

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”

“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024



Our Mission:

“Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ”

Our Message:

“We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

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Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices “Close Communion” as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body’s doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body’s teachings. Therefore, our practice of “Close Communion” admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against “unworthy” reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God’s judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice “Close Communion”. We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we “Search the Scriptures” (John 5:39), and humbly strive to “Continue in His Word.” (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Theme

“He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” These words confirm that God not only satiates the hunger pangs of Israel, providing quail and bread, but also feeds our spiritual hunger. He provides Jesus, the bread of life for all who believe. Jesus is that sacramental nourishment for His people, forgiving sin and increasing our bond in true faith. It is this one faith that unites apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and all saints in every time and place.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 4, p. 203ff

Opening Hymn

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

Psalm 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72

With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.
He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

Kyrie

(LSB p.204)

Hymn of Praise

“Gloria in Excelsis”

(LSB p.204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

(LSB p. 205)

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2–15

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²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1–16

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¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: John 6:22–35

John 6:22–35

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (LSB p. 206)

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Sermon “A Different Kind of Food” John 6:22-35

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious heavenly Father, as You provided for the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness to the land You had promised, give us confidence to trust in You and to look to Your hand to provide all we need for this life and for the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.

P Holy One, Your Son gives us the Office of the Ministry, that Your people might be equipped to serve and be built up into His one Body. Remember in Your compassion all who speak Your Word. Give them faithfulness and honesty in their teaching, that Your children would be freed from all deceit to speak Your truth to one another in love, growing up in every way into Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, grant us true unity in the faith. Preserve us in pure doctrine; grant harmony in our congregation, district and Synod; and bestow on us charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God and Father of all, enable us to walk in humility, gentleness and patience, that we would bear with one another in love and be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty One, You establish civil government to be a blessing. To Your mercy, then, we commend our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way. Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Show Your mercy to the sick and hospitalized [*including* _____]. Provide doctors, nurses and other medical professionals to care for those who need health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving Father, You provided manna for Your ancient people to sustain them in the wilderness. By Your grace, You provide the living bread from heaven: the very body of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that endures to eternal life. Help us to approach Your table with thankful and contrite hearts, that we might receive Your Son's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You are the God of justice. Spare our republic from violence and bloodshed. Relieve those affected by violence. Grant us peaceful civil discourse and orderly conduct. Preserve all candidates, all who serve in elected office, and those who keep watch to protect those who govern. Grant us confidence amid all chaos in that peace which this world cannot give, the peace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know, in You, that which is eternal. Give us confidence in the suffering and death of Christ, that we may rejoice that You are with us always and await His joyous appearing with all the saints; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory 785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

Service of the Sacrament

(LSB p. 208-212)

Distribution Hymns

638 Eat This Bread

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Nunc Dimittis

(LSB p. 211)

Post-Communion Collect

(LSB p. 212)

Benedicamus and Benediction

(LSB p. 212)

Closing Hymn

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

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Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 4, 2024

Please fill out a registration card today and leave it on the table in the back of the sanctuary or put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Money Counters:* Barb Alsobrooks & Ona Childs.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Song leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis & Elaine Schmidt.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to office@wspop.org by the end of the day on Tuesday and it will be printed in this week's bulletin. You can also publish key information in the newsletter by submitting it the same way. Newsletter information is due by the end of the day on the Wednesday before the last Sunday.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 53

Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36

July 28 offering: \$2047.00

Special Gifts:

2023 Year Total/Missions: \$11,604.26

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Come and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. as we study the first Epistle of St. Peter! In his letter, the Holy Spirit inspired St. Peter to inspire these Christians to remain steadfast in faith. We will be meeting on August 7.

Sunday Adult Bible Study on 1 Corinthians: Having first sought to unify the Corinthian Church, St. Paul turns his attention to the problems of immorality in 1 Corinthians 5. Join us today as we continue with chapter 6!

The Evangelism Committee will be participating in the **National Night Out Community** event being put on by the Village of West Salem. This is the 3rd annual National Night Out opportunity for you to meet your local police and other West Salem businesses.

The Evangelism Committee and Pastor will staff a table providing information to the community about POP. All are invited to attend and enjoy free food, beverages, music and games.. It will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Village Park West Salem.

Sounding the Scriptures POPcast: Faith comes by hearing! POP sermons are now available to listen to at <http://wspop.org/sermons---2024.html> via Spotify. Download the Spotify app and check out this link:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/27gLS12vjGx23YjuAM3XLH>

Scrip Sales – Scrip gift cards are available for purchase after our worship service in the fellowship hall.

The next **Quilting session** is August 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

Crafts Needed: We're participating in West Salem Cares downtown West Salem on September 1. We're having a craft table and we need crafts to sell! Bring your items to the church or give to Patty Horstmann or Leatta Danielson. Kids crafts are welcome.

Hello Church Family! We will be going to Living Waters Bible Camp on September 29 for a **Tabernacle Tour**. We will have a light lunch at the church before heading out. Sign up sheets will be at church coming up, watch for them. This is a very family friendly activity, all are welcome! Recommended donations are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 4 to 12, kids 3 and under are free. Questions? Talk with Carrie Horstman.

We received an invitation to Bob & Marlene Wilhelm's 70th wedding anniversary party! It is an Open House on August 17 from 1-3 p.m. at Rolling Hills Nursing Home. Their children said they would love to see some members come!