

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Disciple Making Community”*

*“KNOW, GROW, and GO”*

West Salem, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
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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 sustains life through simple, meager gifts. For Elijah, a widow, and her son, life is sustained through a scant portion of flour and water. Another widow’s incidental coins, given out of poverty, are heralded as more valuable than sums of money given out of wealth. God discerns righteous things that proceed from the heart. He also judges heartless pretense and arrogance. Beneath the canopy of God’s care for us in Christ, His Law condemns and His Gospel redeems.

**Order of Service:**

**Divine Service 1, p. 151ff**

Opening Hymn                    801 How Great Thou Art  
Confession and Absolution                    (LSB p. 151)

Service of the Word                    (LSB p.152-160)

Introit

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
**he upholds the widow and the fatherless.**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,  
**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
**the sea, and all that is in them,**

**who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
**who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
**he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

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.

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Kyrie (LSB p.152)

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis (LSB p. 154)

Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8–16

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<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

<sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Epistle: Hebrews 9:24–28

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<sup>24</sup>For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

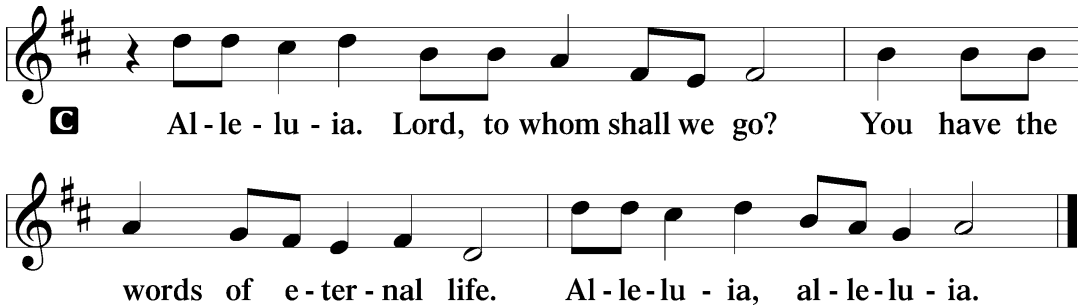
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*




**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38–44

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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



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

## Apostles' Creed (p. 159)

*Sit*

## Children's Sermon

## Hymn of the Day 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

Sermon "Faith-Filled Giving" Mark 12:38-44

## Offering

Offertory (p. 159-160)

## 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.  
Heavenly Father, You send Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and keep Your people in the true faith. Preserve us from false doctrine, and curb and restrain all error. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Merciful Lord, You send the Holy Spirit to call Your people to faith. Graciously keep us in the divine Word, and send out faithful laborers into Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious God, grant us faith like that of the widow, who gave her last two coins, trusting that You would care for her every need. Deliver us from all hypocrisy, and give us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** O Lord, You call us to honor the authorities set over us. Look with favor upon those who hold office in this land, especially our president and Congress, our judges and magistrates, our governor and legislature. Preserve them from evil, and bless them in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Merciful God, Your Son came not to be served but to serve, especially to serve those who are ignored and despised. Comfort the afflicted and troubled, the sick

*[especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all who have asked for our prayers]*, all women with child, all young children, all who mourn, and all who are in need. Keep them steadfast in the faith, and bring their suffering to an end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty Father, grant repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord's body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

**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. 160-166)

### Distribution Hymns

- 789 Praise and Thanksgiving
- 781 We Give Thee but Thine Own
- 726 Evening and Morning

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis (p. 165)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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