



“Promises Unfold: Promise of God’s Word”
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/podcasts/>.

DVD’s of the previous Sunday’s worship are available by contacting the church office at 715-479-9263.

If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, online, through the Give+ app by Vanco, or by sending a text to 833-394-7887 (text your dollar amount and follow the prompts). Thank you for your generosity.

ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

Preparing for Worship

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

What other items assist you in making your space one of a quiet sanctuary? A Bible? A rock to symbolize God's strength or the weight of the world that you need to give to God? A cross? A picture of Jesus? What helps you to focus on Christ's presence in your life?

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

Threshold Moment and Silent Centering

Each day is a gift from God,
each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.

Each day we draw closer to God:
who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

Music

"All Belong Here"

Lyrics by Lenora Rand; Music by Hannah Rand, sung by "The Many"

Verse 1:

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus:

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.

Verse 2:

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus

Bridge:

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Chorus

Confession and Forgiveness

God calls us in our lives to be like the grain of wheat which dies, which lets go of one form in order to be transformed into new and fuller life. And yet we often fear the risk and change which new growth involves. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may be resisting God moving in our lives.

Silence for individual confession and reflection.

**When we resist your call to change our hearts
and allow a deepening of relationship:**

God have mercy.

When we nurse our wounded hearts

and withhold forgiveness which may transform relationship:

Christ have mercy.

**When fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts
from those who are in need:**

God have mercy.

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful, and forgives us our sins and failures. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us. **Amen.**

Scripture *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm *“Let Us Shout for Joy” (Psalm 95) - by Richard Colligan*

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of Love

Let us bow and worship God our Maker,

 The One who holds the earth

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of Love

For we know that we belong to God

 Who loved us from our birth

Let us shout for joy Let us clap our hands

Let us make a mighty joyful noise to the Rock of Love

Let us shout for joy Let us sing and dance

We will make a mighty joyful noise to the Rock of Love

Visio Divina **“Joy” by Barb Zima**

Where is the joy in the midst of sorrow all around us, Lord?
There are dark clouds overhead that block the light
There are cold winds that cause us to shiver in fear
Where is the joy, Oh Lord, where is the joy?
There is joy all around us to behold
Open our eyes to see
A young couple pledges their love today
The cry of a baby is welcomed with love
A caregiver comforts a lonely person
A doctor tenderly cares for a patient
A teacher mentors a student
A Pastor prays for her flock
A child's laughter at play fills an empty room
A first responder rushes to answer a call
A parent embraces their child
The Son breaks through the darkness
And there is Joy!

Music **“Belong to You”**

Even before I was born
Inside the womb you brought me into form
You knew me by name long before I could breathe
This Mystery is so deep it's hard to believe

Chorus:

And wherever I go God you're already there
And before any words you have heard my heart's prayer
And there's nowhere to run from your Love and there's no place to hide
If it's true that you love me beyond right and wrong
And that you are the One I can always count on
Then you already know I'm so glad that I belong to you God
I belong to you God
We belong to you God, we all belong to you

Even before I was born
Inside the womb you brought me into form
You knew me by name long before I could breathe
This Mystery is so deep it's hard to believe

Chorus

Prayers of the People

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

**Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
As it was from the start so it shall be forever
One God, always here.**

God, you have constantly pursued us with love and grace even when we turn our backs away from you and put celebrities, politicians, and other things in life before you. Thank you for reminding us through the words of the Prophet Jeremiah that you have etched Your Word, O God, on our hearts. Help us to remember that Your love and grace can be found inside of us, not on a stone tablet or in a building. Guide us in worshipping you faithfully and serve those in need.

Savior of the Nations, bring peace to every place where conflict rages especially in Ethiopia, Bangkok, Thailand, Belarus, and the United States. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us, and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation.

**Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
As it was from the start so it shall be forever
One God, always here.**

Lord of strength, just as you rebuilt Jerusalem after its destruction by conquering armies, help those affected by hurricanes, floods, and wildfires rebuild their communities and lives, especially those in the Caribbean and in Nicaragua. Provide the necessary tools and resources for aid workers and non-profit organizations working in those communities.

During this Thanksgiving Week, help us to leave open one chair at the table for You, O Lord. Let us, even in our loneliness, fear, and sadness, praise You in gratitude. Comfort those who cannot be with their loved ones this holiday. Keep safe those who are traveling and those who are in deer stands. Make Your presence known to all those that need Your loving embrace.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. We now name all the people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds . . .

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

**Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
As it was from the start so it shall be forever
One God, always here.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Music "Nothing Can Separate Us Now" - Words & Music by Bryan Sirchio

There's a simple promise that changes everything
When we choose to build our lives upon it
A very simple promise that causes hearts to sing
When we know we can rely upon it

Nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing!
Nothing in this world can separate us now
Nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing!
Nothing in this world can separate us now
from the Source of Love

Benediction and Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Gathered by Grace.
Sent to Serve.
Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

* Love Lights

Prince of Peace has the Advent tradition of lighting a Love Lights Tree. The Love Lights Tree provides an opportunity for individuals to honor their loved ones by making a donation to the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund. Donors may sponsor an ornament on the Love Lights Tree as a memorial or tribute to an individual who has touched their life. Traditionally, the Love Light Tree has been placed in the sanctuary and lit at the end of worship during Advent. This year the ornaments will be hung in the windows of the Fellowship Hall and will be lit up at night. We encourage you to drop by to view the Love Light ornaments from the parking lot. Go to <https://princeofpeace-er.org/love-lights/> to donate or call the church office at 715-479-9263 and leave a message.

* Northern Great Lakes Synod Lifelong Faith Formation

In these challenging and uncertain times, our Synod is offering online classes this winter. While discussions through computer screens are not ideal, online learning presents an opportunity to connect people from across the synod—people who share a love of learning and have discovered that adult studies help them to grow in faith. Classes are FREE, but may require the purchase of textbooks or other materials. Students will receive Zoom links from their instructor. For more information or to ask questions, please contact Deacon-Elect Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org.

* Snow shoveling is **still needed** this winter even though there is no public worship. Please call 715-479-9263 to sign up or go to our website <https://princeofpeace-er.org/signups/>. Thank you!

* Please check out and subscribe to the Prince of Peace Lutheran YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX-J0LsbtcqzMljC959hj7Q>). Share it with family and friends on email and through Facebook and other social media.

* Gathered and Sent Podcasts

We are happy to announce that our "Gathered and Sent" podcasts are now available on iTunes and Apple Podcasts, in addition to being available at www.princeofpeace-er.org/podcast. Comment, Like and Share. In the next few weeks "Gathered and Sent" podcasts will become available on additional podcasting platforms. If you have a platform that you would like to see the podcasts on let us know by sending us an email to admin@princeofpeace-er.org. Share it with family and friends on email and through Facebook and other social media.

CURRENT PHASE: 1

- Fully digital worship and fellowship
- Critical staff and volunteers by invitation-only access to building
- All in-person activities suspended and moved to digital format where possible
- Visitors must wear a facemask and may not enter the building



MISSION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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