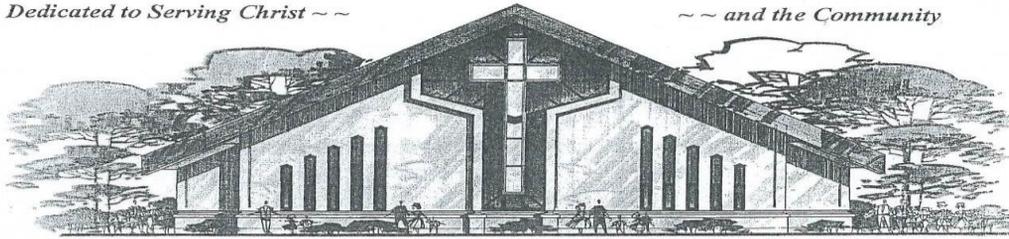


# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**November 2019**

**NEWSLETTER**

## **The Righteousness of God-Christ**

There is a term we run across quite frequently in the Bible, the term “righteousness.” When you read the letters of the apostle Paul, he uses it all the time. You hear it used in church when I say to that child who has just been baptized, “you are now clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness.” Yet, it can be one of those big terms used in church that can be confusing. Well, in this article, I want to help you understand this term, “righteousness” and what the Bible means when it talks about the “righteousness of God” because the understanding of this term is central to our Lutheran theology and the tremendous peace found in Christ and the Gospel.

First of all, the word “righteousness” comes from the Greek word, *dikaion*, which at the time in Roman culture had different meanings. For one, it was a word associated with the Roman legal system. Basically, it was the resultant state of justice carried out by a judge.

Another meaning of the word was the active carrying out of the law, such as the virtue of one’s obedience to an established law or norm, which if carried out, makes one right or good in comparison to that law. Righteousness therefore is the resultant state of that obedience. It is like saying, “you have righteousness because you are obeying the law.”

It was these meanings of righteousness that were taught exclusively in the medieval world and as Luther writes gave him great trepidation as he heard them in church or read them in the Bible. Luther wrote in his Preface to his Latin writings, **“I hated that word, “righteousness of God”, which, according to the use and custom of all the teachers, I had been taught to understand philosophically regarding the formal or active righteousness, as they called it, with which God is righteous and punishes the unrighteous sinner.”**

In other words, the righteousness of God in those days was always associated with God’s wrath and punishment upon sin. In fact, there was an image of God, often depicted in altar pieces in Luther’s day, that depicted Christ as judge, with a sword in hand. This was how Luther saw Christ, as the one who would one day judge him and was this impossible example of God’s righteousness that he had to live up to in order to inherit salvation. He saw God’s righteousness as something he had to actively earn through his good works and merits before God.

However, as Luther came to study the passages that contained the word “righteousness” in the New Testament, he was led to see through the Scripture that the kind of righteousness mentioned in passages, like Romans 1:17 & 3:21 and Galatians 2:21, had a different meaning. It was actually referring to the righteousness of our Lord that He chose to give as a gift through Christ. It wasn’t something we could actively pursue or achieve. It was God giving His own righteousness, which meant the one who had it, would be declared free from the condemnation of His law, because they had His righteousness or holy status on account of Christ.

This, as Luther came to see in Scripture, is something given to us when the Holy Spirit works in our hearts through the Gospel to believe in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Luther called this “passive righteousness” because it was something given, not earned. We passively receive God’s righteousness in Christ through faith. Therefore, the mention of the righteousness of God in the New Testament was a picture of grace and mercy, not of wrath, obedience, and condemnation.

Luther especially saw this when he was meditating on the verses from Romans 1:16-17, which says, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Gentiles. For in it (the Gospel), the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”**

Luther describes the revelation he received through these verses in his Preface to his Latin writings, where he says, **“At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, ‘In it, the righteousness of God is revealed’, as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live.’ There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the Gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live.’”**

In other words, Luther came to see that the righteousness of God was really Christ and that the righteousness of Christ, such as his obedience to God’s law, his sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins, is counted towards us as righteousness before God when we are led through the Gospel to believe in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

It is why Luther in his comments on Psalm 51 said, **“The righteousness of God is that by which we are justified, or the gift of the forgiveness of sins. This righteousness in God is wonderful because it makes of God not a righteous Judge, but a forgiving Father, who wants to use his righteousness not to judge, but to justify and absolve sinners.”**

To justify a sinner is to pronounce someone forgiven, as the word justify in the Greek is in the same word family as righteousness, really meaning “to declare someone righteous or acquitted of their sins.” They are now viewed as righteous or not-guilty of transgressing against a particular norm or law because the one who has the authority, the Judge, does so.

