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April 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m. April 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship! Christ is Risen! We continue our reading of the letter of I John today. What does it mean to be "Living Love"? First - it means the Love of God is Living -- Jesus IS alive (not just resurrected long ago, but alive today). Living Love is also a description of how we are called to be - day by day. We are to Live each day and moment in the Love of God. His love covers you. We are also called to Share His love as we live. Sometimes, just like Jesus, Living Love is not

comfortable -- it is sacrificing of our wants to the needs of others. The greatest need of those around us is to know Jesus - the Living Savior. We receive God's gifts today to Live His Love!

THE WELCOME AND OPENING SONG(s)

(5:30/8:00) <u>Christ the Eternal Lord</u>	Burgundy Hymnal #829
1 Christ the eternal Lord,	Inspire our hearts, we pray,
Whose promise here we claim,	To tell Your love abroad,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured	That all may honour Christ today
On all who name Your name;	And follow Him as Lord.
With thankfulness and praise	-
We stand before Your throne,	4 Christ the unfading Light
Intent to serve You all our days	Of everlasting day,
And make Your glory known.	Our Morning Star in splendour bright,
	The Life, the Truth, the Way;
2 Christ the unchanging Word	That light of truth You give
To ev'ry passing age,	To servants as to friends,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard	Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Set forth on Scripture's page;	Till earth's brief journey ends.
Transform our thought and mind,	
Enlighten all who read,	5 Christ the ascended King
Within Your word by faith to find	Exalted high above,
The bread of life indeed.	Whose praise unending ages sing,
	Whom yet unseen we love;
3 Christ the redeeming Son,	When mortal life is past
Who shares our human birth,	Your voice from heaven's throne
And by His death salvation won	Shall call Your children home at last

OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ARE PREPARED 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.

To know as we are known.

ALL: AMEN.

For ev'ry child of earth;

Pastor: (Isaiah 6)In the year that King Uzziah died ALL: , I SAW THE LORD, HIGH AND EXALTED, SEATED ON A THRONE; AND THE TRAIN OF HIS ROBE FILLED THE TEMPLE. Pastor: ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

ALL: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY; THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY."

Pastor: ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

ALL: ⁵ "WOE TO ME!" I CRIED. "I AM RUINED! FOR I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAN LIPS, AND I LIVE AMONG A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAN LIPS, AND MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD ALMIGHTY."

Pastor: O Holy Lord,

ALL: I HAVE NOT KEPT MY HEART PURE AND MY LIPS CLEAN, YOU ALONE ARE HOLY, O GOD HAVE MERCY ON ME FORGIVE MY SIN AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Pastor: ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, ALL: WHICH HE HAD TAKEN WITH TONGS FROM THE ALTAR. ⁷WITH IT HE TOUCHED MY MOUTH AND SAID,

Pastor: "See, this has touched your lips;

your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

In His mercy, Jesus Christ was sacrificed for you. By His death and resurrection He has cleansed you. Your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

ALL: AND I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!" AMEN

SONG OF PRAISE

He Is Lord Green Hymnal 34 (words projected)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE BIBLE READING

Acts 4:1–12 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–18

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 CHILDREN'S TALK

(5:30) HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You, Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear Your call To risk security And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.

 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed, Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed: Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word. True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.

3. O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:

Burgundy Hymnal #856

Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.

4. O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5. O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song, The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong: Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring, Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

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.

As our offerings are gathered, members recognizing all we have as a gift of the Lord, return the first portion in love and trust. 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!

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all sing)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you!ALL:AND ALSO WITH YOU!

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

(5:30) <u>God of Grace and God of Glory</u>	<u>Green Hymnal #435</u>
1 God of grace and God of glory,	2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
On Thy people pour Thy pow'r.	Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;	From the fears that long have bound us,
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.	Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,	Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,	For the living of these days,
For the facing of this hour.	For the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

We Are Called to Be God's People

1. We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own, Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

2. We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.

THE FINAL COMMUNION HYMN

(5:30) Alleluia (words projected)

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG

(5:30) <u>Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying</u> 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting--Who will bear the sheaves away?" 4 Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.

<u>Green Hymnal #415</u>

Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

3. We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, That the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will

Burgundy Hymnal #826

Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"? 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall, Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all, With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands; You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Altar flowers are given today in thankfulness to God by Bob and Laura Roe in honor of Jordan's birthday.

Sign up by the office to sponsor flowers for a coming week.

Serving today:	5:30	8:00	10:30
Reader	John Ewald	Dave Breier	Connie Kuch
Elder	Lyle Stine	Phil Miller	Joe Daniels

Talk with the Elder to help serve as Usher or Communion Server.

Last week's attendance: 103

General Fund offerings for the month of March: \$18,250.22 Needed each month for our General Fund Ministries: \$18,200 Future Ministry Fund Future Ministry Fund balance as of 2/8: \$237,833.73

Adult Bible Studies:

- **SUNDAY** 9:10 am "SCUBA" Acts 1
- TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY 9:00 a.m. at Pop and on Facebook Live
- 🕆 THURSDAY MEN'S / WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

 $\mathbf{2}^{nd}$ and $\mathbf{4}^{th}$ Thursdays at 7pm

- **GOOD NEWS** Join the conversation *talk with Pastor John*
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** *1st Saturday* at 8:00 a.m.

