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“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”

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Welcome to Worship! Merry Christmas! (Wait, it's only October. It's not time, even if the stores do have trees and lights for sale.) We celebrate Christmas at a certain time of year with family and food and traditions, but the truth of Christmas – God born in the flesh for our salvation – is a timeless truth. We celebrate Christmas today as part of our 'God at Work' series. We celebrate Christmas every day – knowing that God will stop at nothing to pour out His love and mercy on His creation – even humbling Himself to be born in the flesh. Together, we thank God for His (Christmas) gifts!

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE OPENING PRAISE SONGS

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THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

Pastor: (Luke 1)

"My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

ALL: FOR HE HAS BEEN MINDFUL

OF THE HUMBLE STATE OF HIS SERVANT.

Pastor: We humbly go to the Lord in confession

ALL: O LORD, WE ARE NOT ALWAYS HUMBLE.

WE OFTEN SEEK TO RAISE OURSELVES IN YOUR SIGHT

AND ELEVATE OURSELVES ABOVE THOSE AROUND US

BY OUR OWN EFFORTS

FORGIVE US IN OUR FOOLISH PRIDE

OPEN OUR EYES AND HEARTS

TO BE EXALTED ONLY IN YOUR GRACE.

Pastor: From now on

ALL: ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED,

FOR THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME—

HOLY IS HIS NAME.

Pastor: His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

ALL: HE HAS PERFORMED MIGHTY DEEDS WITH HIS ARM;

HE HAS SCATTERED THOSE WHO ARE PROUD IN THEIR INMOST THOUGHTS.

Pastor: In His abundant mercy, the Lord Jesus lived, died, and rose again for you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

ALL: HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS

BUT HAS SENT THE RICH AWAY EMPTY.

Pastor: He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

**ALL: TO ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS FOREVER,
JUST AS HE PROMISED OUR ANCESTORS."**

SONG OF PRAISE

OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

THE BIBLE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

The Gospel Reading: John 1:9-14



CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,

The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And of all things visible and invisible

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The only-begotten Son of God,

Begotten of His Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made,

Being of one substance with the Father,

By Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary;

and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures,

And ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory

to judge both the living and the dead,

Whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,



the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
 Is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP THE RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

*We count it a special privilege to welcome our guests to worship the living Lord with us today!
Please sign the Rite of Fellowship tablet and pass it down the pew, returning it to the original location when everyone in your pew has signed. Recognizing all we have as a gift of the Lord, we return the first portion in love and trust to Him. Please give to the Lord through your home congregation. Should the Lord lead you to give a special offering today, we thank you!*

Want to receive our email announcements?

Please include your email address on your Rite of Fellowship entry!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacred action of God, instituted by Christ Himself, based on His Promise conveying, offering, giving and sealing the gift of forgiveness of sins to those who have received Jesus as Savior and Lord. We believe that we receive not only the bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, as He announced, "This is My Body... This is My Blood." We share this Sacrament today, knowing it is for Christians who share like faith and understanding in Jesus Christ and in this Holy meal. If you are a guest and share in the same faith as described, you are welcome to commune with us.

White grape juice is available at the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot consume the wine.

THE COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God, You take our sin
Lamb of God, You take our sin
Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Grant us peace, O Lamb of God



THE PRAYER OF THANKS

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – “Who Do People Say I Am?” – professing Christ crucified in a world of cheap imitations
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month – Zoe Bible Study – join us in studying the book of Jonah. Join us in person or on Facebook live starting around 7:20.
- ✝ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at Pop – and on Facebook Live
- ✝ **THURSDAY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
- ✝ **THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

As we gather indoors for worship again, if you are willing to serve within services, please contact Julie or Pastor John.

God at Work: How has God been at work in your life? God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let’s encourage one another in God’s work. Share a story of God’s work in your life – maybe it’s how God brought you to faith, maybe it’s a “small” event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John’s mailbox or email him pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

Concordia Learning Center is looking for caring people to work with kids 2 to 12 years of age. High school diploma and a background check are needed. For more information, contact Pastor Fred Hearn <fredrickhearn7@hotmail.com>

MITE BOXES – DON’T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR MITE BOXES TO SUPPORT THE MISSION PROJECTS OF THE LUTHERAN WOMENS’ MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Scripture is the rule of our faith by which all else is measured. Every person should have their own appropriate Bible – from a “Beginner’s Bible” with colorful pictures to “Easy to Read” with large print. Let us know if you need a resource!

Good News Class: Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? Are you a member looking to “refresh the basics”? Do you want to become a member of Prince of Peace? New class is starting soon. Talk with Pastor John! (the schedule is flexible depending on those who are interested.).