It is why our Lutheran forefathers in our Lutheran Confessions said this, “Regarding the righteousness of faith before God, we unanimously believe, teach, and confess on the basis of the general summary of our Christian faith and confession expressed above that poor sinful people are justified before God, that is absolved, pronounced free of all sins and of the judgment of the damnation that they deserved and accepted as children and heirs of eternal life-without the least bit of our own ‘merit or worthiness’, apart from all preceding, present, or subsequent works. We are justified on the basis of sheer grace, because of the sole merit, the entire obedience, and the bitter suffering, death, and the resurrection of our Lord Christ alone, whose obedience is reckoned to us as righteousness.”

Therefore, I hope the next time you run across that term “righteousness” in the Bible that you now know more clearly what that means. It is the resultant state of Christ’s forgiving work in your life as a baptized believer in Him, which means you can live each day with the absolute joy, peace, and hope of Your resurrection to eternal life through your faith in Christ. As Philippians 3:8-11 says, “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

Amen.

*Pastor Chris Lockie*

**Our Worship & Our Gifts to the Lord**

*“Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary  
I am the Lord.”*

**Leviticus 19:30**

		<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Oct.	6	<b>209</b>	204	<b>173</b>	159	<b>6589</b>	5740
Oct.	13	<b>218</b>	173	<b>171</b>	138	<b>7247</b>	4735
Oct.	20	<b>164</b>	175	<b>125</b>	139	<b>5605</b>	5913
Oct.	27	<b>153</b>	166	<b>118</b>	129	<b>4574</b>	4560
<b>Averages</b>		<b>186</b>	179	<b>146</b>	141	<b>\$ 6003</b>	\$ 5237

**Holy Communion Food Bank**

Thank you to all who have been so generous over the last years in providing food for those that are in need. What an awesome church we have!

Unfortunately with the Holidays approaching, the food bank will be in need of more.

For the month of November they are suggesting the following:

- November 3: Instant potatoes, dry packaged gravy
- November 10: Stove Top Stuffing mix, corn muffin mix
- November 17: canned sweet potatoes, fruit cocktail
- November 24: macaroni & cheese, tuna



As in the past the food pantry will be giving turkeys to our guests, along with side dishes for Thanksgiving dinner. They are asking for either a donation of a turkey, or monetary gift to help with that. All donations are to brought to the food pantry by Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

# Preschool & Child Care



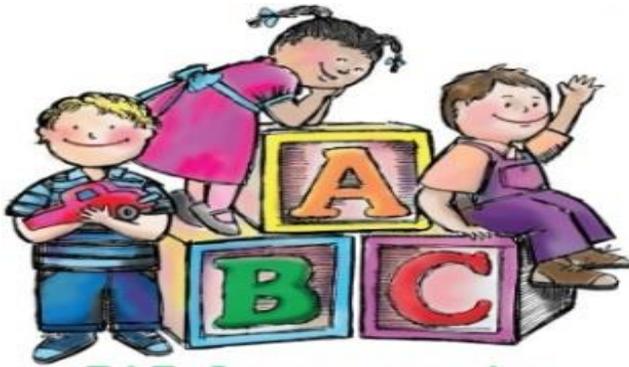
October brought with it evidence outside of a changing season. We had a great time learning all about fall, spiders, bats and skeletons. The 3k Class also learned about squares and the color orange. We especially had some fall fun with our class Orange Day and Pumpkin day parties. The best part of October was our western themed Dad's day. We made snakes, herded cattle, had horse races, roped horses, read stories, sang songs and had yummy snacks.

During October, we have continued to establish routines, positive attitudes, and a happy learning environment. The children have gotten to know their friends better and have quickly learned their favorite place to play/activities to do.

