

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 16, 2022

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182 Springfield, Missouri 65810 Holy Communion Setting 4

January 16, 2022

PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Instrumental

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- **P** Most merciful God,
- We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

- Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- C Amen.

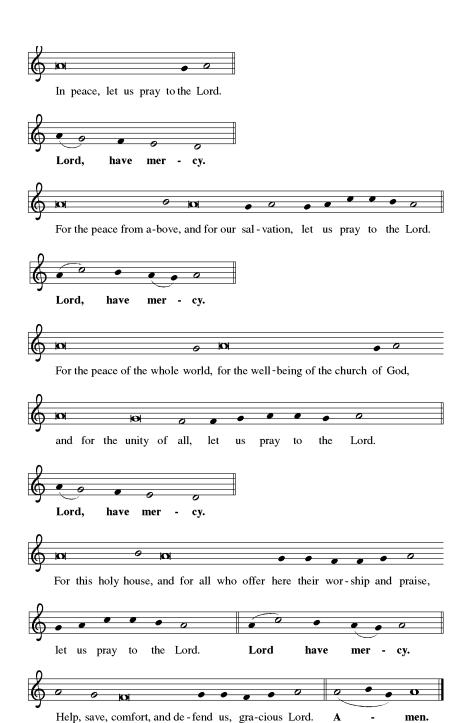
- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.

 And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you

*KYRIE



*GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- **A** Word of God, word of life.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (The assistant reads the non-bold print and congregation responds with the bold print)

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Page 151, Setting 4



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia

P The Gospel according to third chapter of Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Carl R. Gauck

*HYMN OF THE DAY Baptized and Set Free

ELW# 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
 Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
 Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
 to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
 As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

*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 "God of Grace" is "hear our prayer.")

*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.

REFLECTION MUSIC

*LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW # 182



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

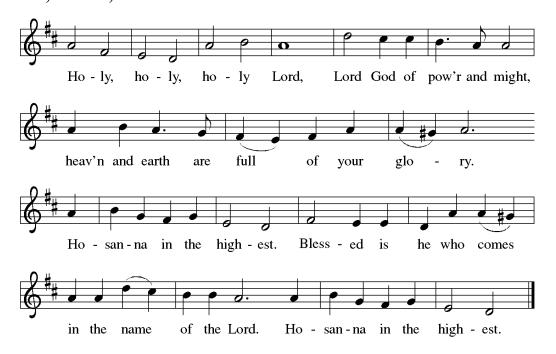
- As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **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.

*SEASONAL SENTENCE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

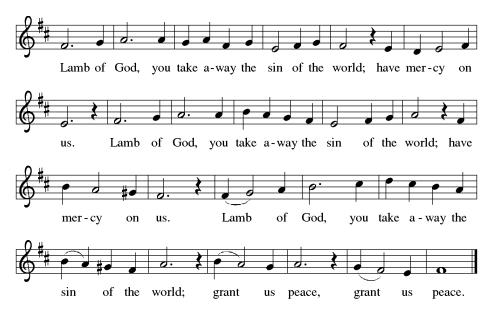
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord. We welcome our guests to commune with us today in the faith that Christ is present in this Sacrament. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. All bread is gluten free. White grape juice is in the center of the tray, or upon request. If you are unable to kneel, please feel free to stand at the communion rail. If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher and the Holy Supper will be brought to you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

*LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN As the Grains of Wheat ELW # 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN Now We Join In Celebration ELW # 462

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- C Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*THE BENEDICTION

- The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
- C Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Baptized in Water

ELW# 456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*DISMISSAL

- P God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ
- **C** To be Spirit Led and Love Driven.
- Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news!
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

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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 offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; 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 "VANCO MOBILE" app.

PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WELCOME EVERYONE</u>, especially our visitors! 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.

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.

<u>REMINDERS</u>: Please remember to turn off cell phones and/or place them on airplane mode prior to the beginning of worship. Thanks!

Happy New Year Prince of Peace Family! I have some good news to share with you! The remainder of the mortgage balance has been paid off! The commitment and generosity of this congregation continues to be a marvel of God's grace. Not only have we paid off the remainder of the loan, we received more money than was required. At the next council meeting, there will be conversation around possible uses for those funds. Those options, along with the updated budget, will be presented to the congregation following worship on Sunday, January 23rd. Paying off the mortgage was a wonderful first step taken in order to become better stewards of God and continue to serve our community and fellow brothers and sisters. This new financial freedom will be another feather in the cap of Prince of Peace as we begin the important process of searching for our new leader. Each and every one of the members of this congregation should be immensely proud of this congregation and should be equally excited to see what 2022 (and beyond) has in store for us. God bless. *Brandon Messner, Prince of Peace Council President*

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the Gospel of John on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let the church office or Tracy Richter (tsr255m@hotmail.com) know if you would like to join us or have questions first.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the mail slots in the narthex. Also, if you requested envelopes in 2021, look for your box with your name on the mail slot in the narthex!

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:</u> Dave Jahnke leads Adult Sunday School beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> follows the 9:30 service in the Solomon room.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Large print bibles are now available in the church library to be checked out!

