

# 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**

God touches His people with miracles. The lame leap; the deaf hear; the mute speak and sing; the demon possessed are healed. God’s righteous intervention is lavishly heaped on all who believe His name—Jew or Gentile, slave or free, rich or poor. As inheritors of salvation, we are to be strong and fear not, for God acts decisively in acts of healing, mercy, and forgiveness. When we believe such things, our faith is seen in good works.

**Order of Service:**

**Divine Service 3, p. 184ff**



## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4–7a

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<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**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: James 2:1–10, 14–18

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress

you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse (p. 190)

### Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24–37

*Mark 7:24–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For

this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”<sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed (p. 192)**

*Sit*

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**797 Praise the Almighty**

**Sermon "All or Nothing"**

**James 2:1-10, 14-18**

**Offering**

**Offertory (p. 192-193)**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of the Holy Spirit, who opens deaf ears with His Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how God’s Son has done all things well, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For missionaries, that the Lord would strengthen and support them as they travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church’s mission, so that all who hear may receive the Good News of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For President Biden and Governor Evers and all rulers, that God — in whom alone we place all our hope — would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and those in any need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune, that God would give us a humble and urgent faith that would beg even for crumbs from Christ’s table, so we may receive the fullness of our Lord’s Supper worthily as His children, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

## **Service of the Sacrament (p. 194-202)**

### **Distribution Hymns**

- 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**
- 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**
- 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis (LSB p. 199)**

**Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 201)**

**Salutation and Benedicamus (LSB p.201)**

**Benediction (LSB p. 202)**

**Closing Hymn 850 God of Grace and God of Glory**

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