



## **PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**

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**“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”**

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**December 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m.**

**December 27, 2020, 8:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Worship! God prepares us all through life to receive His gifts. We are prepared through pondering the Word, prayer, as we praise, and in the ability to proclaim His work. Sometimes we feel God’s presence and His work in our lives. Sometimes we wonder when we will feel it again. God’s work is always sure. We receive His love each day and we wait for God’s promises. Each day is filled with satisfying grace and with eager expectation. Together, we live in God’s forgiveness and encourage one another as we wait for the Day of Fulfillment of God’s eternal promises!

## THE PRELUDE

## THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

## THE OPENING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

Burgundy Hymnal #376

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And he feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned all in white, His praise will sound.

## 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: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The New Testament Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

### 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

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”  
Burgundy Hymnal #348

(1) The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

(2) Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

(3) Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When He, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

(4) Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

(5) The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

## 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 (all sing)**

**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 #245

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
(1)O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

(3)O come, Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
Refrain

Refrain  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

(4)O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

(2)O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Refrain

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 #367

“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 us is now residing, yonder shines  
His 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) All creation, join in praising God the  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal  
Three in One.  
Refrain

## Adult Bible Studies:

- ✠ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – “Star of Bethlehem and Beyond” – Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> – Freedom in the One Gospel – the Book of Galatians
- ✠ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – 7:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. Join us in person or on Facebook Live starting around 7:20 p.m. Beginning in January – Romans II
- ✠ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Megaphone of Hope
- ✠ **THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

Last week’s attendance: 68 Last week’s offerings into the general fund: \$4145.00



**We need someone willing to pick altar flowers up from Beth Allen's on Saturdays before services. If you are willing to do this ministry, please contact Julie or Pastor John.**

**Thanks!!**

Matthew Mosier found out – suddenly around Thanksgiving when he totaled his car as a result – that he has brain cancer. He had just started a new job THAT DAY, so has no insurance and three young children at home, his mother living in the home so he could help her, and a grown daughter with a grandson out of the home. We will continue to be in contact with this family after Christmas to support in prayer and any other way we are able. Thank you for all who've given to help.

\*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](http://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).\*

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Keep in touch with your PoP family:** Website: [princeofpeaceoregon.com](http://princeofpeaceoregon.com); Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email [princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com) to get on the list!

**"The Word of the Lord endures forever..."** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Matthew Mosier, Bob Young, Andrea Martin  
*(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**

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