Several of our Bible stories this month, such as Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, and God's promise to Abraham have shown us God keeps us safe and He ALWAYS takes care of us! He even send angels to watch over us – now that is something amazing and special that only God could do!

**CHILD CARE:** Please remember that we are not a drop-in child care. You need to have a reservation so that we can meet the state child: teacher ratio. We are unique in that you pay only for the hours you schedule in Child Care. Please also keep in mind that we need twenty-four notice for all reservation, changes in schedule or cancellations.

*FYI: we recently had our license revised to accept children through age 9.*



Welcome to  
Preschool



## This & That

November 21<sup>st</sup> (3k)

November 22<sup>nd</sup> (4k)

Thanksgiving Parties

November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Parent /Teachers Conferences  
No Preschool (childcare will be open)

November 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

PS/CC Closed

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Jesus Time

Encourage your child to keep the Bible story pictures in the JESUS BOOK brought home from preschool.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it”*

Proverbs 22:6

•Don't forget to like us on Facebook!



**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

Unfortunately, we will NOT be having Advent by Candlelight at Prince of Peace this year. We apologize for any inconvenience And are hoping to resume next year.

Men's Bible Breakfast Will be held on Saturday November 16th at 8:00 am. All men of our congregation are invited to join us for a bible study fellowship, and breakfast.

Bring a friend.

**COOKIE WALK AND HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR**



Please join us on Saturday, December 7th from 9 A.M. to Noon for our annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Vendor Fair. Proceeds from this event benefit our Preschool and Childcare Center. Baked goods are \$8.00 per pound. We accept cash and credit/debit cards. Walk around and visit our vendors and get some Christmas shopping done or pick up a hostess gift or maybe a little something for yourself. Live music by local choirs and recorded holiday music as well for your listening pleasure. Enjoy some cookies and coffee or hot chocolate while you listen to the music. We still have vendor spots available for \$25.00. Contact Carla Abel at (262) 639-1277 if you or someone you know is interested. As always, we are looking for lots of donations of cookies, bars, breads and homemade snacks. Forms are located in the Welcome Center. Last but not least, we are excited to announce that we will have a special guest on hand this year - Packer Legend LeRoy Butler! He will be selling autographed copies of his cookbook. You can also get your picture taken with him for a nominal fee. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our Preschool and Childcare Center. We look forward to having you join us!

**HOLIDAY SCRIP (GIFT CARDS) PRE-ORDERS NOW ACCEPTED**

Want to get gift cards for your family or friends? Or to use on everyday gas, grocery and other routine expenses? Buy scrip and you can do your shopping and benefit the POP youth fundraising efforts. Pre-paid (check or cash) orders will be processed monthly.

**Place orders by:**                      **Receive cards by:**  
November 10                              November 16  
December 8                                December 14



For more information, see the scrip box and handouts, or contact Gina Janke (262-880-6207)

# SILENT AUCTION

Our annual Silent Auction for our Preschool and Childcare Center is scheduled to begin on Saturday, November 16th and end on Sunday, December 8th at 10:25 A.M. We are looking for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates etc. There are forms on the table in the narthex under the sign-up sheets for flowers and bulletins to fill out with your donation. We ask that the starting bid not exceed 20% of the value to allow room for bidding wars. If you have any questions or need of additional information, please contact either Carla Abel at (262) 639-1277 or Julie Maiwald at (262) 488-1259. Thank you!



## L.I.F.T.

Prince of Peace is excited to offer our members (including our youth) an opportunity to serve others in our congregation and community through a new ministry we've dubbed **L.I.F.T** (Lutherans in Faith Team). Anticipated needs may be helping elderly/disabled persons in need with yard work, shoveling, small repairs...If you have a heart and skills (or brawn) for helping others in need, please sign up at the Information Center in the narthex at church. We are confident that God will richly bless all who are involved in this ministry – both those serving and those being served.



## SERVICE TIMES:

*\*On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will once again go back to our 4:00 pm Saturday Service. The Service will stay at 4:00 pm through the fall and winter months.*

*\*Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.*

*\*Our Advent Services will be on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Services*

*Will be at 6:30 pm with a meal supplied by our boards at 5:15 pm*

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember to “fall back”, And set your clocks back One hour!



## QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

All voting members of Prince of Peace are urged to attend our next Quarterly Voter's Meeting which will be held on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following our 9:00 am Church Service.

Many important issues will be discussed.



## New Members Are Invited:



To a New member's meal to be held on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

We look forward to meeting all our new "Church" family members. Watch for more information to follow.

## Youth Night

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. All Youth grade 6 and up are invited to join us for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!

**POP MEMBERS** We will be doing a new Picture Church Directory in November. We will be utilizing Signup Genius as a tool for reserving your spot. Please select a time and reserve it. We will also have a signup after church in October. The link to Signup Genius is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E44AAA922AAF94-church> or go to Our website [Princeofpeaceracine.com](http://Princeofpeaceracine.com) and click on the link under the Photo Directory sign up tab.

# Lutherans For Life

## **November 3 – All Saints' Day**

Blessed are the pretty? Blessed are the popular and productive? Blessed are the self-sufficient? No! Blessed rather are the poor, the meek, those who cannot feed (Matthew 5:6) or defend themselves (Matthew 5:7, 9), for they exhibit just how much God gives and does for humankind. If He calls sinners His children (1 John 3:1) and makes saints of such as us (Revelation 7:9-10), how can mere age, appearance, or inability disqualify anyone else?

## **November 10 – Pentecost XXII**

“He is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Luke 20:38). Creation and nature, incarnation and resurrection, conception and heaven everlasting are not only His works, they are His will and His way. He has revealed and given Himself to humankind that every genetic member of our race may have life, abundant and eternal, even amid suffering (Exodus 3:7-8) and destruction (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Take heart and stand firm!

## **November 17 – Pentecost XXIII**

Surprise pregnancies can feel worse than the world ending. Terminal diagnoses can seem like the universe working against you. They also bring opportunity to bear witness to God's love for humankind (Luke 21:13). The Son of Man has entered in, even in just such humble circumstances. While society crouches in fear and anger (Luke 21:25-26), we may stand up straight, lift heads and hands (Luke 21:28), and receive each life as a gift!

## **November 24 – Last Sunday after Pentecost**

How precious indeed does God hold every human life! Just what makes even the least of these so special, from the embryo to the elderly? The Heavenly Father creates each one (Colossians 1:16) at the moment of fertilization. The Son of God wrapped His holy life in human flesh within Mary's womb (Colossians 1:19-20). And the Holy Spirit calls even the youngest among us into His everlasting Kingdom and family (Colossians 1:13-14)!

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
3 Worship/Communion Praise Service 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Family Education Hour 10:15 am	4	5 5:30 to 6:30 New Member Class 6:30 Choir Practice	6 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Women's Bible Study at Tracie Ratz's Home	7 6:30 Bd/Meetings	8 Youth Night 7 to 9 pm	9 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
10 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Family Education Hour 10:15 am	11	12 5:30 to 6:30 New Member Class 6:30 Choir Practice	13 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Women's Bible Study at Tracie Ratz's Home	14 6:30 Council Meeting	15 6:00 Maiwald Rental	16 8:00 Men's Bible Breakfast 2:00 Quinceanera Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
17 Worship/Communion 9:00 am SS Children Sing 3rd Grade Bible Distribution Voter's Meeting 5:00 New Member's Meal	18 December Newsletter Deadline	19 5:30 to 6:30 New Member Class 6:30 Choir Practice	20 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Women's Bible Study at Tracie Ratz's Home	21 6:30 Elder's Meeting	22	23 9-11 Woodland Pines Rental Worship/Communion 4:00 pm Schaefer Baptism
24 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Family Education Hour 10:15 am	25	26 5:30 to 6:30 New Member Class 6:30 Choir Practice	27 6:30 Thanksgiving Service	28 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30

**Bible Study Opportunities**

**Sunday Morning Bible Class:** "Walking in the Footsteps of the Kings: what we can learn from the rise/fall of the Kings of Israel and Judah."

**Tuesday 11:00:** Bible Study will be on the previous Sunday's Gospel (at church).

**For Other Bible Study Opportunities:** See the sheet on the Welcome Center.

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