



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship Service**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810  
Pastor Carl R. Gauck

Holy Communion Setting 10

March 17, 2024

**THEME:** *God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**[P]** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**[C]** Amen.

**[P]** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**[P]** Holy God,

**[C]** we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,**

**Forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

**[P]** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**[C]** Amen.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**      *My Song Is Love Unknown, vs. 1,2 & 6*      **ELW #343**

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!*
- 6 Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!*

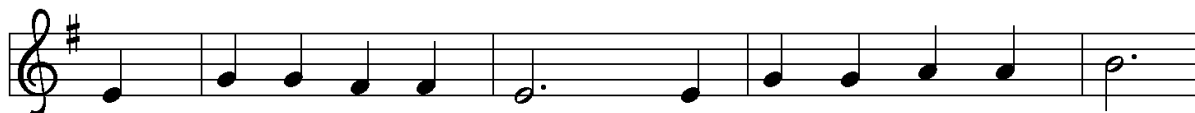
Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**\*KYRIE**

*ELW Page 203, Setting 10*



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- A** O God,
- C** with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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**

***Jeremiah 31:31-34***

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 51:1-12** *(The assistant reads the non-bold print and congregation responds with the bold print)*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

## **\*SECOND READING**

***Hebrews 5:5-10***

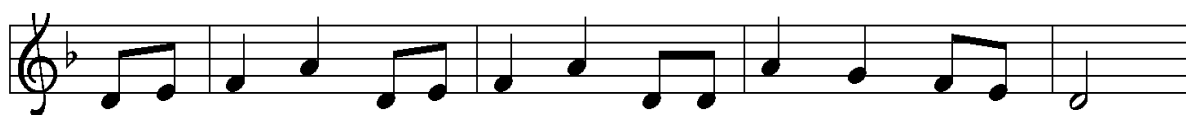
<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*ELW Page 205, 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 Gospel according to the twelfth chapter of John

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

## \*GOSPEL READING

*John 12:20-33*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Chris Hingst*

## SERMON

*Pastor Carl R. Gauck*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed, vs. 1,2,3,5* **ELW # 337**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

MUSIC: MARTYRDOM HYMN, 1764, 1824

**\*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 "Hear us, O God" is "your mercy is great.")*

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**[P]** The peace of Christ be with you always

**[C]** And also with you.

## MEAL

### **\*OFFERING**

### **\*OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **\*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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the piece is a whole note on a Bb.

### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.
- C** Amen.

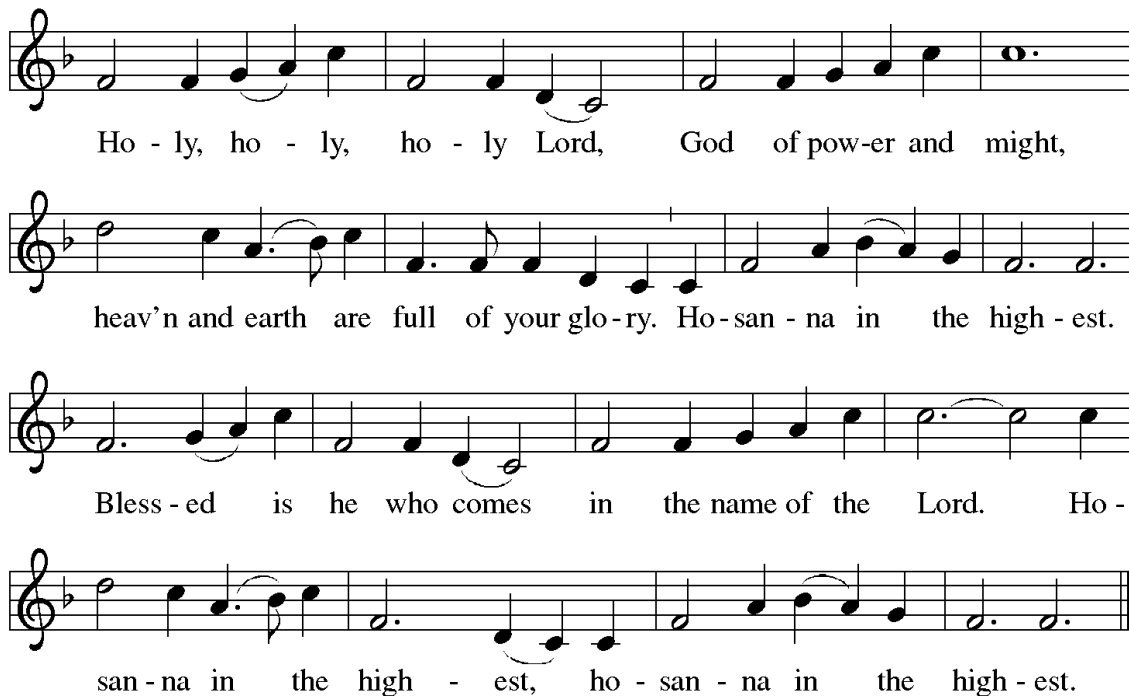
## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*SEASONAL SENTENCE

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*ELW Page 207, 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.

