

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Disciple Making Community”*

*“KNOW, GROW, and GO”*

West Salem, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 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**

Divine intervention is difficult to comprehend. Jesus expounds on difficult words, “Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.” Christ speaks these words of eternal life. We believe them; we claim them as our own through faith. This faith from God enables us to repudiate foolishness, embrace wisdom, turn from sin, and live forever in the light of the Holy One—Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Order of Service:**

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

Opening Hymn

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB 973



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**His praise endures forever!**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
**in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,  
**studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
**he remembers his covenant forever.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.  
**Holy and awesome is his name!**

**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.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**His praise endures forever!**

**Kyrie**

**(LSB p.204)**

**Hymn of Praise**

**“Gloria in Excelsis”**

**(LSB p.204)**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9:1–10

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”  
To him who lacks sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”
- <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- 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 5:6–21

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<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

### Holy Gospel: John 6:51–69

*John 6:51–69*

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

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

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds

on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.  
<sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Nicene Creed (LSB p. 206)**

*Sit*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day 696 O God, My Faithful God**

**Sermon “Hard Teachings” John 6:51-69**

**Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For constancy to work for the food that endures to eternal life, that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe He is the true bread of God come from heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church, that we may remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Joseph, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all those who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they would serve according to the will of God and for the good of all people; and for all in law enforcement and those who judge in our courts, that they would act not for selfish gain but for the benefit of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that in accordance with His will they would give thanks to God; and for the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that God would strengthen their faith and assure them of His presence in all circumstances, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune today, that the Lord would prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink; and



that feeding on Him, we may depart in His peace in the expectation of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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**

**641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

**642 O Living Bread from Heaven**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**(LSB p. 211)**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**(LSB p. 212)**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**(LSB p. 212)**

### **Closing Hymn**

**526 You Are the Way; through You Alone**

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## Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 18, 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:* Barb Hinds & Garry Hensley; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Holly Ford; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters & Debbie Dunnum.

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Money Counters:* Barb Hinds & Elaine Schmidt.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to [office@wspop.org](mailto: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**

<p><b>Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 60</b> <b>Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36</b> <b>August 11 offering: \$2230.00</b> <b>Special Gifts:</b> <b>2023 Year Total/Missions: \$11,604.26</b></p>
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**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:** Come and join us this morning as we continue our study on 1 Corinthians!

**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.

**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.

**Stewardship Thoughts: Ephesians 5:6-7** – **“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.”** The wrath of God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord’s servants; therefore we cling to His Word.

**Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** The Word of the Lord quite clearly declares, “Do not become partners with the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 5:6-7). It does not allow the luxury of concluding, “I wouldn’t abort, but I won’t tell anyone else what to do.” Our God and Father has commissioned us to expose the works of darkness and not to accommodate or compromise. Indeed, we get to displace these evils with the words of eternal life (John 6:68)!

The sign up sheet for fellowship time is in the kitchen on the counter.