



SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2024
9:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182
Springfield, Missouri 65810

Liturgy Setting 8

January 14, 2024

THEME: *All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME *(Please note: the order of worship is completely printed in the bulletin)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (* indicates stand as you are able)

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Change My Heart, O God

ELW # 801



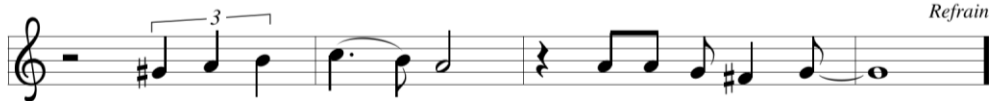
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



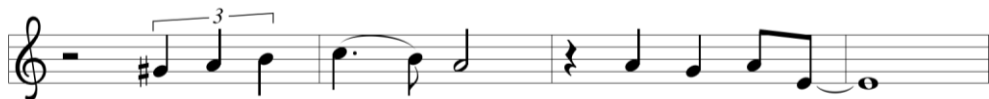
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.



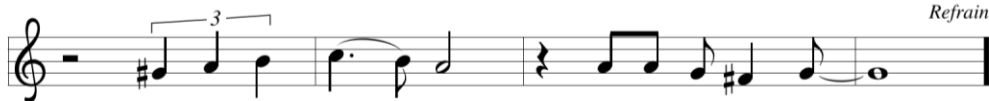
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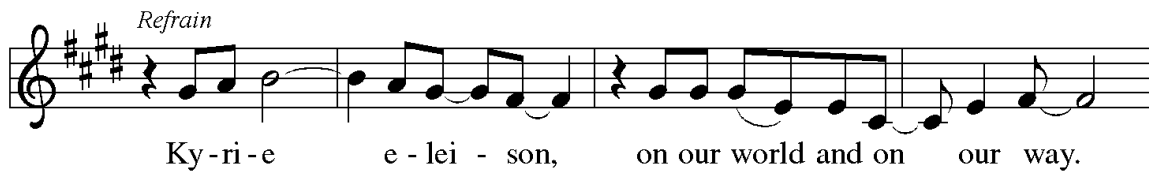
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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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.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,
C for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (*Worship Asst. reads the non-bold print; congregation reads the bold print*)

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting 8

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Gospel according to the first chapter of John

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Dale Wilford



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*The response to "God of grace," is "receive our prayer"*)

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

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.

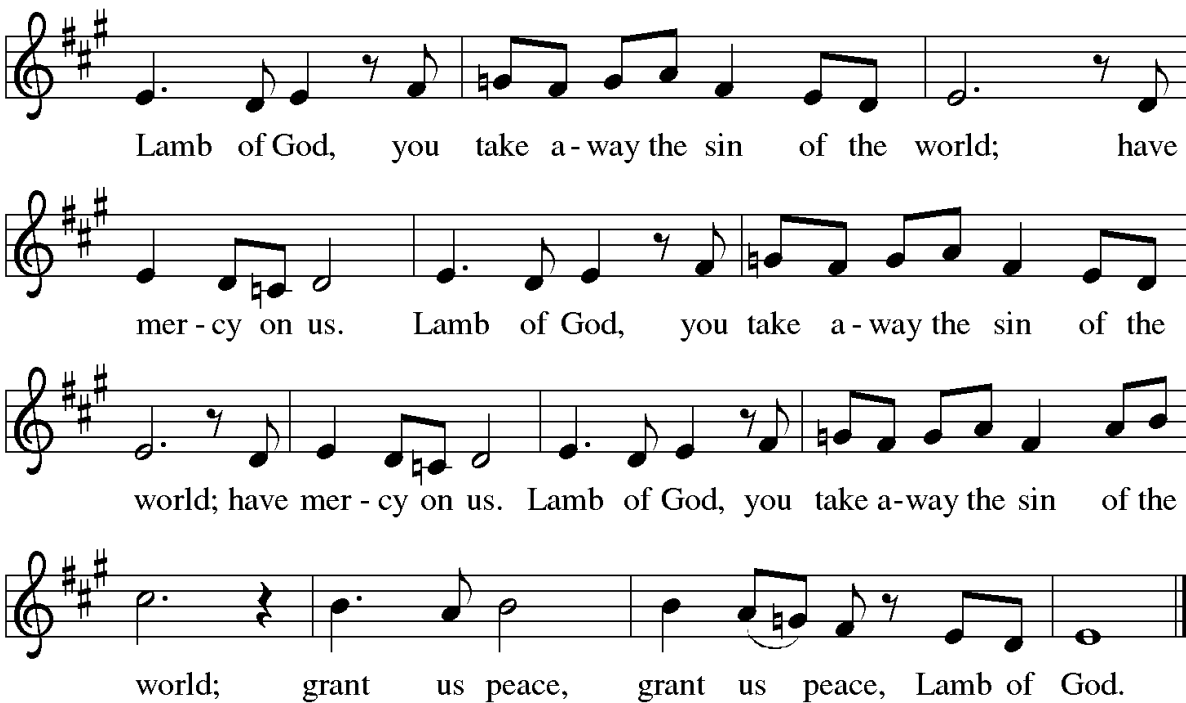
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW # 515

