



**Second Sunday of Christmas  
9:30 am Worship Service  
January 3, 2021**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810

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PRELUDE

*Instrumental*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L** the pain of others, the world's detriment and our own hurt, we often spurn God's love and guidance and go our own way. Let us take a moment to reflect on our sin as we prepare to hear again the great good news of God's forgiveness.

**L** Loving God,

**C** We confess that we take you for granted. You give us all good things, but we choose to rely on ourselves and we bow to other gods that do not love us and cannot help us. Forgive us our sins.

**L** Loving God,

**C** We confess that we mistreat our sisters and brothers. You put us in community and call us to care for one another, but in our selfishness, we make adversaries and servants of your children. Forgive us our sins.

**L** Loving God,

**C** We confess that we thoughtlessly abuse your good creation. You place us in the world to be faithful stewards, but we use and discard, giving little thought to the welfare of your world and future generations. Forgive us our sins.

**L** Just as a good mother never turns her back on her children, and a good father never casts his sons or daughters aside, our God does not abandon us in our sins. So, I declare to you now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit that your sins are forgiven.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*What Child is This?*

*ELW # 296*

- 1** *What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!*
- 2** *Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!*
- 3** *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!*

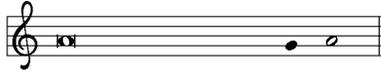
Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- L** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.
- C** And also with you

**\*KYRIE**

*Setting 4, ELW*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** God of all learning,

**C** when the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn. Amen.

**WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Psalm 2:7-8*

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Setting 4*



**L** The Holy Gospel according to the second chapter of Luke

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 2:41-52*

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Dr. Tammy Jahnke, PMA

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Our Father, By Whose Name*

ELW # 640

- 1 *Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,  
in love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.  
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,  
the homes in which your people dwell.*
- 2 *O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,  
with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come:  
our children bless in ev'ry place that they may all behold your face  
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.*
- 3 *O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity  
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;  
in all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home, by this release,  
may be the dwelling place of peace.*

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**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*The response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*)

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**L** The peace of Christ be with you always

**C** And also with you.

## MEAL

*No offering plates passed at this time. Please place your offerings in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary.*

### \*PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

- A** God of all goodness,  
**C** generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Setting 4, ELW*

- 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.  
**L** It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Setting 4, ELW Page 153*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.



**Communion Song**

*Love Has Come!*

*ELW # 292*

*Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

*Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- L** The body of Christ, given for you.
- L** The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

# SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

**L** The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,  
the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you + peace.

**C** Amen.

## \*SENDING HYMN

*Borning Cry*

*ELW # 732*

1 *"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."*

2 *"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."*

3 *"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."*

4 *"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."*

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

## \*DISMISSAL

**L** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!

**C** To be Spirit Led and Love Driven.

**A** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*POSTLUDE

*Instrumental*

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## Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 12/30/2020)

When a prayer request is given to Pastor Katherine and/or the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God. ***Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.*** (The prayer list is printed within each worship service bulletin.)

**We pray for:** The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia; Rev. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregations of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Magadan, Russia; for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Dean for the (Russian) Far East; wife (Natasha) and sons Matvey, Martin and Lukas. Russian Pastor Gleb Pivovarov and for his wife, Anastasia. Prayers for Russian lay preacher Andrei Olzols and his wife, Viktoria.

**We pray for POP members:** Don & Becky Skare, Jeff Campbell, Bill & Elfreda Cole, Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Frank "Butch" & Donna Hayden, Eric Wilson, Jim & Judy Wenzl, Andy Derr, Gabe Derr, Elaine Huy, Les Rohr, Gail Ernst, Edie Kruse, Darrel Arnold, Mike & Trisha Lambert, Jim & Sherry Smith, David Hightower, Diane Washburn, Leania Carter, Nancy Wilson, Bree Kolie and Guy Kolie.

**We pray for the loved ones and friends of POP members:** { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Anna Fisher and family of Amos & Gayle ▶

Jackie Milan, health concerns. Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ▶

Tammy Milan, breast cancer. Friend of Amos & Gayle Bell. ▶

Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ▶

Christian Flood & parents Shelly & Shannon. Grandson of Kathy Corwin ▶

Molly Plate, neighbor of Barry & Patty Killian, breast cancer. ▶

Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ▶

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ▶

Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV ▶

Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ▶

Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ▶

Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ▶

Paul Smith, son of Jim & Sherry Smith ▶

Larkin Wahl, brother of Shawn aggressive treatment for cancer ▶

Stacy, friend of the Vinsand's who is in need of a heart transplant ▶

Pam Teeter, relapse of cancer. Friend of Chuck and Sherry Jones ▶

Keith Burrell, brother of Carol Lewis ▶

Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ▶

Char Rutkowski, good friend of Trisha Lambert's, whose cancer has recurred ▶

Jean Wallenburg, sister-in-law of Roger & Pastor Katherine, pancreatic cancer and undergoing treatment (10/15) ▶

Sterling Osborn, 13 y/o grandson of Greg Roger's aunt, with Ewings Sarcoma shoulder tumor undergoing treatment

Floyd Davis, step-father of Trisha Lambert ▶

Shirley Dowell, mother of Pastor Katherine's good friend and colleague Fred Milliga. Shirley has cancer /approaching end of life.

Robyn Rakers, friend of Julie Karlson just diagnosed with breast cancer (10/18)

Terry Conito, dear friend and colleague of Conita Gaines who was placed in hospice 10/12

Arvin Appleman and daughters Heidi and Heather and their families, cousins of Sarah Derr (11/4)

Margie Appelman, mother of Sarah Derr

Doug Stevens, uncle of Sarah Derr, who is nearly 80 years old who was in the ICU with Covid and was discharged home 11/17

Doug & Tina Reynolds, daughter and son in law of Amos & Gayle Bell

Bev Block, sister of Nancy Wilson who lives in Michigan and who was admitted with Covid.

Victoria Reid, mother of Carmen Whorley, in hospice care

Shellena Jones, daughter of Don Jones, in chronic kidney failure and needs a transplant, and for Don's sister who has Covid.

Jan Rorrer is a coworker of Theresa Kolie-Jones. She has a colostomy bag due to cancer, and was just diagnosed with COVID-19

Renee Johnson, Sharlene Snyder's niece, broke her hip and had a partial hip replacement 12/5

Nora, classmate of Harmony's who has Covid 12/13

Harold Stewart & family as Harold is Peggy McCabe's uncle and had a heart attack

Craig Calnan

**We remember those who grieve:**

The family of Fred Stubbendick, brother of Elfreda Cole who passed away

***About Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (POP)***

As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith, gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ. Some of the gifts gathered within this congregation are teaching, compassion, hospitality, music and drama. All baptized who believe in the presence of Christ are invited to receive communion. The invitation is extended not by us, but by our Lord Jesus Christ, who also equips us to serve each other, our community and the world.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good!

***Our Core Beliefs:***

We are saved by the grace of God alone -- not by anything we do.  
Our salvation is through faith alone -- a confident trust in God,  
who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation.  
The Bible is the norm for faith and life -- the true standard  
by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

## **PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST:** Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, the telephone prayer chain and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

**PASTOR KATHERINE WILL BE ON VACATION THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2021:** In case of a pastoral emergency, Council President, Brandon Messner, will be available all of those days. Parish Ministry Associate, Tammy Jahnke, will be available until January 4. You may reach Brandon at (417) 838-7438, and Tammy at (417) 569-7739.

