



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 28, 2024**  
**9:30 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810  
*Presiding Pastor Carl R. Gauck*  
*Preaching Pastor Dale Wilford*  
*Worship Assistant Caroline Wake*

Liturgy Setting 8

January 28, 2024

**THEME:** *In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

## 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**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

*ELW # 519*



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

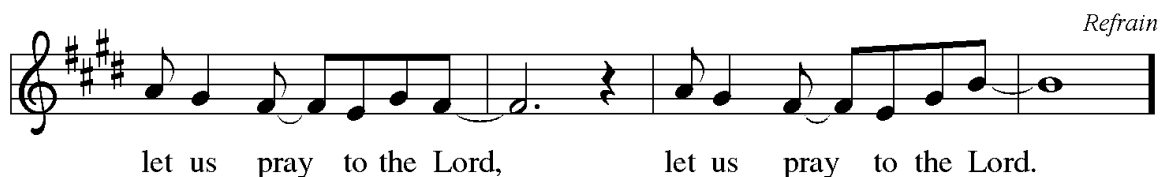
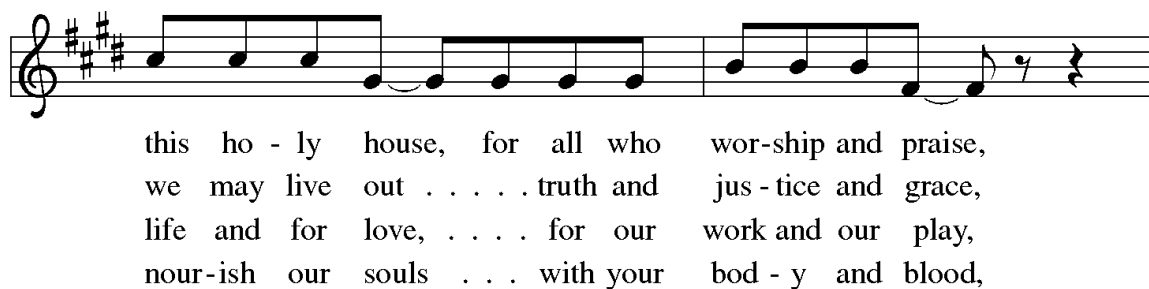
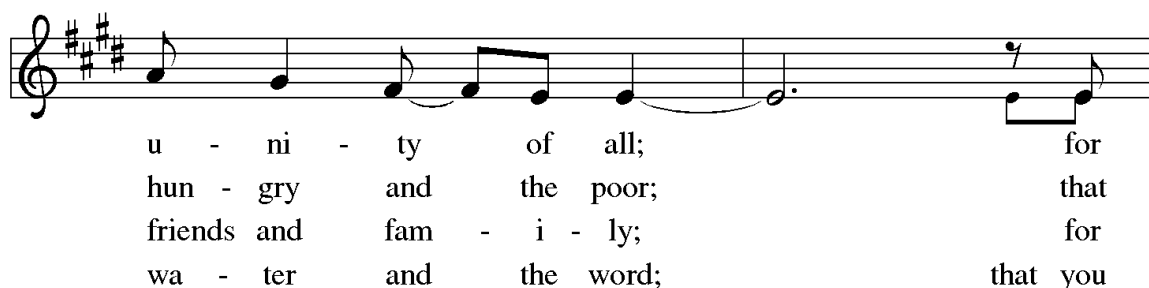
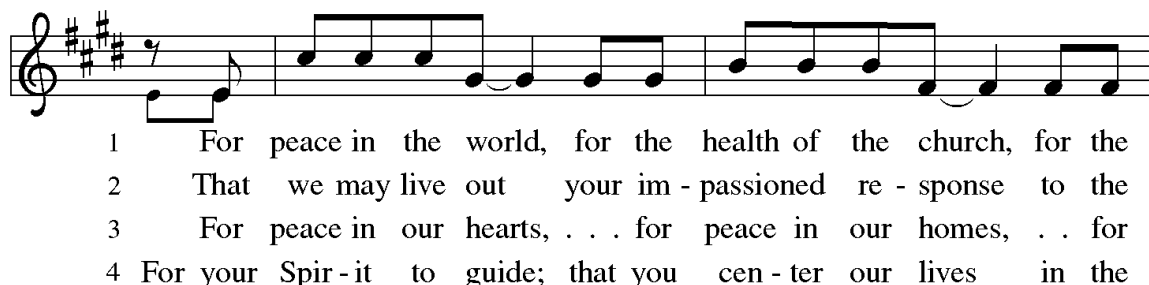
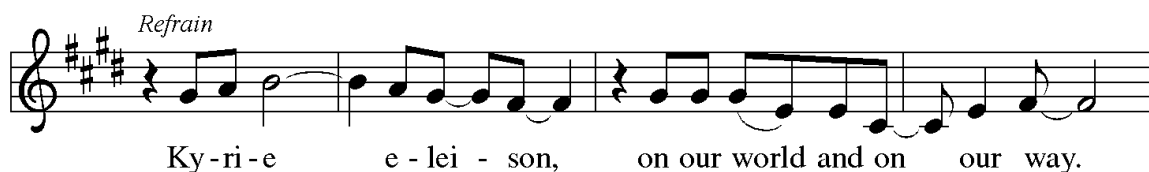
Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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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.



