



*First*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**February 21, 2021**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810

February 21, 2021

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You, verses 1-3*

*ELW # 818*

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.*
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.*
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong*

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

**\*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

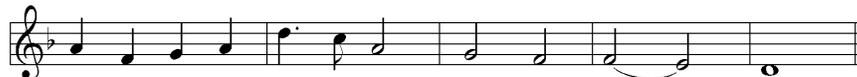
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**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Compassionate God,

**C** how easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen

**WORD**

PSALM 15

*(worship assistant reads the non-bold print and congregation responds with the print that is bold)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD;**

**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

\*LENTEN ACCLAMATION



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God,            re - turn to the Lord, your



God,            who is grac - ious            and mer - ci - ful, slow to



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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to the tenth chapter of Luke

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL READING

*Luke 10:25-42*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." <sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*Rev. Ruth Drews*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY      *O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate, verses 1-3*      *ELW #722*

- 1 *O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.*
- 2 *As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.*
- 3 *O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.*

**\*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**

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

**C** And also with you.

## **THANKSGIVING**

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

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## **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 HYMN**

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

*ELW # 538*

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat*

*The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.*

*Repeat*

**\*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 2/19/2021)

When a prayer request is given to 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, Guy Kolie and Diane Schriener.

**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)

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

Karen Calnan and husband Craig as Karen was hospitalized January 26

John Foss, good friend of the Haydens, who underwent major heart surgery on 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

**We give thanks and praise for:**

Sonja Washburn, sister in law of Diane Washburn who underwent a bone marrow test 2/2 and whose results were negative for leukemia

***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!

**THANK YOU TO REV. RUTH DREWS** for leading us in worship this weekend!

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> to pay for the new equipment and technology needed to continue offering virtual worship services. As of February 4, \$3,308.34 has been received out of the \$5,000 needed! *Thanks! Worship and Music 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](mailto:popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com))*

**MARCH NOISY OFFERINGS TO GO TO “LIFT UP SPRINGFIELD!”** Lift up Springfield provides medical, dental and mental health to our neighbors in need. The clinic is staffed by volunteers of doctors, dentists, nurses, hygienists, office staff and many more. The clinic is located at 2005 East Kearney Street, Suite K in Springfield. *Outreach Team*

## **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

### **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  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  app





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

**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](mailto:popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com). Thank you! *Worship and Music Team*

SEW SOTL	February 20	February 27
Worship Asst.	Brandon Messner	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Sunday SOTL	February 21	February 28
Worship Asst.	Scott Simpson	Cherie Guillen
Greeters	Joel & Julie Karlson	Brandon & Desiree Flood
Usher	Bill Ernst	Herb Peterson

**MUSIC SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

Date SEW	Pianists	Song Leader	
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	
Date SUNDAY	Organist/Pianist	Song Leader	Video
February 21	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brandon Flood
February 24 Midweek	Joan Twiton	Gail Ernst	
February 28	Joan Twiton	Gail Ernst	Brett Onstott
March 3 Midweek	Joan Twiton	Peggy McCabe	
March 7	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brandon Flood
March 10 Midweek	Joan Twiton	Cherie Guillen	
March 14	Joan Twiton	Gail Ernst	Brett Onstott
March 17 Midweek	Joan Twiton	volunteer needed	
March 21	Joan Twiton	Cherie Guillen	Brandon Flood
March 24 Midweek	Joan Twiton	Angie Messner	
March 28	Joan Twiton	Angie Messner	Brett Onstott

## PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

**Saturday, February 20 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship Service**  
**Sunday, February 21 9:30 am Worship Service**  
**Monday, February 22 6:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom**  
**6:30 pm Church Council Zoom meeting with Bishop's Associate Rev. Whetter**  
**Tuesday, February 23 9:30 am Pericope Team Study via Zoom**  
**Wednesday, February 24 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Worship Service**  
**Saturday, February 27 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship Service**  
**Sunday, February 28 9:30 am Worship Service**

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

## February 20 and 21 2021 Prayers of Intercession

- A** Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world.
- A** Teach the church what it means to love and serve our neighbors, keep us from hypocrisy and fear that we may truly see and reach out towards all people. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach humanity to care for the earth as you care for it, help us to see the interconnectedness of the world and work to preserve what you have entrusted to us. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach our leaders the ways of justice and peace, and grant us all the humility to set the welfare of all over our own personal desires. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach us to reach out in love and support to those around us, pursuing loving and edifying relationships and community. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach us how to best love and support those who are suffering in mind body or soul (*especially those whose are on our congregational prayer list, on our hearts and on our mind...*) and grant us the courage to care for them. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach this assembly how to walk in your ways and how to best serve our communities and neighbors. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We give you thanks for the teaching of the saints and we pray that we too may sound forth your praise and glory in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Lord in your mercy, 4
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights, that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart.
- C** **Amen.**