Next week's readings: Acts 8:26–40; 1 John 4:1–11; John 15:1–8

Annual congregation meeting for election of leaders is NEXT SUNDAY, April 28 at 9:15.

<u>Help bring someone to church.</u> Several people have asked for rides to church – including those from north Oregon and Perrysburg. If you are able to help, call Pastor John.

Raising Kids meets TODAY, April 21 and is in a book study -- *Parent Differently: Raise Kids with Biblical Character that Changes Culture.*

Family Game Night fun and fellowship THIS FRIDAY **April 26.** Hoping to be outside depending on the weather!

Member Mailboxes *Some names have moved.* Please check your mailbox often. If your name is missing, please let us know!

Sunday School for all ages!

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered and taught Sunday School so far this school year! I think the kids are enjoying our guest teachers and the different activities they have gotten to experience. Sign up to help teach Sunday School through the Spring! Thank you!

If you have any questions, *please speak with Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687*.

<u>Prince of Peace Pre-School</u> Open enrollment begins in April. If you know someone looking for a Preschool, have them contact Wendy at 419-693-8661. We are also looking for occasional substitutes. Preschool will provide for background check and fingerprinting. Contact Wendy if you are interested!

Prince of Peace LWML NEWS

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

Would you like to see students in our area be able to study the Bible DURING SCHOOL HOURS?

If you have not yet signed the interest list, go to <u>LifeWise.org/interest</u>. Your interest does not obligate you or PoP to anything at this time. **The next step is to form a Community Steering Committee**. **Sign up at** <u>lifewise.org/steeringcommittee</u> If you would like to know more, talk with Pastor John or read through *During School Hours* (available in our church library).

REMINDERS:

HOW HAS GOD GIFTED YOU to serve in His Church? Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read? Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone else with "special skills" like these? Someone will be happy to teach you.

FOOD PANTRY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the last Saturday of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

Food Pantry Update We are in need of personal care products for the mini food pantry in the parking lot. If you would like to donate we are in need of shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, etc.

Here are some resources for anyone who is experiencing food insufficiency, or needs help finding utility, rent, or any other type of financial assistance.

*United Way: Call 211 or go to <u>https://www.unitedwaytoledo.org/get-help/united-way-2-1-1-support/</u>.

*Lutheran Social Services: Call 419-243-9178 or go to <u>https://www.lssnwo.org/</u>

Keep in touch with your PoP family:

Website: princeofpeaceoregon.com; Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email <u>princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com</u> to get on the list! **NOTE THE NEW EMAIL FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE:** <u>office@princeofpeaceoregon.com</u> **PRAYER CHAIN** If you need prayer (or know someone who does) contact the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join the Prayer Team in praying for our brothers and sisters regularly, join the Prayer Chain. Contact Tina at tinajoebobb@gmail.com

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: Elizabeth Hall, Lucy Richards, Bob Pfefferle, Jason Mendoza, Logan Halka, Josh Henneman, Caryn Brown, Chris Peters, Mike Lewandowsky, Gavin Lewandowsky, Joe Daniels, Karen Foley, Connie Mulinex, Elijah Gareau, Alison Laurell, Ava Shafer, Aeden Alder, Mike Snyder, Vincent Maletich, Lynn Walls, Chaunda Hame, Ed Bell, Jason Mendoza Jr., Jordan Jones, Rita Kingsbury, Mary McCallum *and James and Judy Brower, and Mark and Corrine Sattler.*

Remember in Your Prayers:

+*for healing* – Gertrude Brant, Chuck and Charmaine Brinkman, Carol Cicak, Pam Downour, Mary George, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Chris Hoover, Tom Jones, Phil Miller, Ron Oldenettel, Peggy Peters, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Kym Snyder, Jacob Stine, Lily Stine, Mike Thanasiu, Perri Tiefel

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

+for our construction workers – for safety as they take part in God's work

+*for those serving in the armed forces* – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard, Andrew Pindor

+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)
-Fellowship of Christian Athletes
-Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
-Bella Vita Network (The Pregnancy Center of Toledo)

+our 'adopted' seminary students – -Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com Discipleship at Home and in Community

Our Ministries at Prince of Peace

Missionaries	All members of Prince of Peace
President of the Congregation	Jim Bragg
Vice President	Gary Garbers
Treasurer	Mark Sattler
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Weiss
Board of Elders	Phil Miller, Gary Garbers, Joe Daniels, Jim Bragg, Don Halka, Mark Sattler, Tom Smith, Lyle Stine
Discipleship Team Leader	Alison Laurell
Financial Secretary	Vicki Melms
Outreach Team Leader	Jordan Jones
Youth Ministry Team Leader	Kyle Barry
Family Life Team Leaders	Team Leader Needed
LWML Coordinator	Corrine Sattler
Stewardship Team Leader	Cathy Reichow
Preschool Team Leader	Laura Roe
Properties Team Leader	Dan Reichow
Prayer Team Leader	Gary Garbers
Technology Team Leader	Ted Tiefel
Pianist	Pam Downour
Organist	Cindy Fennewald
Praise and Worship Leader	Jon Hartke
Choir Director	Gerald Hartke
Prayer Chain	Tina Daniels
Altar Guild	Jodi Halka
Helping Hands 3H Team	Carol Crosser / Karen Asman
Preschool Director	Wendy Kelly
Secretary	Madison Campbell
Deaconess Intern	Amy Genszler
Pastor	John Genszler