



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For health and strength and daily food we give you thanks, O God! These were words that we sung around my grandparent's dinner table when we got together for holidays and special occasions. There were variations on a theme, but we always sang or said a prayer and blessing for God's gifts to us and for us before eating a meal.

What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for? We commemorate All Saint's Sunday on November 2nd. I remember people, both living and dearly departed, that helped shape my view of faith and life. My uncle John, who milked cows as a dairy farmer, seven days a week and shared his passion for Jesus with people in his community, church, and world. November also brings the beginning of the holidays. For some, it's a time of celebration, good cheer, and laughter. For others, it's a time of grief, loneliness and division. Across the spectrum, Christ promises to be present, active, and moving in our lives. God grants us the joy of celebration with family and friends, while also granting us patience and wisdom as we navigate our lives and world.

Who are you thankful for? I'm thankful for all of you! For your faithfulness to the gospel, your questions and ponderings, your care and support for myself and my family! I'm honored for opportunities to listen to stories of faith in daily life that are both life giving and heartbreaking. How do we continue bearing witness to Christ in the midst of our struggles, challenges, and trials? Truth be told, I rather not read the selected Gospel readings for the last few weeks of November. But we will!

They are scary, overwhelming, and paint a destructive and worrisome picture of life in Jesus' time and even our own! And yet, these same passages and others in the Bible share the good news that God remains with us and among us even in the most challenging times. Christ gives us the grace and wisdom to persist in faith, and when we are too tired, overwhelmed or despairing, the body of Christ continues to support you, continues to show up for us.

This tension and paradox with God showing up in the midst of struggles continues with Christ the King Sunday. We hear the life-giving news of God's love and peculiar strength in and through Jesus' death while sandwiched between two accounts of apocalyptic imagery (Luke 21:5-19 and Matthew 24:36-44) at the end of Pentecost and the beginning of Advent. In the midst of these troubling and fearful stories, Christ reveals his power and might through giving his life for the sake of the world.

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POP Pantry Needs For November

Food:

Small peanut butter jars,
jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup,
cereal, canned tuna/chicken,
individual trail mix, meat sticks,
granola bars, soup, & boxed
meals.

Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped
toothbrushes, deodorant, little
lotions and dish soap

Hate shopping? Cash Donations can be
placed in the offering plate or
dropped off at the office in an
envelope, marked "Caritas Pantry" and
a volunteer will do the shopping for
you!

Thoughts From The Council President

Let There be Light!

When I entered the church this morning, I noticed something different. It was so bright and light and felt so welcoming. Yes, the church sanctuary lighting project is done, thanks to the efforts of our property committee and a generous church member. It looks nice and makes such a difference. I think that sometimes we forget to be thankful for our members who do so much for us. So I'm going to make the effort to thank all those who make our worship experience meaningful: Pastor Joel with his wonderful sermons, the ushers who greet you at the door, the Altar Guild ladies who set our communion, the media people who bring our service to homes and on the screen, to Janet for the music she brings to our services, to the lay assistants, to volunteers who serve and lead committees and council, to Ami for the bulletins and all the miscellaneous things she takes care of and to Mark who keeps our building clean. These are just some of the many people who bless our church with their service. I read somewhere that being thankful is about recognizing the goodness of God, appreciating the people around us, and acknowledging the daily gifts that we take for granted. Yes, the lights in the church are brighter, but it is our members with their generosity and kindness that reflects the heart and light of Christ.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving.
Sue Parrish

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service – 9:00 am
Worship currently also streamed on FB at
"Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"
Fellowship – 10:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday– Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Saturday, November 15, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

**7am- Start cooking
7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion**

Serving You This Month

Nov	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
2	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rebecca Hendrickson	Susan Ames	Marie Tamura	Bernie Polikowsky		Holly Christoff
9	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Rod Tamura		Matt Christoff	Mel Nebelsick & Dick Hawley	Chaffins
16	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Kathy Fleiger	Holly Christoff	Ami Elliott & John Renford	Doug Elliott	Sanborn
23	Susan Ames	Susan Ames	Holly Christoff	Elliott	Matt Christoff	Joe Rock	
30	Marie Tamura	Marie Tamura	Rebecca Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	Marie Tamura



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, November 2

1st Reading: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Psalm: 149

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, November 16

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm: 98

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 30

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: 122

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, November 9

1st Reading: Job 19:23-27a

Psalm: 17:1-9

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 23

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: 46

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

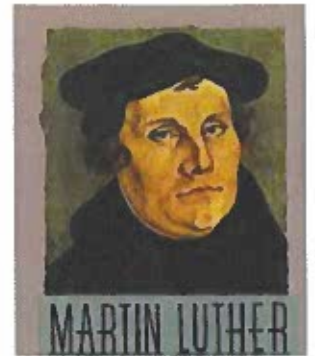
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43



News from POP

Luther's Prayers

Dear Father, give us our daily bread, good seasons, and health. Protect us from warm, disease, and drought. If you would tempt me a bit by withholding you blessings for a while, then your will be done. If my time is up and my hour has come, deliver me from all evil. If not, give me strength and patience. Amen.