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

ELW # 496

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*THE BENEDICTION

P God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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*DISMISSAL

- P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
- C** To be Spirit Led and Love Driven.
- A** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME EVERYONE, especially our visitors! As a congregation 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 and/or the email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

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

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING EVENT POSTPONED FROM THIS WEEKEND TO THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 26 & 27: Formerly known as 'retreat'; it is now called "Congregational Planning Event." The theme is: **Let the Holy Spirit Light our Path to the Future.** Jesus is the light to the world and how can that light lead us into the future here at Prince of Peace.

The Congregational Planning Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Prince of Peace on Friday, January 26, 2023, 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Food will be provided.

The committee will be presenting the information needed for members to evaluate 12 key areas within our church. However, there has been a misunderstanding that this committee is going to create the plan. That is not the case. **We need input from all members of Prince of Peace to contribute at this event. It is critical that we have a large representation from all members.** The event will be focused on identifying our strengths and weaknesses. The congregation and committee will then develop the 3-5 year plan based on our identified strengths.

We ask that you prayerfully consider attending. We need everyone's input for the future of Prince of Peace. If questions, contact one of the committee members: Pastor Carl, Gail Ernst, Bill Hake, Dave Jahnke, Herb Peterson and Sue Wilford.

Please sign-up sheet is in the narthex or call the church office.

In the future, maybe we should conclude our church services with: **To be Spirit Led, Love Driven, and be God's light to the World.**

Jail Book Ministry Update: Thank you all so much for your



support through the years for the local county jail collections!! Originally Covid and then changes in rules at several jails to whom we had been sending items stopped our giving books to those places, however, **Good News!** 1) **Christian County Jail**

appreciatively accepted 3 boxfuls of word puzzle books and paperback books for its library. Thank you again! 2) The team that ministers to several other jails will let us know if they can use our help again later on.

YOUR PRAYERS FOR INMATES, THEIR FAMILIES, DEAR ONES, & VICTIMS ARE VITALLY NEEDED, AS ARE YOUR PRAYERS FOR ALL JAIL STAFF & THEIR FAMILIES & DEAR ONES AS WELL. The following notes were included



with the items for Christian County : To the inmates: **We hope you will enjoy the puzzle books & books given to your library. We want you to know that God & our congregation care about you! May we all walk together, as God's children - with Christ, who always seeks to transform brokenness into wholeness - & to give us His love, hope, renewal, guidance, and so much more - through His grace & love. We've asked our members to pray for you and your families. From Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield.** To the staff: **Many thanks to all the staff at the jail for the work you do. It's a difficult, vitally important job and you often don't get the thanks and appreciation you deserve. We have asked our members to pray for you & your families. God's blessings, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield. Outreach Team. If you have questions or comments please call Gayle Bell**

NOISY OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024

SAFE TO SLEEP



- Has been a safe space for over 1,000 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

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please check your mail slot for 2024 Offering Envelopes, unless you give regularly electronically or use your bank's online bill pay option. Thanks!

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE: Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at www.pop-elca.net! Additionally, please remember to inform the church office when meeting dates are determined so the meetings can be added to the church calendar.

COLD WEATHER IS ON THE WAY. If you have coats that you no longer want, please take them to any Glo Cleaners. They will clean them free of charge & they will deliver them to Council of Churches who will give them to children & adults who need to not be cold this winter! (They cannot handle leather. If you have a leather coat that doesn't need any cleaning, you may take it directly to Council of Churches – or leave it at church for Gayle Bell to take to the Council.) Any questions please contact Gayle Bell at 417-268-8563.

CARE RIDES: Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Your Congregational Care Team*

SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until ? in the Fellowship Hall. We also enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Join us and bring a sack lunch with you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS: Remember to check the voice mail message on the church phone (417-881-0833) and/or facebook or the church webpage (pop-elca.net) when inclement weather could impact worship services or events planned at the church.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Please check your mail slots for 2023 Contribution statements. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS DURING THE YEAR OF 2024: Please check the upper level hallway for the latest altar flower sign-up sheet as it has been ordered and should be here soon. Sign-up to give flowers during 2024! You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers for you for only \$25.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD: If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes.