*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** Compassionate God,  
**C** you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

## FIRST READING

### *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 111** (*Worship Asst. reads the non-bold print; congregation reads the bold print*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

## SECOND READING

### *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.”

We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Setting 8*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Gospel according to the first chapter of Mark

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1:21-28*

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Tonya Messner*

**SERMON**


*Rev. Dale Wilford*




*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

**\*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 vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.*

*Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may fed with the bread of life.*

*Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.*

*Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste 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...

#### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Setting 8*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### \*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.*

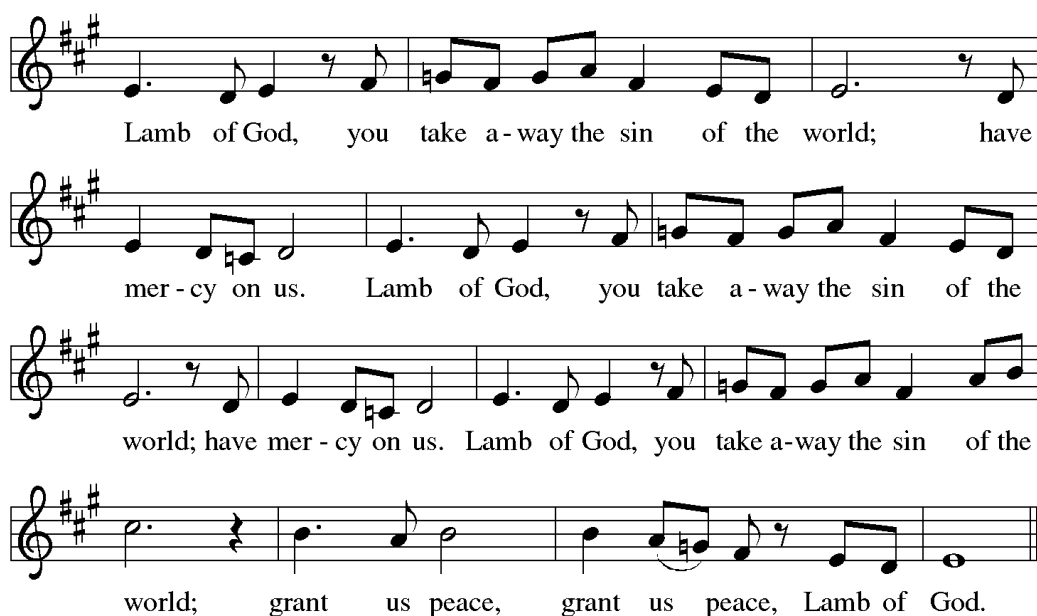
## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**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.

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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**\*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 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!

**C** To be Spirit Led and Love Driven!

**P** Let the Holy spirit light our path to the future!

**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!

### 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

### Protein Drive: 40 Days of Lent

We will be collecting foods high in protein for Least of These thru out Lent and ending at Easter.

Foods high in protein are:

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



**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](http://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.

**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!

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE:** 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.

**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**

**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.

**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*

**ALTAR FLOWER CHART:** A temporary chart is posted in the upper level hallway across from the nursery to sign-up to give flowers during the year until the original chart arrives. 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*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 27</b>	<b>February 3</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>February 24</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Gayle Bell	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
<b>Musician</b>	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
<b>Children's Message</b>	Tonya Messner	Chris Hingst	Pr. Carl Gauck	TBD	TBD
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 28</b>	<b>February 4</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bella Guillen	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Lila Teaster	Oliver Kavanagh
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Caroline Wake	Brandon Otzelberger	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	Dave Jahnke
<b>Greeter</b>	Patricia Van Aken	Kent & Leania Carter	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Patricia Van Aken	Sue Stelford
<b>Usher</b>	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst	Mark Duneman	Joel Karlson	Barry Kilian
<b>Hosts</b>	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford	Bill & Gail Ernst	Barry & Patty Killian	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Mark & Pam Duneman
<b>Musician</b>	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Katie Ernst	Donna Mohr
<b>Children's Message</b>	Tonya Messner	Chris Hingst	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Jackie Higgins	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter
<b>Tellers</b>	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Sue Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
<b>Acolyte/Worship Assistant</b>	Volunteer needed
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Ernst
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	TBD
<b>Musician</b>	Donna Mohr



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held February 14 at 7 pm. Join us each Wednesday in Lent (except March 27) for worship at 7 pm and pre-worship service meals at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet to help and/or bring food will be posted in the narthex soon.



## Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 1/24/2024)

*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 Griffiths, 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 ◀

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

Fenton Harrell, brother of Trisha Lambert, who is hospitalized with covid/pneumonia in the ICU (1/15)

The family and friends of the student at Sentinel High School who was killed in a car accident in MT the weekend of January 13/14 and who was a student of Michael Jahnke's

**We pray for those who grieve:**

The family of Derek Gielow, 44 year old son of Barb Gielow, who passed December 28, 2023 (1/23)

The family of Mary Ellen Day, sister of Ed Derr who passed in Iowa-service was held January 23, 2023

# PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Congregational Planning Event (<i>Fellowship Hall until 3 pm</i>)</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Dale Wilford</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Dale Wilford</b>
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School ( <i>Dani's Classroom</i> )
<b>Monday, January 29</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)</b>
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Ozark Mtn. Gem &amp; Mineral Society (<i>Rock Club Room</i>)</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
	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 27 and 28, 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** Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer (*especially all who are currently on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds....*). God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives (*especially Mary Ellen Day and Derek Gielow*). We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. 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.**