## \*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. Gluten free wafer is available upon request. Apple 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

*ELW Page 208, Setting 10*



- 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

*As the Grains of Wheat*

*ELW #465*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



- 1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
- 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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## COMMUNION HYMN

## *Come to the Table*

*ELW # 481*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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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]** Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**[C]** Amen.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

## **\*THE BENEDICTION**

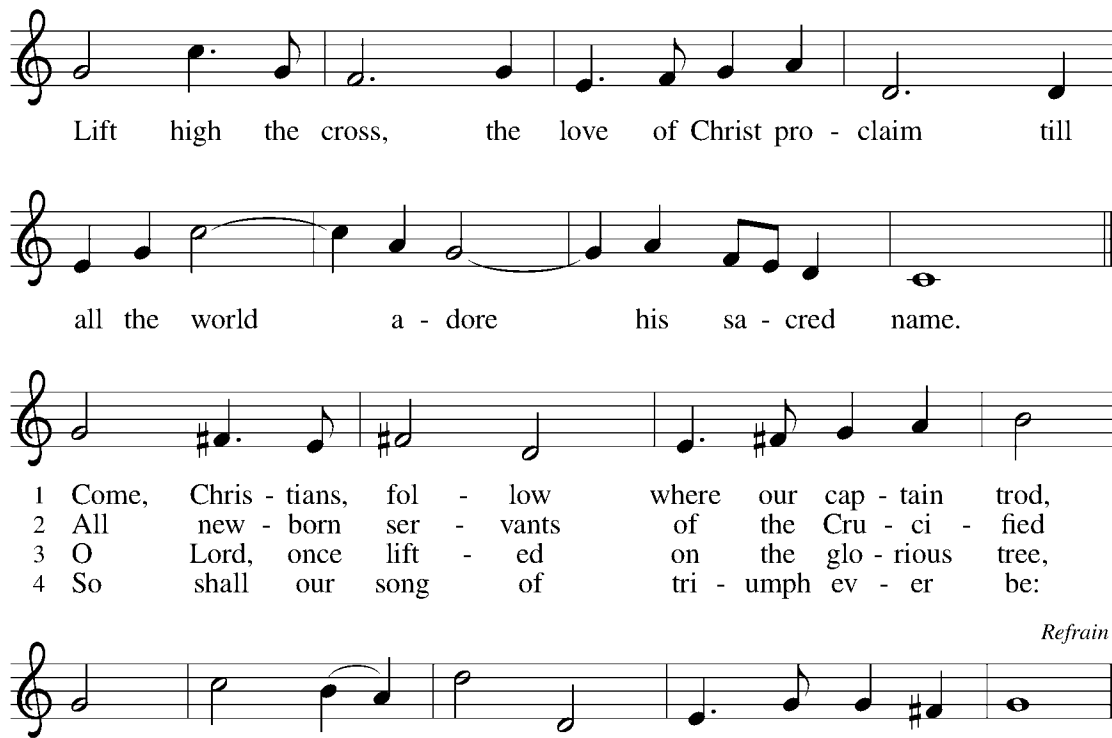
**[P]** Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

**[C]** Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross, vs. 1,3,4*

**ELW # 660**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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**\*DISMISSAL**

- P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
- C** To be Spirit Led, Love Driven and God's light to the world!
- A** 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!

**LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND PRE-WORSHIP SERVICE MEALS**: Join us Wednesdays 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 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*

***THANK YOU!*** Members of the Outreach Team donated 146 pounds of items donated to Least of These Food Pantry Wednesday, February 28! Please keep the donations coming throughout Lent!

**CALLING ALL PRINCE OF PEACE VETERANS!** We are forming a Veterans monthly breakfast group here at Prince of Peace. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please text Bill Hake at (314) 705-0045 or leave a voice mail (*unfortunately I have my phone set up to not ring if a caller is not in my contacts list to eliminate the Spam calls*). Also, please indicate what day might work for you. This will be a great time for us veterans to share stories and experiences with those that have served. *Bill Hake*



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in "Dani's Room."

**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*

**CANDY DONATIONS FOR EASTER FESTIVAL & EASTER SUNDAY ACCEPTED IN THE NARTHEX:** The Learning Ministries team set up a basket in the narthex to collect Easter candy donations (individually wrapped candy) for the upcoming Easter Egg hunts at the Easter festival and on Easter Sunday. Donations are much appreciated!