Patty Killian

Saturday	January 13	January 20	January 27
Acolyte	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Brandon Messner	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Sunday	January 14	January 21	January 28
Acolyte	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster	Bella Guillen
Worship Assistant	Brett Onstott	Nyssa Brockhoff	Caroline Wake
Greeter	Ken & Leania Carter	Mark & Pam Duneman	Patricia Van Aken
Usher	Herb Peterson	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn
Hosts	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford
Musician	Gail Ernst	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Communion Set-Up	Jackie Higgins	Jackie Higgins	Jackie Higgins
Tellers	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Saturday	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Acolyte	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Sunday	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Acolyte	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Lila Teaster	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Brandon Otzelberger	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Kent & Leania Carter	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Patricia Van Aken	Sue Stelford
Usher	Bill Ernst	Mark Duneman	Joel Karlson	Barry Kilian
Hosts	Mark & Pam Duneman	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Barry & Patty Killian	Bill & Gail Ernst
Communion Set-Up	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter
Tellers	Sue Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 1/11/2024)

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 and Papua New Guinea; Russian Bishop Alexander Scheiermann. Pr. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Prayers for Russian lay preacher Andrei Olzols and his wife, Viktoria. Prayers for Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Natasha and sons Matvey, Martin, & Lukas and mother in law Alla; 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: Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Butch & Donna Hayden, Andy Derr, Guy Kolie, Preston Kolie, Darrel Arnold, Les & Julie Rohr, Rick Lewis, Mike Lambert, Jim and Sherry Smith, Becky Skare, Peggy McCabe; Dave and Tammy Jahnke, Cherie Guillen, Joan Harrell and Jerry Van Aken.

We pray for loved ones and friends: { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Ronnie Bell (daughter in law of Amos & Gayle Bell) ◀

Anna Fisher and family, daughter of Amos & Gayle ◀

Jackie Milan, (health concerns) and Tammy Milan (breast cancer) Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ◀

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

Susan Griffitts, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ◀

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ◀

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 ◀

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

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

Eleanor Lambert, mother of Mike Lambert; Mark Butcher, who has cancer and Jeffrey Roberts, friend who has severe medical issues -friends of Mike Lambert ◀

Peter Harootunian & parents Jack & Kathy (Jack & Kathy are neighbors of Diane Washburn- Peter has been missing since 5/15/2022) ◀

Terry Broderick, younger brother of Tammy Jahnke. ◀

Suzanne Day, daughter of former POP member Albina Born who has serious health concerns post accident ◀

Doug & Tina Reynolds, Doug is the son-in-law of Amos & Gayle ◀

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

Simon, grandson of Amos and Gayle Bell – health issues ◀

Wallis McCraw, wife of Diane Washburn's cousin, medical issues ◀

Amanda, friend of Tina Bell Reynolds, prayers for support and strength as she grieves the loss of her daughter who died in a car accident (submitted by Gayle and Amos Bell) ◀

Prayers for Jean Sommer, friend of Sarah Derr, and family-Jean is receiving a new kidney! ◀

Becky and husband Steve, friends of Sarah Derr - Steve is on hospice due to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Andy Love, friend of Amos & Gayle Bell, prayers of healing and support for him and his family-take to hospital unconscious (9/16)

Linda Lynch, her husband Mark, & family. Mark who has lung cancer & is dealing with a lot of fluid retention. They hospitalized him 9/19 to monitor the rate

of fluid retention and try to slow it. Linda is a friend of Sarah. ◀

Lisa Martin, daughter of Herb Peterson's cousin who lost both of her legs to diabetes (10/12)

Linda Newman, 42 year old daughter of a friend of Diane Washburn who has 3 bad heart valves and in need of a heart transplant (10/14)

Janet Lumby, submitted by Barb Gielow (11/1) ◀

Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV; underwent another heart valve procedure November 30 and is now recovering at home as of 12/3 ◀

Jan Dietrich, stage 4 terminal cancer-friend of Bill and Gail Ernst (1/2)

for local county jail inmates, their families and dear ones, as well as the victims

for local county jail staff and their families and dear ones

John McCabe, upper back, left shoulder and neck was injured in an off-shore injury in December

We pray for those who grieve:

Mary Ellen Day, sister of Ed Derr, passed away Thursday, January 11 in Iowa

The family of Jim Wenzl, who passed Sunday, December 17-services were held December 29, 2023

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Saturday, January 13	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Dale Wilford
Sunday, January 14		NO Adult Sunday School today
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Dale Wilford
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
		NO Children's Sunday School today
Monday, January 15		<i>February Tidings Newsletter submissions due to church office today</i>
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Wednesday, January 17	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Thursday, January 18	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Saturday, January 20	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (<i>Rock Club Room</i>)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	6:00 pm	POP provides a meal for the ladies of Safe to Sleep tonight
Sunday, January 21	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)

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



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Prayers of Intercession January 13 and 14, 2024

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially all who are on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds...*). God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Gracious God, Bless us, as we prepare to come together as a congregation to share our thoughts and decisions. Guide and direct us, we ask, that we may know your quiet grace and that your wisdom may abide in us as we prepare to plan our goals and actions for the next several years. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*). God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**