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“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”

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Welcome to Worship! Each week, we are gathered to receive God’s gifts. Each day, we receive His mercy and love. As we receive, we praise Him together. In His love, God also gives opportunities to share His work not only with each other, but out in the world. As the Holy Spirit is at work opening eyes, ears, and hearts to the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to join in proclaiming God’s love, mercy, and hope – for you, your family, and the world!

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE OPENING PRAISE SONGS

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!**

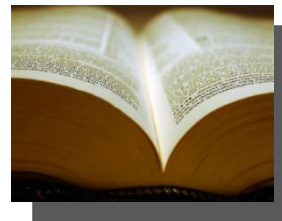
OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

THE BIBLE READINGS

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-9, 15-18



CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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.

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 and on Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.! Next week's readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

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 Boway, 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 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>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>