**YOUR PHOTOS** will be taken in the prayer chapel located on the upper level for the photo board in the Fellowship Hall and for the purpose of an in-house produced photo directory this year. Photos will be taken on March 23 before and after worship and on Sunday, March 24 following worship through 12:00 pm. Photos will also be taken March 31, Easter Sunday in between the services. No sign-up needed-just come to the prayer chapel! *Dave Jahnke & Chris Hingst, Evangelism*

**APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS:** April Noisy Offerings will go to ELCA Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle, who currently serves as a Dean for far rural eastern Russia. Our Companion Synod, part of the Central States Synod and chaired by Rev. Gary Teske, also works to offer support of Bradn. Our congregation at POP has maintained a sponsorship of Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle through the ELCA Global Mission for over 15+ years.

**ALTAR FLOWER CHART:** Please check the upper level hallway for the new altar flower sign-up sheet 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!

**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*

**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*

**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.

**FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CROSS ON EASTER MORNING:** Remember to bring flowers with you on Easter Sunday to place on the wooden cross in the Memorial Garden before the Worship Service.

**FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CHURCH AT EASTER:** Sign up in the narthex to give flowers to adorn the church on Easter Sunday! Lilies are \$9 each; hyacinths and tulips are \$8 each. Drop check in the offering plate or leave in Susan Stelford's mail slot.

**LENTEN FISH FRY** to be held Friday, March 22, 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER FESTIVAL** to be held Saturday, March 23, 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES** with a Palm Processional and Holy Communion on Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION** will be Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** will be Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

**NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** Saturday, March 30.

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION** will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, March 31 with an Easter breakfast and Egg Hunt for children in between the worship services.

Children's Easter Festival!

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 pm to 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!





*Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex to bring an Easter breakfast casserole or breakfast food! Thanks! Fellowship Team*



Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 417-881-0833 or e-mailing [popfellowshipteam@gmail.com](mailto:popfellowshipteam@gmail.com). And we deliver! So if you would like a meal delivered, please call or email to let us know. Thank you! *Fellowship Team*



**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>March 16</b>	<b>March 23</b>
Acolyte	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Palm Sunday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17</b>	<b>March 23</b>
Acolyte	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster
Worship Assistant	Brett Onstott	Carolyn Wake
Greeter	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Mark & Pam Duneman
Usher	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn
Hosts	Diane Washburn & Caroline Wake	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford
Communion Set-Up	Patricia Van Aken	Patty Killian
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Palm Sunday
Musician	Katie Ernst	Donna Mohr
Tellers	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

<b>Easter Sunday, March 31st</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship Service</b>	<b>10:30 am Worship Service</b>
Acolyte	Avilene Reece	Bryce Messner
Alleluia Bearer	Jeremy Stelford	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Tammy Jahnke	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Peggy McCabe
Ushers	Barry Killian & Dave Jahnke	Ross Jahn & Bill Ernst
Organist	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Children's Message	Pastor Carl Gauck	Pastor Carl Gauck
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian
Easter breakfast in between services	Fellowship Team	Fellowship Team

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>
Acolyte	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer needed	Peggy McCabe
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 28</b>
Acolyte	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Brett Onstott	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Jim & Carol Kerns	Kathy Corwin	Patricia Van Aken	Kent & Leania Carter
Usher	Joel Karlson	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst
Hosts	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Bill & Gail Ernst	Mark & Pam Duneman
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger
Tellers	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

## Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 3/13/2024)

*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 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

**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**, son of Peggy McCabe, who has upper back, left shoulder and neck injuries from an off-shore incident 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**, recovery from surgery Wednesday February 14

**Brenda Perkins**, friend of Diane Washburn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia (2/27)

**Trent Mohr & family**, son of Ronald & Donna Mohr, who underwent emergency surgery this week (3/5)

# PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society ( <i>Rock Room</i> )
	5:00 pm	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	9:30 am	<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 Room</i> )
	1:00 pm	Mark & Pam Duneman Facility Use until 5 pm ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	6:00 pm	O.A.A.C. Monthly Club Meeting ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study ( <i>Library</i> )
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study ( <i>ZOOM</i> )
	6:00 pm	<b>Lenten Pre-Worship Service Meal (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Church Council Meeting (Library)</b>
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	4:30 pm	<b>FISH FRY! (Fellowship Hall)</b>
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society ( <i>Rock Room</i> )
	2:00 pm	<b>CHILDREN'S EASTER FESTIVAL! (north parking lot area)</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	9:30 am	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional 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 Room</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 FOR MARCH 16 & 17, 2024

- A** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

**A** *brief silence.*

- A** God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, remembering this day especially all who are on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- A** God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (*especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**