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Dear Pastor Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is my honor to inform you that Prince of Peace has been selected by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) to receive the 2023 Servant of Christ Award from the Saint Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Prince of Peace is an integral partner with LSS in our shared mission of expressing the love of Christ for all people, through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community. Prince of Peace received an invitation from community members to assist a woman in need of housing and support who had experienced chronic homelessness. With generosity, intentionality, and reaching out to other partners, including Settled, Trinity Lutheran, Lord of Life Lutheran, and Mosaic Christian Community, your congregation responded to the Holy Spirit and opened your hearts, campus, and financial support to create two tiny homes and become the host of a sacred settlement.

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We are deeply grateful for all that you do on behalf of Christ in Roseville and Minnesota. Thank you for dreaming big, following the Spirit's call, and serving Christ by loving others with Christ's love.

I hope to present this award, along with a commemorative plaque, to your congregation in person, both through public recognition at the synod assembly with a video presentation and through a future congregational visit. Those occasions will truly be a time for celebration of the partnership we share.

Congratulations and thank you for empowering LSS to be an extension of your ministry. Together, we are truly changing lives.

In gratitude through Christ,

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