Birthdays

November 4– Ami Elliott

November 7– Mary Froscheiser

November 17– Harper & Hannah Skindlov

**November 18– Sharon Anthony
Jon Heimbigner**

November 21– Kim Floyd

November 26– Jacob Basgal

November 29– Holly Christoff



Upcoming November Events

Tuesday, November 11th-
Church Office closed for Veteran's Day

****Council Meeting-Sunday, November 16th at
10:30am-NOTICE DATE/TIME CHANGE****

Tuesday, November 18th- 9am
Both Quilting Groups- put out the quilts for display!

Sunday, November 23rd-
Thanksoffering Sunday- enjoy the beautiful quilts!

Tree of Sharing will be up on
Sunday, November 23rd. We are supporting Cooper
& Westview
Elementary Schools this year.

Wednesday, November 26th-7pm
Praise & Pie Worship Service

Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th
Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Call for Volunteers to Serve Prince of Peace in 2026

Please consider serving on church council or being a Treasurer or Financial Secretary. Even if you have never served before, or you have served previously, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be led to contribute to our church's mission in the coming year.

Church Council Members

Council members are elected for a 3-year term at the Annual meeting. The purpose of council is to represent the congregation in the mission of the church; to maintain and protect the property; and manage the business and budgetary issues. They attend monthly council meetings and act as a liaison between the council and a committee. *For more information, please talk to Sue Parrish.*

Church Council Executives

President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer make up the Executive Council. They are elected by the congregation at the Annual meeting. Executive Council meets 2 or 3 times a month and deals with budget, business and personnel issues. They set the agenda and business for the monthly council meetings and congregational meetings. *For more information, please talk to Marie Tamura.*

Treasurer

The Treasurer plays a vital role in overseeing the church's finances, maintaining accurate records, and supporting the stewardship of our resources. If you have a background in finance, accounting, or simply a heart for responsible service, we encourage you to consider this important position. *For more information, please talk to Sue Parrish, Susan Ames, Linda Fernan and Marie Tamura*

Financial Secretary

- Receives and posts the giving to Prince of Peace on a weekly basis and reports the information to the Treasurer and church office and individual members as requested.
 - Schedules counters who count, deposit and report the weekly offering to the Church and the Financial Secretary.
 - Oversee the direct deposit that members can use to make their donations. The Financial Secretary has access to Vanco, our On-line ACH Processor, to input the information as requested.
 - Orders and distributes to church members their offering envelopes.
 - Software is available for inputting and reporting giving information.
- For more information, please contact Randy Fleiger.*

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. Our goal in presenting the "Bare Bones Budget" was to give you insight into the day-to-day expenses of our church including salaries. Monthly updates will continue one to be posted in the back of the sanctuary. If you any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Whether it's our time, talents, or treasures operating the church requires all of us as one body.

Marie

Pastor's article continued

Death, loss, abandonment does not stop Jesus from the self-giving love, the power and mercy that gets revealed through Christ's death and resurrection. God is faithful to you and through you. The presence of the Holy Spirit in, with and for us grants God's continued intentions to love and bless our world.

We share the truth of our reality, while also relying and depending on the promises of the Triune God. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! (Psalm 103:8, NRSV). We have new life in Christ here and now! "Do not be conformed any longer to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2, NRSV). The presence and power of God's Holy Spirit persists within and among us and for that I am thankful!

For health and strength and daily food, we give you thank, O God! God's purpose for Prince of Peace is to share the story of God's love in, with and for the community! Where do you see Christ's presence in your life? How might God be calling, inviting and challenging us to share God's love in our congregation, neighborhoods, and communities? Christ grant us wisdom, courage, love, and gratitude through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Blessed November to you all!

Peace,

Pastor Joel

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, November 5, 2025



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, November 18, 2025



*****NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE*****

Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, November 18, 2025



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Please join the women for these monthly events.

Also, before leaving any fabric, speak with a quilter about what they could really use to complete quilts.



**A heartfelt thank you to
everyone who help make crafts,
set up and work the craft fair!!
Always a huge outreach to our
community!**



Community Events

*Save the
DATE*

You're invited to


CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S MINISTRY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 8 - 9, 2025

November 8 - 1:3pm
A celebration of 96 years of ministry in Spokane
with hints of the beloved "Kaffe Stua"

November 9 - 1pm
Final worship service

We give thanks for the gift of your partnership
over the years! Please join us as we conclude
our ministry in Spokane.



You're Invited



Thursday
NOVEMBER 13
2025

Toast to Stewardship

RUBY RIVER HOTEL
700 N DIVISION ST - SPOKANE, WA 99202
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Habitat for Humanity
Spokane

Join us for a toast to your generosity.
We are grateful for your support in
empowering families to build strength,
stability and self-reliance through shelter.



Attire is business casual.
Please leave your checkbooks at home.
◀ **PLEASE RSVP by NOVEMBER 6**
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November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	3	4 5:30 pm Praise Group 6:00 pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00 pm Committee Night	5 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	6 1:00 pm Bible Study	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	10 10:00 am Executive Council	11 VETERAN'S DAY Church Office Closed 5:30 pm Praise Group	12 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	13 1:00 pm Bible Study	14 Church Office Closed	15 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
16 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 10:30 am Council Meeting	17	18 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group	19 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	20 1:00 pm Bible Study	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" TREE OF SHARING	24	25 5:30 pm Praise Group	26 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Praise & Pie 7:00pm Adult Choir (following worship)	27 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"						