

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

Words, shaped by the holy decrees of God, rightfully teach, admonish, and bless. When instruction is thoroughly informed by the Word of God, people turn from darkness and walk in the light. Jesus, the Word incarnate, was confessed to be the true Teacher, able to cast out demons. In response to unwavering faith, Christ has compassion and rebukes an unclean spirit. Our tongues let loose cursing and pain; Christ’s words unleash truth and healing.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 3, p. 184ff

545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 184)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.186-189)

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

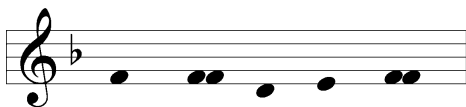
Kyrie

(LSB p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis

(LSB p.187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)



P The Lord be with you.

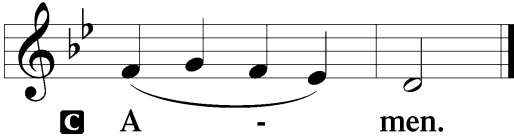


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–10

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his 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: James 3:1–12

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My

brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (p. 190)

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14–29

Mark 9:14–29

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why

could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p. 191)

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon “Taming the Tongue” James 3:1-12

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 faith and its increase, even in the midst of unbelief, that God would sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world, where unclean spirits often afflict us and those that we love, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all pastors, that the Lord would prosper in every place the preaching of His Word and send His Holy Spirit to strengthen them to proclaim it with clarity and joy, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all hearers of the Word, that the Holy Spirit would open their ears to believe His Word with gladness and action, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our governing authorities, that God would guard their tongues so that they do not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For _____ and all others in need, that our God, with whom all things are possible, would not deny their prayers on account of unbelief, but grant them health and healing, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who come to the altar today, that the Lord would give us repentance and faith to welcome Him with joy, praying, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief,” 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.**

Service of the Sacrament (p. 194-202)

Distribution Hymns

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Stand

Nunc Dimittis (LSB p. 199)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 201)

Salutation and Benedicamus (LSB p.201)

Benediction (LSB p. 202)

Closing Hymn 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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