

ASH WEDNESDAY



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FEBRUARY 14, 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 Gail Ernst

Liturgy Setting 10

February 14, 2024

THEME: Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

P The holy spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*GREETING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

***PSALM 51:1-17** *(the worship assistant reads the fine print; congregation responds with the bold print)*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offerings.**

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart,
O God, you will not despise.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, 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

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Chapter 5 ^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **Chapter 6** As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,
⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

***LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

Setting 10



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P The Holy Gospel according to the sixth chapter of St. Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

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

You are the potter; I am the clay.

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

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

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

INVITATION TO LENT

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most holy and merciful God,

C **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

- P** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
- C** **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

- P** Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

(Please come forward and kneel and/or stand to receive the ashes – Pastor will mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes saying the following:)

- P** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
- P** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
- C** **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**
- P** by the cross and passion of your son, Our Savior,
- C** **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**
- P** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.
- C** **Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(response to Merciful God is receive our prayer)*

MEAL

No offering plates passed at this time.

Please place your offerings in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary.

***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 God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

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.

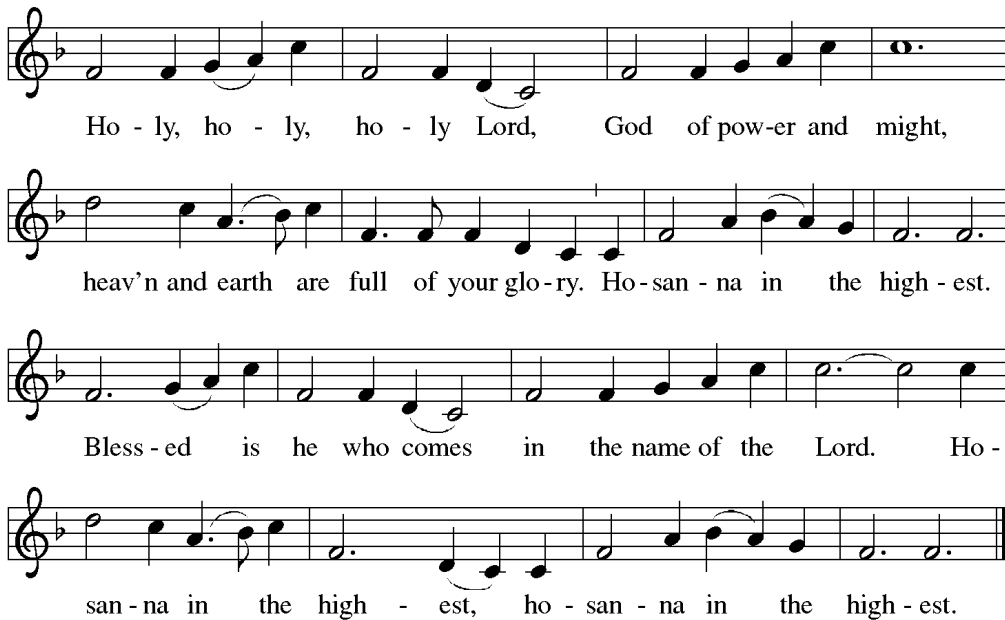
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***SEASONAL SENTENCE & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 10



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

*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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

ELW # 328

- 1 *Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*
- 2 *O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.*
- 3 *Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.*
- 4 *Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.*

***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 Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find
our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

- 1 *Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.*
- 3 *As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*
- 4 *Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

*DISMISSAL

- P** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- A** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
- C** **To be Spirit Led, Love Driven and be God's light to the world!**
- A** Go with Christ into a weary world and share the good news.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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!

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND PRE-WORSHIP SERVICE MEALS: Join us each Wednesday in Lent (*except March 27*) for worship at 7 pm and pre-worship service meals at 6 pm (in the Fellowship Hall). A sign-up sheet to help and/or bring food is posted in the narthex!



Protein Drive: 40 Days of Lent

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

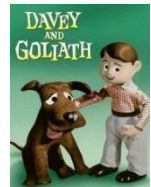
Foods high in protein are:

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, FELLOWSHIP WITH COFFEE & SNACKS WILL BE HELD IN THE NARTHEX! Next Sunday, February 18, the children will have a “Movie Time” in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 am. See the enclosed flyer for more information about the Kid’s Movie Time to be held next Sunday!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us 8:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall as we delve into the old “Davey and Goliath” show. Our Adult Class will spend six weeks from February 11 through March 17 studying and learning from this class show. *Dave Jahnke, POP Learning Ministries*



CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in “Dani’s Room,” EXCEPT for next Sunday, February 18 when the class will be held in the Fellowship Hall for a “Movie Time!” (see the next page for more information!)

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: Please check the upper level hallway for the new altar flower chart and sign-up to give flowers in 2024! You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers to be delivered to the church for you for only \$25. If you opt to bring your own flowers, please bring them and place them on the stand adjacent the altar before the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm. 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.

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*

Kids Movie Time!

Date: Sunday, February 18th

**Time: Sunday School Class Time
after the Church Service**

Movie: The Prince of Egypt

Join us for a POP kid's movie in the church Fellowship Hall!
Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to sit on during the movie and
enjoy pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks provided by the
children's ministry!

