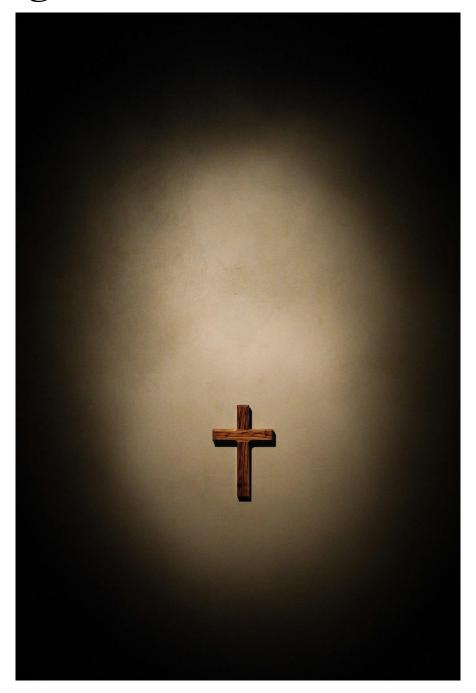
Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Behold the Hidden Glory of the Cross!

Midweek Lent

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"Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace."



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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

Behold the Hidden Glory of the Cross!

God has shown us in the life and teaching of his Son the true way of blessedness. He has also shown us in His suffering and death that the path of love may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. May God give us grace to learn these hard lessons! May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with Him in His sorrow that we may know His strength and peace and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the beauty of eternal light!

February 21	It is Hidden in the Savior's Solitude	Luke 18:31-34
February 28	It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by His Own	Matthew 26:57-68
March 6	It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by the World	John 18:33 - 19:1
March 13	It is Hidden in the Savior's Stumbling	Mark 15:18-21
March 20	It is Hidden in Powerful Words	Luke 23:32-43
March 28 (Holy Thurso	It is Hidden in the Savior's Feast lay)	Matthew 26:26-30
March 29 (Good Friday	It is Hidden in the Savior's Promises	John 19:31-37

Prayer at the Close of Day

Remain seated

Opening Evening Song

CW 225



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Confession CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. **Amen.**

Into Your Hands

CW 227





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Passion History Reading

396 Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1-5

Sermon

It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by the World

John 18:33—19:1

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

⁴⁰They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

Stand

Prayer CW 228



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Prayers



O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will / prosper.* To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure de-/fender;



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Lord's Prayer

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Benedicamus

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

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