



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**9:30 am**  
**Worship Service**  
**March 14, 2021**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810

Setting V, WOV

March 14, 2021

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**      *All Are Welcome, verses 1,4,5*      **ELW #641**

*1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (refrain)*

*5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (refrain)*

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**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**

*WOV, Setting V*

[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] Divine Word,

[C] you sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**WORD**

**PSALM READING**

*Psalm 41:1-3*

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

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who consider the poor; the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land.**

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities.**

**\*LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

*WOV, Setting V*

[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 sixteenth chapter of Luke

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 16:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Ruth Drews*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Blest Are They, verses 1,2,3*

*ELW # 728*

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.*

*Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!*

*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. (refrain)*

*Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.*

*Blest are they the pure of heart; they shall see God. (refrain)*

### **\*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.*

### **\*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 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

*When the Poor Ones, verses 1,2,3*

*ELW # 725*

*1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:*

*Refrain: We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*2 When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: (refrain)*

*3 When our spirits like a chalice brim with gladness  
When our voices full and clear sing out the truth  
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble (refrain)*

### \*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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<b>SEW SOTL</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>March 27</b>
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Brandon Messner	Gayle Bell	Rick Lewis
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy McCabe	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr
<b>Sunday SOTL</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Herb Peterson	Julie Karlson	Cherie Guillen
<b>Greeters</b>	Ross Jahn	Pat Van Aken	Ross Jahn
<b>Usher</b>	Joel & Julie Karlson	Bill Ernst	Herb Peterson

## MUSIC SERVANTS OF THE LORD

<u>Date SEW</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>	
March 13	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	
March 20	Brant Jester	Nyssa Brockhoff	
March 27	Gail Ernst		
<u>Date SUNDAY</u>	<u>Organist/Pianist</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>	<u>Video</u>
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

# Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 3/10/2021)

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 ◀

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 ◀

Robyn Rakers, friend of Julie Karlson just diagnosed with breast cancer ◀

Victoria Reid, mother of Carmen Whorley, in hospice care ◀

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 again last week. (2/23)

John Foss, good friend of the Haydens, who underwent major heart surgery on 2/2

Linda Lynch and her husband Mark and family-Mark just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Linda is a friend of Sarah Derr

Katie Ernst, wife of Bob, daughter in law of Gail & Bill who was just diagnosed with breast cancer (3/10)

Shellena Jones, daughter of Don Jones, step-daughter of Theresa Kolie-Jones who is in chronic kidney failure; was unable to get a kidney transplant and undergoes dialysis for the remainder of her life

***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!

**LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM.** We will have Lent Midweek Worship Services on Wednesdays in March, except the Wednesday during Holy Week (March 31), at 7 pm!

**NOISY OFFERINGS FOR "LIFT UP SPRINGFIELD" HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 9 & 10:** 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*

**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 March 8, \$4,508.34 has been received out of the \$5,000 needed! *Thanks! Worship and Music 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. Must be non-perishable. Foods high in protein are: Canned tuna and salmon; dried beans; peanut butter; mac and cheese and nuts.



**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



**EASTER LILIES TO ADORN THE CHURCH AT EASTER:** If you would like to give an Easter Lily in thanksgiving, celebration or in memory of someone to adorn the church for Easter Sunday, please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex and/or contact the church office at 417-881-0833.

**IN SEARCH OF A DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET?** A Daily Devotional for the month of March is now available on a table in the narthex. These Daily Devotionals are written by retired and former POP Pastor Larry Sydow who now resides in New Mexico. If you would like the booklet mailed to you, please contact the church office.

**HOLY WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE:**

- **Palm Sunday Worship Saturday, March 27 at 5 pm & Sunday, March 28 at 9:30 am**
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**
- **Good Friday Worship Service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm**
- **NO Saturday Evening Worship Service on Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Easter Worship Services with Holy Communion on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am & 10:30 am with coffee and Easter Egg Hunt for children in between the services**

## **How about 5 minutes of a short devotion via ZOOM?**



Let's gather in His name to begin and/or end our day. **Mondays at 7:30 am and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.** We'll read a devotion - no more than 5 minutes. Those who want to and have time can stay

for another 15 minutes or so to discuss. The Zoom ID number & Passwords are included below as well as in the "notes" section on the church online calendar. No need to sign up, just join when you can. Questions? Call Gayle Bell 268-8563.

### **MONDAYS AT 7:30 AM beginning March 15**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105539757?pwd=aW5RaTA1Q1NVeFh3d0NLemtGbkJWdz09>

Meeting ID: 861 0553 9757

Passcode: 252653

### **THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM beginning March 18**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81385570743?pwd=ZDJ5cGRDNk0vdjM3ZC9adkNJSHB0dz09>

Meeting ID: 813 8557 0743

Passcode: 794088

**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*

## **May Noisy Offerings May 1 & 2 Safe to Sleep Overnight Women's Shelter**



- Has been a safe space for over 1000 women since October 2011
- Snacks, dinner and breakfast are provided
- Two volunteers are on duty all night
- Hosted by Pathways Methodist church/includes showers
- Women are provided cots, sleeping bags, and can get personal items if needed;
- Cash donation are utilized in area with greatest needs

## PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, March 13</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	7:30 am	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study via Zoom
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship Service</b>
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	7:30 pm	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
<b>Saturday, March 20</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
<b>Sunday, March 21</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
<b>Monday, March 22</b>	7:30 am	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study via Zoom
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship Service</b>
<b>Thursday, March 25</b>	7:30 pm	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service (Palm Sunday observance) led by Dr. Tammy Jahnke</b>
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service led by Dr. Tammy Jahnke</b>
<b>Monday, March 29</b>	7:30 am	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, March 31</b>	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study via Zoom
		<b>NO Lenten Midweek Worship Service Tonight</b>
<b>Thursday, April 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
	7:30 pm	Bible Devotional via ZOOM
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>
<b>Saturday, April 3</b>		<b>NO Saturday Evening Worship Service</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour with Easter Egg Hunt for Children</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Drews</b>

### PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF

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## March 13 and 14, 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. Watch over your church, O God, and lead us to proclaim your love and grace in the world. Keep your church from apathy and judgement and instill in us a sincere desire to care for all people. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over creation, O God, and restore all that you have made to wholeness. Work through us to heal waterways of all kinds that all might have clean and abundant water. Work in us and through us to bring healing and wholeness to all that you have made. Lord in your mercy
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over our leaders, O God, and set their minds and hearts on justice and peace. Bless all those who speak out on behalf of the poor and the oppressed. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over the brokenhearted, O God, and bring them into beloved community. Grant us the eyes to see the hidden pain that others carry and the hearts to reach out to them in love. Lord in your mercy,
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- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over the sick, O God, *especially all those whose names are on our prayer list; our hearts and on our minds*:. Bless EMTs, doctors, nurses, and all who provide comfort and aid to others. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over this assembly, O God, and keep us in your care. Bless our ministries to the various generations, that it may inspire and equip us for ministry in the world around us. Lord in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Watch over the saints, O God, and keep their memory in our minds. Use us as you have used others to share your love and grace with future generations. Lord in your mercy,
- 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.**