

Peace Lutheran Church

2S4o Applegate Street Philomath, OR 67370 (541) 929- 5504 We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you. There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year.Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Jesus' birth. But as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Jesus' return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no on€ knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Direct us, O Lord, in our worship today. Through Your love and forgiveness, Lead us from darkness into Your light. By the working of the Holy Spirit, make us ready to bring the light of Your grace to our communing and world. This we ask in the name of Jesus. We thank You - Father, Son + and Holy Spirit for Your presence in worship

People: Amen.

BEING HONEST TO GOD...

Pastor: Jesus is coming again and coming soon. Although we knout this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as through Jesus were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection

Pastor : Heavenly Father,

People: We have not always lived according to Your ways. 'We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and other for Jesus' return.

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE...

Pastor: Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 (Maroon Book)

Text: Bishop Reginald Heber, t783-t826, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, tSzg-t876. @tgZ8 published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis & Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, Philadelphia. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Early in the morning . our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons blessed Trinity!

> Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy' there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow'r in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us Pray. Lord Jesus, govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy spirit that, ever mindful of your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT:

Isaiah Isaiah 51:4-6

4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

Jude 20-25

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL:

Mark 13:24-57

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

35 Therefore stay awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning--

36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Author : Matthew Bridges (1851); Alterer: Godfrey Thring (1871)

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

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2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

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4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

SERMON

Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

STATEMENT OF FAITH

People: We believe in God, the creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The power of God at work inside of us, We believe in the church of God, The people of faith throughout the world, We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Pastor: Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as alight to all people. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You are robbed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Jesus, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or food. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering (especially...). If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing, abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, (especially ...). Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we command all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

CLOSING SONG "Soon and Very Soon"

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Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

PRAYER FOR HOLIDAY CHEER AND THE VINA MOSES GIVING TREE

Pastor: Dear Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to serve our community with Holiday cheer and the Fina Moses Giving Tree/ Direct us, Lord, in all our doings with Your favor. Help us in all the projects and works we take part in. May what we do be a blessing to those who receive our gifts and may Your name be glorified in all that we do! In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord maki his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **People: Amen.**

DISMISSAL Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION COMING YOUR WAY. Watch your doorstep this weekend for a holiday distribution. Included in your package will be the updated church directory.

VINA MOSES DONATIONS. The Vina Moses Center provides relief and builds resilience in underserved communities in Benton County. Peace is again supporting this mission during this holiday season and Sunday, December 5, is designated as the donation day for Vina Moses. Please bring your items for donation to church that day. For more information, please contact George Abele or Todd Muhly.

BRING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED. Philomath Community Services is again collecting baskets of hygiene items for people in need in the Philomath area this holiday season. A list of items needed is posted in the Narthex. Please bring whatever you can to support our community. Items need to be brought to the church not later than Monday, December 6. Thank you for helping support this mission.

CORVALLIS NATIVITY FESTIVAL. The z8th annual Corvallis Nativity Festival will be held Dec 3-7 at 4141 NW Harrison Blvd in Corvallis. The displays are indoors and free to view. If you have a special nativity that you would like to place on display, please see the instructions on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEK. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will not be having fellowship next Sunday the 28th. Look for an opportunity to gather after the service on December 12.