Please sign up in the narthex to attend!





Children's Easter Festival!

Saturday March 23rd

2:00-4:00 pm

Come celebrate the season of Easter
at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!

815 E Farm Rd 182, Springfield, MO 65810



There will be Easter Egg Hunt, Arts & Crafts, Games, Face Painting, & Petting Zoo!

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 3:30 pm!



SEWING & CRAFTING DAY OUT: Thursday, March 14, we will go to the Quilt Show that will be in Branson. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am so we can arrive at the Quilt Show by 10:00 am. We will tour the show for a couple of hours, eat lunch out, then return to the church. ***Please RVSP to the church by no later than March 10 if you would like to go.***

SEWING & CRAFTING DAY AT THE CHURCH: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until ? in the Fellowship Hall with the exception of Thursday, March 14 as we will enjoy an outing to Branson. We also enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Join us and bring a sack lunch with you! *Leania Carter*

POP FOOD PANTRY: A reminder POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Outreach Team*

WE ARE HAVING A FISH FRY! Mark your calendars as we will have a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22! More details coming in March!

PHISHING REMINDER: Another round of “phishing emails” from someone posing as Pastor Carl asking for assistance has been reported this last week. This is another reminder that Pastor Carl, Council Members, Heather, and/or other church members will never solicit members individually via emails, texts and/or phone calls for cash or gift cards for any reason. All in-gatherings for charities will always be announced through midweek news emails, Facebook postings, Tiding’s newsletters, bulletin announcements and before service announcements at the time of worship. If unsure, please always call the church office.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 14
Acolyte/Worship Assistant	Gail Ernst
Greeter	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Usher	Bill Ernst
Communion Set Up	Sue Stelford
Musician	Donna Mohr

Saturday	February 17	February 24
Acolyte	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
Worship Asst.	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Children's Message	Angie Messner	TBD
Sunday	February 18	February 25
Acolyte	Lila Teaster	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Gail Ernst	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Sue Stelford
Usher	Bill Ernst	Barry Kilian
Hosts	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Mark & Pam Duneman
Musician	Katie Ernst	Donna Mohr
Children's Message	Angie Messner	Chris Hingst
Communion Set Up	Leania Carter	Leania Carter
Tellers	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Saturday	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23
Acolyte	Benley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner
Worship Asst.	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Sunday	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 23
Acolyte	Bella Guillen	Elijah Otzelberger	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster
Worship Assistant	Nyssa Brockhoff	Leania Carter	Brett Onstott	Carolyn Wake
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Joel & Julie Karlson	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Mark & Pam Duneman
Usher	Herb Peterson	Mark Duneman	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn
Hosts	Barry & Patty Killian	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Diane Washburn & Caroline Wake	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian	Patty Killian	Patty Killian
Tellers	Sue Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 2/14/2024)

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, Jim and Sherry Smith, Becky Skare, Peggy McCabe, Dave and Tammy Jahnke, Cherie Guillen, Joan Harrell, Jerry Van Aken, Jan & Pr. Carl Gauck.

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

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

Stephanie Kissel, niece of Sharlene Snyder, who is 50 years old, recently diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer and is in hospice care (2/4)

Trisha Lambert as she recovers from knee replacement surgery 2/5

Jan Gauck, surgery Wednesday February 14

We pray for those who grieve:

Grace Shaboni, mother of Sue Stelford's sister-in-law who passed February 2, 2024

The family Fenton Harrell, brother of Trisha Lambert, who passed January 26 in Atlanta, GA

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, 2024

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 14	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
	7:00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Thursday, February 15		<i>March Tidings Newsletter Submissions due in the church office today</i>
Saturday, February 17	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (Rock Room)
	10:00 am	G.R.O.O.V.E. Monthly Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, February 18	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (to be held in the Narthex)
	10:30 am	KID'S MOVIE TIME! (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	O.A.A.C. Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, February 19	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
	6:00 pm	Lenten Pre-Worship Service Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE
Thursday, February 22	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the church! (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, February 24	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (Rock Room)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, February 25	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (Dani's Room)

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 for Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- A** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence is held.

- A** Renew your church, O God. When we have drifted from our call to proclaim repentance and to guide your people toward justice, lead us back to you. Encourage believers who hold the church's doors open to those who have felt excluded. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Renew your creation, O God. Transform parched places into watered gardens and preserve every creature that awaits the arrival of spring. Turn each of us from practices of environmental exploitation to become responsible stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Renew our civic life, O God. Teach those in authority to advocate for the liberation of all who are oppressed and grant them courage to make difficult decisions. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Renew our lives, O God. Spare your people from diseases of the body, mind, or spirit and send healing to those overcome by illness or grief (*especially all who are on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds*). Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Renew this congregation, O God. During these forty days of Lent, confirm our sense of mission and expand our imagination for ministry. Deepen our faith, increase our love, and draw us into your unfolding work of healing and restoration. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** we mark ashes on our foreheads, we give you praise, O God, for all the saints who died and yet are alive with you. Receive us with them into your eternal embrace. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**