

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”

“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

New Year's Day

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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

The Lord’s benediction needs to be articulated constantly in our life’s journey, which oscillates back and forth between sin, guilt, and confession and mercy, life, and grace. The Divine Service unwraps the promises of God in Word and Sacrament and concludes with the comforting words “The Lord bless you and keep you.” And He does. Christ alone justifies us through faith, granting believing Jews and Gentiles an edict of equality—baptized, forgiven, and heirs of heaven.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.

Opening Hymn

896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 151)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.152-160)

Introit

¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**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.**

⁹O LORD, our Lord,
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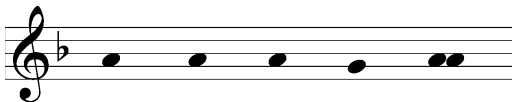
Kyrie

(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.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through 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: Numbers 6:22–27

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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

Epistle: Galatians 3:23–29

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²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

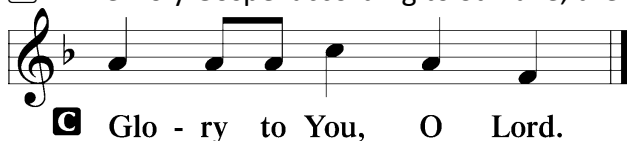


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:21

Luke 2:21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

blessing and love. Give them Your help, that they may raise their children to know and serve You. Unite our families together in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy One of Israel, as we begin a new year, lead our nation to repentance and faith. Grant Your divine wisdom to those who make, administer and judge our laws. Free us from callous disregard for the needs of the poor and alien, from disrespect of authority and truth, and from disdain of our fellow citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, remember all who cry out to You in their affliction [*especially* _____]. Bless and keep them, make Your face shine upon them and be gracious to them, and give them Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, as we approach the altar to feast with Christ, grant that we hunger and thirst for His true body and blood, that in saving faith we would receive from Him anew the forgiveness of sins, the promise of life eternal and the foretaste of our final salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Abide among us, heavenly Father, in this new year with Your Holy Spirit, that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

(p. 160-166)

Distribution Hymns

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

391 Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

385 From East to West

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis (LSB p. 165)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing