

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
9:30 am Worship Service
February 7, 2021**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182
Springfield, Missouri 65810

Holy Communion ELW Setting 4

February 7, 2021

PRELUDE

Instrumental

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In this season of Epiphany, the nature of God is unveiled, we confess our sin before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

C Loving God, in all times you call us to follow your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. We want to change but your unconditional love is not what we expected. We see miracles of healing, abundance and feeding yet we doubt they can happen to us. We hear you calling us into deep waters but we are afraid of sinking. We feel you calling us to change from within yet we do not expect it is possible. All we see is our faults, mistakes and sin. Like the Centurion we say, "I am not worthy to have you even under my roof."

P Dear child of God, hear the unexpected Good News. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are enough. All things are possible with God! The same spirit who was in Jesus is in you! Empowering you to love as Christ loved. The same Spirit that named Jesus the "Beloved" calls you to love the world! The very same power that healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind and awakened the dead, lives in you. Christ's love is not what we expected, this is the Good News! Let the peace of Christ, the Love of Christ and the Spirit of God grow in you breath by breath, that we become all that we were created to be.

C Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Thy Word

TCH # 184

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy word is lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path*

*When I feel afraid, think I have lost my way
Still you are there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy word is lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path*

*I will not forget your love for me
and yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

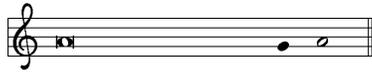
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P 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.



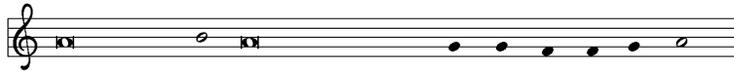
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Blessed Lord God,

C you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM READING

Psalm 119:105-107

(Worship Assistant reads the non-bold print; congregation reads the bold print)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P The Holy Gospel according to the seventh chapter of Luke

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 7:1-10

¹After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Hillsong

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
Oh, Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall
Let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your word
Holy Spirit, rain down
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up Heaven, open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives (repeat once)*

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

***INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL TREASURER**

***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.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P 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*

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Refrain *One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1 *Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. Refrain*

2 *Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain*

3 *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. Refrain*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P 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**

P 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**

I Love to Tell The Story

ELW # 661

1 *I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

Refrain *I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

2 *I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems,
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain*

3 *I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

***DISMISSAL**

P 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 2/3/2021)

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. Russian Pastor Gleb Pivovarov and for his wife, Anastasia. Prayers for Russian lay preacher Andrei Olzols and his wife, Viktoria. Prayers for Rev. Bradn Buerkle, for Alla, (Rev. Bradn Buerkle's mother in law,) wife Natasha and their sons (Matvey, Martin, and Lukas) during this time of mourning for the loss of Alexander, in addition to your continued prayers for your sisters and brothers here, especially St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Vitaly Mohr, Pastor Manfred Brockmann, and all those who seek to spread God's mercy in word and deed.

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, Edie Kruse, Darrel Arnold, Jim & Sherry Smith, 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 }

Doug & Tina Reynolds, daughter and son in law of Amos & Gayle & **Anna Fisher** and family, daughter 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)

Victoria Reid, mother of Carmen Whorley, in hospice care

Shellena Jones, daughter of Don Jones, in chronic kidney failure and needs a transplant

Sheri & Michael Emard, niece & nephew-in-law of Sharma Hightower – both Covid+ and have underlying medical conditions (1/5)

Diane Schreiner, recovering from surgery January 20

Margie Appelman, mother of Sarah Derr, recovering from surgery January 20 to remove a shunt in her brain

Linda Senn, mother of Diane Washburn's step son who has been diagnosed with Alzheimers' with brain injury (1/15)

sick kids, submitted by Harmony Newsome

Karen Calnan and husband Craig as Karen was hospitalized January 26

Sonja Washburn, sister in law of Diane Washburn who is having a bone marrow test 2/2

John Foss, good friend of the Haydens, who will undergo major heart surgery (2/2)

We remember those who grieve:

The family and friends of James Van Aken, youngest brother of Jerry Van Aken who had a heart attack and passed 1/25/2021

The family and friends of Somer Moore McVay, young mother and a family friend of the Wallenburg family who passed away unexpectedly Sunday (January 17) morning

The family and friends of Alexander, father-in-law of ELCA Pastor serving in Russia Bradn Buerkle, who passed January 1 in Russia from Covid-19 while he was compromised battling cancer.

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.

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 AIRPLANE MODE prior to the beginning of worship! Thanks!

A REMINDER: Pastor Katherine, Roger and Harmony's last weekend with us will be February 13 and 14. We are encouraging you to sign-up to attend the worship services February 13 and 14 as soon as you are able. If the weather is nice, we will be able to mingle around outside after worship too.

Dear Prince of Peace family: While the recent announcement of Pastor Katherine's departure has surely caused many emotions to stir, please know that we as a congregation are strong, capable and well positioned to handle this time of change and uncertainty. Your Council is committed to transparency and open conversation around all aspects of the work of this Church and the search for a new leader will be no exception. As Pastor Katherine alluded to, we are in a very stable position and there should be no cause for fear or concern over the business of Prince of Peace. In the upcoming days and weeks, I anticipate hearing from and discussing with our Central States Synod office to being the process of finding an interim and start the process of forming a call committee. As information becomes available to me, it will be shared with the congregation. If you have any questions, concerns or input regarding this process, please know that you are always welcome to reach out to myself or any member of Council. If the history of this Church has taught us anything, it is that we not only overcome obstacles, but far exceed anyone's wildest expectations. I am confident this will be no different. God Bless, Brandon Messner POP Council President popelcapresident@gmail.com and 417-838-7438



FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 6 & 7 DIAPER BANK OF THE OZARKS

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks keeps babies healthy and happy by distribution of diapers to various agencies serving families in need. They have a loan program for families wishing to use cloth diapers. Cloth diapers reduce stress, create better finances, and improve life quality.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO RECORD WORSHIP SERVICES each week in the sanctuary. If you are interested in assisting with recording worship services, please contact Worship & Music Team Leader Nyssa Brockhoff at popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com. Thank you! *Worship and Music Team*

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY began an 18-lesson journey through the Book of Isaiah titled *Isaiah: Paintings of the Holy, Symphonies of Hope* by The Navigators/NavPress. You are welcome to join us! Our group enjoys lots of discussion and we don't mind taking our time to fully explore the readings (one lesson may take more than one week). We began a new study on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Tracy Richter (email tsr225m@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



A REMINDER A CAPITAL APPEAL IS IN PROGRESS: A reminder a capital appeal is in progress since November 15th to pay for the new equipment and technology needed to continue offering virtual worship services. As of February 3, \$3,308.34 has been received out of the \$5,000 needed! *Thanks! Worship and Music Team*

A BIG THANK YOU TO JEFFREY EVANS OF ACORN TREE CARE for cutting down and cutting up the dead ash tree on the north side of the church property at no charge in December! Thank you also to those who helped haul it off and/or burn the remains. For those who would like Jeffrey Evans' of Acorn Tree Care's phone number, it is 417-838-4856. *Property Team*

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed to everyone. Please let us know if you do not receive your statement and/or if you have questions. Thank you! *Sharma Hightower, Financial Secretary (email: popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com)*

2021 THANKOFFERING OPPORTUNITIES: Over the years, the women of our church have held gatherings as in fellowship, worship, and offering. In 2020, we were not able to do this, so several of us thought it might be a time to lift up thank offering Opportunities. These will be housed in the little church containers pictured above. The offerings will be sent to our synod office to support synod-wide scholarships for women to attend conferences and WELCA conventions. The boxes are available in the narthex for women who want to participate. IF you need one mailed to you, just give the office a call and I will make sure you get one. We will collect the boxes on December 1, 2021. We all have blessings to be thankful for even after experiencing 2020. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 417-766-5022. Blessings and good wishes for spirit-filled 2021. *Trisha Lambert*



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE FEBRUARY 17 AT 7 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm. Dr. Tammy Jahnke, PMA will be leading the worship service.

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



PROTEIN DRIVE 40 DAYS OF LENT



We will be collecting foods high in protein for Least of These Food Pantry through out the 40 days of Lent. Collections will be in the cry room. Foods high in protein are:

- Canned tuna and salmon
 - Dried beans
 - Peanut butter
 - Mac and cheese
 - Nuts
- Must be non-perishable



Connecting Grounds Church is making a plea for some things for the homeless that they serve. Many are suffering from frost bite and rain. If you can, please provide any of the following as it would be greatly appreciated. **We will be collecting through the month of February, in the cry room** Outreach Team

- Hand Warmers
- Socks
- Poncho's
- Large zip lock plastic bags, to keep things dry

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

SEW SOTL	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Roger Wallenburg	Brandon Messner	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Sunday SOTL	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Worship Asst.	Gail Ernst	Scott Simpson	Scott Simpson	Cherie Guillen
Greeters	Brandon & Desiree Flood	Joel & Julie Karlson	Joel & Julie Karlson	Brandon & Desiree Flood
Usher	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst	Volunteer needed

MUSIC SERVANTS OF THE LORD

<u>Date SEW</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>
February 6	Sarah Derr	Angie Messner
February 13	Gail Ernst	Nyssa Brockhoff
February 20	Brant Jester	Angie Messner
February 27	Video	Video
March 6	Sarah Derr	Angie Messner
March 13	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner
March 20	Brant Jester	Nyssa Brockhoff
March 27	Video	Video

<u>Date SUNDAY</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>	<u>Video</u>
February 7	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brandon Flood
February 14	Joan Twiton	?	Brett Onstott
February 21	Joan Twiton	?	Brandon Flood
February 28	Joan Twiton	Gail Ernst	Brett Onstott
March 7	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brandon Flood
March 14	Joan Twiton	Gail Ernst	Brett Onstott
March 21	Joan Twiton	?	Brandon Flood
March 28	Joan Twiton	Angie Messner	Brett Onstott

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

- Saturday, February 6 5:00 pm** Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
led by Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg
- Sunday, February 7 9:30 am** Worship Service with Holy Communion
led by Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg
- Monday, February 8** *Pastor Katherine's day off*
6:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom
- Tuesday, February 9 9:30 am** Pericope Team Study (via ZOOM)
6:30 pm "Yarning for the Lord"
- Saturday, February 13 5:00 pm** Saturday Evening Worship Service led by Pastor Katherine
O. Hayes-Wallenburg
- Sunday, February 14 9:30 am** Worship Service led by Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg
- Monday, February 15** March Tidings Newsletter submissions due in the church office
- Tuesday, February 16 6:30 pm** Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)
- Wednesday, February 17 7:00 pm** Ash Wednesday Worship Service

PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF

Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg

Dr. Tammy Jahnke, PMA

Joan Twiton, Organist

Heather Roberts, Office Manager

Sharma Hightower, Financial Secretary

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