

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Disciple Making Community”*

*“KNOW, GROW, and GO”*

West Salem, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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## 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**

Bread from heaven sustains God’s people for life’s temporal and eternal journey. Prompted by an angel, Elijah consumes cake and water that mysteriously appear, sufficient for forty days and nights. Mysteriously and rightfully, Jesus claims to be the living bread that came down from heaven. He willingly engages in the human story, in the flesh, giving Himself up as an offering and sacrifice to God. Because this Christ is our bread of life, we will live forever.

**Order of Service:**

**Divine Service 4, p. 203ff**

Opening Hymn

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

*Psalm 34:8-10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

**for those who fear him have no lack!**

The young lions suffer want and hunger;

**but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

**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.**

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Kyrie

(LSB p.204)

Hymn of Praise

“Gloria in Excelsis”

(LSB p.204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

(LSB p. 205)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1–8

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<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” <sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup>And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle: Ephesians 4:17—5:2

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<sup>17</sup>This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!—<sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

### Holy Gospel: John 6:35–51

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen

me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

<sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles’ Creed (LSB p. 207)**

*Sit*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Sermon “Imitators of God” Ephesians 4:17-5:2**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the whole Church on earth, that by the Spirit’s power all the baptized may become imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For pastors and those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression, that our Lord would give them strength and courage through the example of Elijah and the prophets and apostles as well as comfort through the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this congregation, that we may be given grace to believe that we belong to one another through Christ and so put away all falsehood and malice, speaking His truth in love, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the nation, that all may live in harmony, neither suffering from want nor fearing danger, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick, [*including \_\_\_\_\_*], that they would never doubt that God hears their prayers; and for all others who suffer from any kind of hardship, that the Lord would relieve their pain and provide for them, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who receive Christ's body and blood this day, that reconciled to each other they may rejoice to receive the Lord's forgiveness through this precious gift, be strengthened in times of doubt, and be nourished in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the bread of life. Together with all the faithful who have gone before us, we give You thanks and praise. Keep us steadfast in the faith, so that when our last hour comes, we may rejoice with them at the marriage feast in His kingdom, which has no end. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**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

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

### Nunc Dimittis

(LSB p. 211)

### Post-Communion Collect

(LSB p. 212)

### Benedicamus and Benediction

(LSB p. 212)

### Closing Hymn

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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