

"I press toward the finish line"

Philippians 3:14



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study

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11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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2011

NOVEMBER 6,

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 24 front of hymnal p. 153
The Hymns: 743, 413, 788:1, 656, 775:3

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, graciously abide among us with Thy blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Thine ever-present help; through Jesus Christ Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn 743

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

*Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.*

P: The Lord, our God, is righteous in all His works which He does:

C: For we did not obey His voice.

P: Give glory to Your name, O Lord:

C: And deal with us according to the multitude of Your mercy.

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.
(Hymnal page 7 - sing)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored:

All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. 3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? 5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord:

C: And You give them their meat in due season.

P: You open Your hand:

C: And satisfy the desires of all living things.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations:

C: Praise Him, all you people. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Matthew chapter 21, beginning there in the 33rd verse.

CONGR. (sing) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

The New Testament Reading:

Matthew 21:33-43 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 "So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" 41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended

into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 413

THE SERMON

Philippians 3:12-21 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame; who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Theme: "PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL"

I. We are heaven's athletes (12-16)

II. We are heaven's citizens (17-21)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation & uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 656

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn 775:3

*** SILENT PRAYER ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

SHARE THE PROMISE! We hope you can join us in our weekly Bible Study. "SHARE THE PROMISE WITH YOUR CHILDREN" is a study from God's Word on "How to Lay the Foundation for a Strong Christian Home." This would be a great time to invite your friends to your church!

IN APPRECIATION "Thanks to the congregation of St John's for their concern after my accident. To Pastor Naumann for the visit when I was at the Royal Plaza. To Desirae for stopping in to visit. Also to Donna for bringing me the weekly bulletin. I'm getting stronger every day and hope to see you soon." Alice Hall

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS: Potluck Today!! Thanksgiving theme.

Church Cleaning: Can you help clean the LORD's house? Please sign up.

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday. Thanks!

Pre-service Goodies: If you'd like to bring treats for people to eat while they are visiting before and after church please sign-up in the Kitchen.

THE FALL CHURCH NEWS LETTER – Copies are available by the entry.

CLC NEWS >>

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day November 11th beginning at 10:05 a.m. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Lodging and meals are provided. The ILC fall play: "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A band concert will precede it both nights at 7:00 p.m. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, before November 9th. Office phone: 715-836-6631. Home: 715-955-4127. E-mail: john.ude@ilc.edu. or john.ude.ilc@gmail.com.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Tim 6:12

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THE GRADUAL

P: Give ear to my prayers, O God:

C: And do not hide from my supplications.

P: Let my prayers be set before You as incense:

**C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O sing to the Lord a new song:

C: For He has done marvelous things. Hallelujah!

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The Old Testament Reading for 20th After Pentecost Isaiah 5:1-7

In these verses the LORD uses the picture of a vineyard to show how much care and concern He put into causing the people of Jerusalem to believe. No matter how much He tried, they rejected, and eventually were destroyed. We read...

The New Testament Reading:

Matthew 21:33-43

The Nation of the Jews were especially blessed by God. From the Jewish people the Messiah was promised to come. For that reason, down through the ages, God kept sending them His true prophets, and they were mistreated by the Jews. And when the Messiah did come, the Cornerstone of our faith, the Jewish nation rejected Him. Now You and I, the Gentiles, have this blessing. Let us bear fruit worthy of it. This is the parable of the Wicked Vine dressers. We read...