Weekly Readings Study – dig into the next week's readings – Every Tuesday outside in the memorial garden and on Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.! Next week’s readings: Luke 7:1-22

Keep in touch with your PoP family: Website: princeofpeaceoregon.com; Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com to get on the list!

"The Word of the Lord endures forever..." 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study – On the Origin of Evil and Women's Bible Study – *Love Rules* (a study of the Ten Commandments). Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for details.

Would you like to walk where Jesus walked? Would you like to study the land of Israel – by taste, smell, and feel? Mark Renner, one of our “adopted” seminary students is helping to lead a trip to Israel in 2022. Now is a great time to begin planning! For more information, talk with Pastor John.

We are starting a 'Mini Food Pantry.' Find out more about the Mini Food Pantry at <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/> Our free food pantry is done! Thank you to Seth Alder for building it! Thanks also to John Ewald for donating supplies and to Mark Smith for making and printing the signs. It is located on the southwest corner of the parking lot and is stocked. We will need ongoing donations of non-perishable food and personal care items, so we can keep it that way. There is a printed list of suggested items on the collection table in the narthex and on the website. This pantry is free to all in need! Please let anyone who is in need know about it.

Trunk N Treat will be NEXT Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00 p.m. Set up is at 1:00. Dress up (Bible-themed characters are encouraged!); decorate your car and join us as we pass out treats!

Pray for our Nation – As we prepare to vote in November, we pray on our own, as we are gathered in worship, and as a special time together. October 27th, at 7:00 p.m., gather at PoP and on Facebook Live.

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: **Hannah Blausey, Ben Breier, Rachel Burgess, Jamie Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Shawn Clark, Lexie Conti,**

Brian Cornell, Rebecca Cornell, Sally Gyebnar, Jodi Halka, Levi Halka, Catey Hart, Gerry Hartke, Lucas Heebsh, Grant Laurell, Sandy Lewinski, Lisa Maletich, Janie Mays, Betty Newton, Sue Pfefferle, Jennifer Silvers, Kym Snyder, Matthew Snyder, Lyle Stine, Mackenzie Wells, Seth and Wendy Alder, Jim and Debbie Bragg, Chuck and Charmaine Brinkman, Joe and Tina Daniels, Chris and Connie Mulinex, Chris and Peggy Peters, Brennan and Sami Roe, Randy and Autumn Shaneck, Shannon Sharlow and Elizabeth Breier-Sharlow, Lyle and Erin Stine

Remember in Your Prayers:

+ *for comfort and peace in the Resurrection* – for the family of Caroline Buchanan, at her passing

+ *for healing* – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Boway, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfefferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, Jane Bialecki, Chuck Brinkman, Michael Wells, Becky Kuelker, Fred Bordner, Jean Newman, Vicki Melms, Steve Jones, Pat Miller, Pam Downour, John Danford, Joyce Smith, Barbara Camp, Deanna Snyder, Don Williams, Lyle Brinkman, Richard Stanley, Jim Fennewald

(Please contact the office if you would like someone added to the prayer list, or no longer would like your name on the list.)

+ for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family

+ *for your church* – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+ *for those serving in the armed forces* – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler

+ *for our missionaries* –

-Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa

-Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa

-Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico

-Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia

-POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims

-Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo

-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo

-Rachel Meyer, LCMS missionary in Uganda, East Africa

+ *our 'adopted' seminary students* –

-Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez

-Mark and Dana Renner



**Discipleship at Home
and in Community**

Our Ministries at Prince of Peace

Missionaries	<i>All members of Prince of Peace</i>
President of the Congregation	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Vice President	<i>Jim Bragg</i>
Board of Elders	<i>Phil Miller, Gary Garbers, Bob Roe, Jim Bragg, Don Halka, Mark Sattler, Tom Smith, Lyle Stine</i>
Discipleship Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Outreach Team Leader	<i>Jordan Jones</i>
Youth Ministry Team Leader	<i>Kyle Barry</i>
Family Life Team Leader	<i>Corrine Sattler</i>
Stewardship Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Preschool Team Leader	<i>Laura Roe</i>
Properties Team Leader	<i>Dan Reichow</i>
Prayer Team Leader	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Technology Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Preschool Director	<i>Wendy Kelly</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jackie Reynolds</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Vicki Melms</i>
Pastor	<i>John Genszler</i>
Secretary	<i>Julie Cox</i>
Pianist	<i>Pam Downour</i>
Organist	<i>Cindy Fennewald</i>
Praise and Worship Leader	<i>Jon Hartke</i>
Choir Director	<i>Pastor Gerald Hartke</i>
Prayer Chain	<i>Judy Young</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jodi Halka</i>
Men's Cherry Street Team	<i>Jim Bragg</i>