**THANK YOU DR. TAMMY JAHNKE, PMA** for leading us in worship this weekend while Pastor Katherine is on vacation!

**A REMINDER A CAPITAL APPEAL IS IN PROGRESS:** A reminder a capital appeal is in progress since November 15<sup>th</sup> to pay for the new equipment and technology needed to continue offering virtual worship services. *Thanks! Worship and Music Team*

**WORSHIP SIGN-UP:** Remember to sign-up for PoP's Saturday and Sunday Worship Services.

**A REQUEST FROM YOUR WORSHIP TEAM TO SERVICE ATTENDEES:** Congregants, please wipe down your pew after the worship service ends. Thank you!

**A REMINDER TO TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND/OR PLACE ON AIR PLANE MODE** prior to the beginning of worship! Thanks!

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO RECORD WORSHIP SERVICES** each week in the sanctuary. If you are interested in assisting with recording worship services, please contact Nyssa Brockhoff at [popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com](mailto:popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com) or Gail Ernst at 417-224-3098. Thank you! *Worship and Music Team*

**NEXT UPDATE: 2020 CHRISTMAS IN JAIL:** In years past the items collected by POP for our jail ministry have been taken to 2 men who were allowed to conduct Christian ministry in 5 area county jails. At his time, due to COVID, most of those jails aren't allowing ministry items to go in. **BEFORE CHRISTMAS WE DELIVERED ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO ONE JAIL & WERE ALSO ABLE TO DELIVER PAPERBACKS & WORD PUZZLE BOOKS TO THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY JAIL.** As other jails open up, we will take items for them & I will keep you updated. Thank you, again, for your kind generosity & concern for these folks! We ask again that you remember in prayer, God's children who are inmates or jail staff in area county jails & their dear ones, families, and victims! P.S. Thank you for the Christmas cards. While we didn't need them for the jails this year (some had enough left from last year & others only allow postcards), we took them to Council of Churches for Safe to Sleep and anywhere else they could make use of them. *Gayle Bell & Outreach Team*

**POINSETTIAS:** If you gave a poinsettia in December, please take your poinsettia(s) home after worship today. Thanks!

**NOISY OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY:** LEAST OF THESE FOOD PANTRY-DIETARY RESTRICTIONS on the weekend of January 9 and 10. Funds collected will go for food such as gluten free, diabetic foods and sugar free items.

**THANK YOU!** Thanks to the generosity of the POP congregation we collected 20 lap throws, 2 dozen slippers, over 50 puzzle books, coloring books, crayons and colored pencils for Glendale Nursing Home. Also had a lot of candy and cookies. I am sure the residents will enjoy all of it. *Kathy Corwin & Outreach Team*

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021** Offering envelopes are now in member mail slots. Thank you to those who responded they did not elect to use envelopes for this year. If you find you do not have offering envelopes in your mail slot, please contact Sharma Hightower, Financial Secretary at her new church email: [popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com). If you would like your envelopes mailed to you, please also contact Sharma and/or the church office and they will be placed in the mail within a week.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service
- 2) Mail your offering to the church
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the **GIVEPLUS+** app on your telephone or tablet; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience
- 4) Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online
- 5) Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the **GIVEPLUS+** app



## SERVANTS OF THE LORD

SEW SOTL	January 2	January 9
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Rick Lewis	
<b>Greeter</b>	Ed & Sarah Derr	
Sunday SOTL	January 3	January 10
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Gail Ernst	
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathy Corwin	Desiree & Brandon Flood
<b>Usher</b>	Ross Jahn & Bill Ernst	

<u>Date</u>	<u>SEW</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>
January 2		Sarah Derr	Angie Messner
January 9		Gail Ernst	Angie Messner
January 16		Brant Jester	Nyssa Brockhoff
January 23		Gail Ernst	Angie Messner
January 30		Videos	

<u>Date</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leaders</u>	<u>Video</u>
January 3		Joan Twiton	Angie Messner	Brett Onstott
January 10		Joan Twiton	Nyssa Brockhoff	TBA
January 17		Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brett Onstott
January 24		Joan Twiton	TBA	Roger Wallenburg
January 31		Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brett Onstott

