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“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”

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Welcome to Worship! God gathers us together to receive His gifts of love, mercy, and forgiveness through His Word and His Table. But God’s gifts are not restricted to the weekend. Each day, God is at work in ways to Prepare us to receive. In our series so far, we have seen God’s gifts to Ponder His Word and to Pray in relationship with Him. Today, we thank God for His gift of Praise – acknowledging Him as the One who works in all ways – ‘normal’ and ‘extraordinary’ – for our good.

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE OPENING HYMN

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Burgundy Hymnal #352

Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord--
Him of twofold race behold--
Truly came, as long foretold.

As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.

Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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: (Isaiah 40:3) A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God!"

**ALL: BUT OUR LIVES ARE ROCKY
AND OUR PATHS ARE CROOKED**

Pastor: We go to the Lord in confession:

**ALL: HOLY GOD,
AS WE PONDER OUR LIVES
WE SEE THAT OUR WAYS ARE NOT STRAIGHT
OUR LIVES ARE MADE CROOKED
BY THE SINS WE COMMIT AGAINST YOU
AND AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.
WE HAVE FAILED TO MAKE A PERFECT PATH
FOR YOU, OUR KING
WE PRAY TO YOU, MERCIFUL FATHER
POUR OUT YOUR GRACE ON US
PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND LIVES TO RECEIVE YOU, LORD JESUS**

Pastor: Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, and rose again – for you.
Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN!
WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD
AND PROCLAIM YOUR MERCY TO ALL PEOPLE**

Pastor: (John 14) Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions...
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

**ALL: AMEN!
COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Arise, O Christian People" (Projected)

Burgundy Hymnal #354, vs. 1,4

Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone the truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven to all the world is shown.



Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly and forth Your glory show.

OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

THE BIBLE READINGS

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 138:1-8

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-8

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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 SONG

“Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness”

Burgundy Hymnal #371

(1) Let our gladness banish sadness all
throughout creation!
God, whose favor sent our Savior, praise
with adoration!
He is born in a stall, now He lies, infant small,
In a manger, heav'nly stranger, Lord of all,
In a manger, Heav'nly stranger, Lord of all.

(2) Whom the sages and the ages eagerly
awaited,
Angels proudly herald loudly in their songs
elated.
Let us, too, in these days, thankful hearts
gladly raise;
To the tender infant render all our praise,
To the tender infant render all our praise.

(3) Child appealing, light revealing, Jesus
Christ, our pleasure;
God, yet very Son of Mary, heaven's gift and
treasure.
Mighty king, gentle friend, as our Lord to us
bend,
With Your blessing us caressing now
descend,
With Your blessing us caressing, now
descend.

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

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

FOR GUESTS: WELCOME AND INVITATION

Welcome to our guests whom the Lord has gathered with us today!

Please sign the Rite of Fellowship (red tablet) located on the usher's desk. Please include an email address if you would like to receive weekly email announcements.

At this time, we are not passing offering plates in the pews. Members, recognizing all we have as a gift of the Lord, return the first portion in love and trust by bringing tithes and offerings with them as we come to the Lord's Table for communion. There is no expectation for guests to contribute -- Please give to the Lord through your home congregation. Should the Lord lead you to give a special offering today, we thank you!

All of life is a gift from God. In thanksgiving, love, and trust, we make commitments to the Lord. As you come to the Lord's table, place your offering in the plate and your commitment in the basket. Sealed commitment cards will remain on the altar for the coming year.

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 LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE Out of love for one another, please consider a non-physical sign (wave, etc.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

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

Green Hymnal #259

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

(1) Angels, from the realms of glory, wing
your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim
Messiah's birth:

Refrain
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

(2) Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching
o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines
the Infant Light:
Refrain

(3) Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have
seen His natal star:
Refrain

(4) Saints before the altar bending, watching
long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending in His temple
shall appear:
Refrain

(5) Tho' an infant now we view Him, He will
share His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him; every knee
shall then bow down:
Refrain

THE FINAL COMMUNION HYMN

Green Hymnal #196

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

(1) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

(3) We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

(2) We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

(4) For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG

Burgundy Hymnal #368

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

A note from Pastor John: I will follow the direction of my doctor and stay away from people until Wednesday, but I feel much better than I did earlier in the week. THANK YOU for your prayers and encouragement and a special THANK YOU to our leaders who have taken on extra leadership duties as we Praise God Together (even when separated)!

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – “Ordinary People – Extraordinary God”
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Join us in person or on Facebook Live starting around 7:20 p.m. Zoe will resume in January.

- ✝ **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 – Megaphone of Hope
- ✝ **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)

Last week’s attendance: 71 Last week’s offerings into the general fund: \$5715.00

Advent Wednesday Devotions and Family Activities

“O Come, Emmanuel – the Way, the Truth, and the Life”

December 18 – 6:30 PM - Devotion and Christmas Carol Sing

Members are encouraged to sign up as a family so we may ensure proper space for guests at all services. Through our website, princeofpeaceoregon.com, go to the sign-up. There are slots for 10 families at each service, which allows guests to sit at the other end of pews with smaller families. Overflow seating will be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. All services will also be on Facebook live (Prince of Peace Luth Church).

NATIVITY EXTRAVAGANZA

December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy numerous Nativity displays and the Living Nativity!
(Costumes and practice TODAY, December 13th at 12:00)

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

December 19th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Help shop, pack, and deliver Christmas baskets for local families in need. A list of needed items is on the Angel Tree Table.

All of life is a gift from God. In thanksgiving, love, and trust, we make commitments to the Lord. If you missed the opportunity to bring your sealed commitment on November 1st, you may place your envelope in the offering plate as you come to the Lord’s table. Sealed commitment cards will remain on the altar for the coming year.

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.)

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: Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 3:1-9, 15-18

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 and Women's Bible Study will resume in January.

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 have started a ‘Mini Food Pantry.’ The mini food pantry at the southwest corner of the parking lot has been open for the past several weeks. It has been stocked 2-3 times a week, so it is definitely getting used!

Once, while stocking it (the last week of October), an older lady stopped to get a few items. This was her second visit and she related how grateful she was for the pantry. " I am on a limited income and can't drive very far, so this helps me out."

The most popular food items in the pantry seem to be cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, Spaghettios, peanut butter, jelly, baby food, fruit cups and juice boxes. Toiletry items are always in demand! Popular items are diapers, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap, dish soap, toothpaste and body soap. Thank you, POP family, for your contributions!

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: **Randy Ames, Ron Blausey, Marcia Breier, Marilyn Brown, Matt Disher, Vicki Dupke, Kathy Fletcher, Kay Garbers, Don Halka, Andy Hartke, Samiah Henneman, Sam Jones, Phoebe Lants, Diana Miller, Paige Ozanski, Paul Pagel, Cathy Reichow, Colton Repp, Quin Richards, Bob Roe, Floyd Rose, Alexandra Spears, Ethan Stine, Mike Thanasiu, Leah VanCamp, Bob Young, Judy Young, Jennifer Zeh, Paul and Kelly Pagel, Dan and Cathy Reichow**

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Bokay, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfefferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, 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, Stacy Galla

+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 Bokay, 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
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Our Ministries at Prince of Peace

Missionaries	<i>All members of Prince of Peace</i>
President of the Congregation	<i>Jim Bragg</i>
Vice President	<i>Gary Garbers</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>Cathy Reichow</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>