

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’s people endure significant hardship. God intervenes, providing protection, sacrifice, and courage. He commands the archangel Michael to care for Israel. Christ, the great High Priest, offers Himself as the pure sacrifice for all sins. Therefore, our heavenly Father graciously remembers our rebellious sins and lawless deeds no more. What comfort as we are propelled toward the Day of Judgment—a day marked by persecution, war, famine, and earthquakes! And yet, in the midst of these hardships, faith endures.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 1, p. 151ff

firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1–3

Daniel 12:1–3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

- 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 10:11–25

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¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the
blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain,
that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled
clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold
fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not
neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

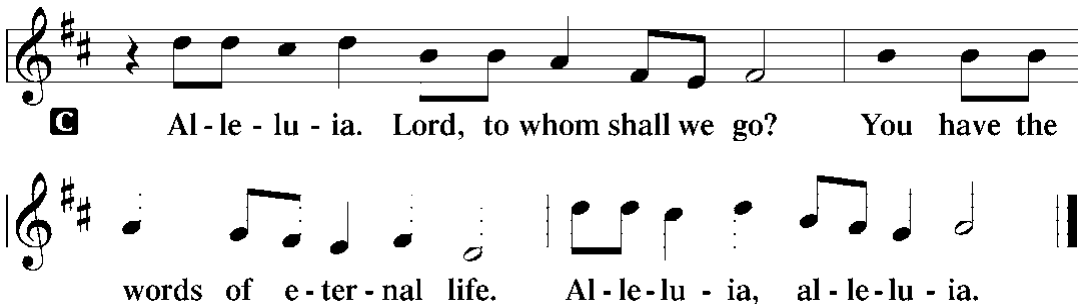
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



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 13:1–13

Mark 13:1–13

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p. 158)

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Sermon "In Christ Alone We Endure" Mark 13:1-13

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.

O Lord, preserve Your Church throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for Your Son's glorious return. Lead us to proclaim with zeal His coming to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless all pastors and ministers, that they may preach the pure doctrine of God's saving Word, which will never pass away. Give faith to all who hear, that in Christ they may have the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks, Holy Lord, for the fruits of the earth provided by Your hand. Supply the needs of all who grow, process and distribute our food, and move us to share these bountiful gifts with our neighbors in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

P Uphold all in authority, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all judges. Graciously enable them to lead according to Your will and for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy One, the blood of Christ gives us confidence to enter the holy places and draw near to You with true hearts in the full assurance of faith. Behold Your servants who are in difficult and trying times, those who are in prison, those who are sick [*especially* _____], those who mourn [*especially* _____], and the lonely and homebound. Grant them comfort according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

P Author and Giver of all good, Your Son gives us His very body and blood with which He purchased the world's redemption at the cross. Prepare our hearts and minds to welcome with thanksgiving the sign and seal of this new and eternal covenant, that in the forgiveness of sins we may look forward to the day of His return. 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

570 Just as I Am

575 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord (p. 164)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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