<u>MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM</u>: We need to reassemble a Mutual Ministry Team and have a few members, although would like a couple more. If interested in more details, please see Brandon Messner, Pastor Carl, and/or Herb Peterson.

POP WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED! We have a few weddings on the horizon for 2022 so if anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Carl or the church office.

INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE CALL COMMITTEE? As we reach out to find a new leader, anyone interested in being on the Call Committee please see Brandon Messner, Pastor Carl, a member of the council or contact the church office.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held January 23 after the 9:30 am worship service to approve the new budget that will remove the line item of the mortgage (the meeting must take place in person per our Prince of Peace Constitution). We will also start looking at dates for a "burn the mortgage celebration." If you have any ideas or want to help with that celebration, please reach out to Brandon Messner.

<u>2022 ALTAR FLOWER CHART</u> is now on the bulletin board located in the upper level hallway. Sign-up now to give flowers on a particular weekend in 2022. One can bring their own flowers to adorn the altar area, or request them ordered and delivered for a total of \$25. Please contact the church office anytime the option of ordering flowers is chosen, and for convenience, a check with "flowers" noted in the memo section can be placed in the offering plate on the weekend when at worship.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are printed and in member mail slots. Contribution statements were mailed Wednesday to people who live out of the area or have not attended worship recently. Please check your mail slots and retrieve your statement when you attend worship. All statements not picked up after next weekend (January 22 and 23) will be mailed.

FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 5 & 6

February Noisy Offerings will go to Least of These Food Pantry for Christian County, one of the fastest growing Counties in Missouri. It was founded in 1998 and is serving over 10,000 families living in poverty. Least of These provides 1,683, 367 pounds of food each year.



INCLEMENT WEATHER: Remember to check out the Prince of Peace Facebook page, the church website, the KY3 cancellation page and/or call the church office phone (417-881-0833) and listen to the voice mail message (as it is updated when services are cancelled) when inclement weather could possibly impact whether we have worship.

SEW	January 15 January 22		January 29	
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	
Sunday	January 16	January 23	January 30	
Worship Asst.	Mike Lambert	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Barry & Patty Killian	Mike & Trisha Lambert	
Ushers	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst	Barry & Patty Killian	
Hosts	Susan Stelford & Eileen Lammers	Betty Arnold & Sherry Smith	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	
Organist/Pianist	Joan Twiton	Joan Twiton	Joan Twiton	
Communion Set-Up	Tricia Lambert	Tricia Lambert Tricia Lambert		
Tellers	Cherie Guillen & Gail Ernst	Dave & Tammy Jahnke		

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 1/12/2022)

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

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 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 sons (Matvey, Martin, & Lukas) St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Vitaly Mohr, Pastor Manfred Brockmann, and all 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, Andy Derr, Gabe Derr, Elaine Huy, Guy Kolie. Preston Kolie, Danielle Kolie, Jim Smith, Les & Julie Rohr, Mark Duneman, Mike Gonsalves.

We pray for loved ones and friends: { "◄" 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 Griffitts, 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 ◀

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

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

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

Shellena Jones, daughter of Don Jones, in chronic kidney failure; unable to get a kidney transplant and undergoing dialysis ◀

Terry McDonough, good friend of Gail Ernst, who lives in St. Louis and struggling with Parkinson's Disease ◀

Ethan Krakau, 8 year old family member of the Messner's who was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma (4/1)

Kyran, child of coworker of Nick Peck, son in law of Susan Stelford, who is battling an aggressive cancer in his hand (5/7) ◀

Terry Worthy-Ernst, Terry is the wife of Bill Ernst's brother Bob) ◀

Floyd Davis, stepfather of Trisha Lambert who recently moved to a new care facility ◀

Sandra Doudna and Carolyn Allen, sisters of Herb Peterson who have serious health conditions ◀

Mark Duneman, recovering from recent knee replacement surgery (11/30)

Mike Gonsalves, upcoming kidney surgery in January due to kidney cancer January 25 (1/4)

Rex Jensen, brother in law of Kathy Corwin, recently diagnosed with dementia (12/8)

Stacy, a friend of the Vinsand family, who is in need of heart transplant (12/21)

We pray for those who grieve:

The family of Eric Wilson, 45 year old son of Nancy Wilson, who passed 12/27

The family of Bob Vinsand, who passed 12/22

The family of Sonja Washburn, sister-in-law of Diane Washburn, who passed 12/11

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR			
Saturday, January 15	11:30 am 5:00 pm	G.R.O.O.V.E. Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pastor Carl Gauck	
	6:00 pm	Transition Team Meeting	
Sunday, January 16	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School Class led by Dave Jahnke (Fellowship Hall)	
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pastor Carl Gauck	
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & cookies (Fellowship Hall)	
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School	
Monday, January 17	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	
Wednesday, January 19	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (Zoom)	
Thursday, January 20	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Saturday, January 22	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led	
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

Prayers of Intercession for January 15 & 16, 2022

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

- A By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (especially all who grieve and all who are currently on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds......). God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.