OFFERTORY HYMN

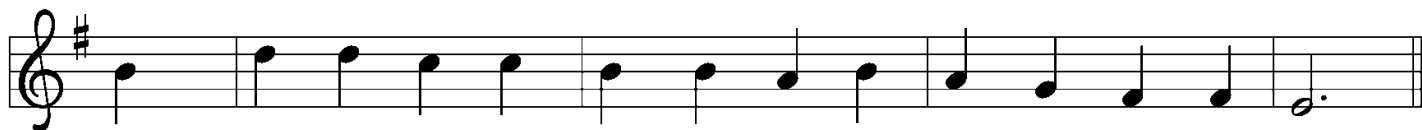
ELW 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Presider: Reflecting on Jesus's journey into the wilderness, we uplift our prayers for the church, those in need, and all God's creation. *A brief silence.*

O Lord, at times the troubles of the world eclipse the beauty of your creation. This Lenten season, may we be open to hope, and to the possibilities brought about by prayer.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

When factions and meltdowns mar our country's political system, may we meditate on your faithful and sacrificial love, that we may cultivate an abiding gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lead us, O Lord, on our personal Lenten journeys as we continue our day-to-day obligations at school, work, and in the community, remembering that the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

When overwhelmed by the darkness of the wilderness, O Lord, may we turn to the communal light of fellowship at Prince of Peace, that our shared joy and gladness may renew the spirit within us.


Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Restore the joy of your salvation in our hearts and minds, and with your bountiful spirit sustain those whom we name now, aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.*




Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Praise and thanks to you, O Lord, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.


All: Amen.



Please pause for the toll of the bell when you see this symbol 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, 
your kingdom come, 
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. 

Give us today our daily bread. 

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. 

Save us from the time of trial 
and deliver us from evil. 

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Our worship concludes with silence. The assembly is asked to remain silent until each has left the worship space.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

February 25, March 4, & 11, 18, 25, 2026

Led by the pastoral staff



Join us for the five Wednesdays in Lent. Each Wednesday night at 6 pm, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by a discussion of the Psalms. Our time will close with singing and Prayer Around the Cross from 7 to 7:15 p.m.

6 p.m. Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Discussion of the Psalms
7 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

	Noon	7:00 PM
Front Door Greeter	Liv Uschwald	Andrea Burns Jay Burns
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PRINCE OF PEACE

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

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