

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

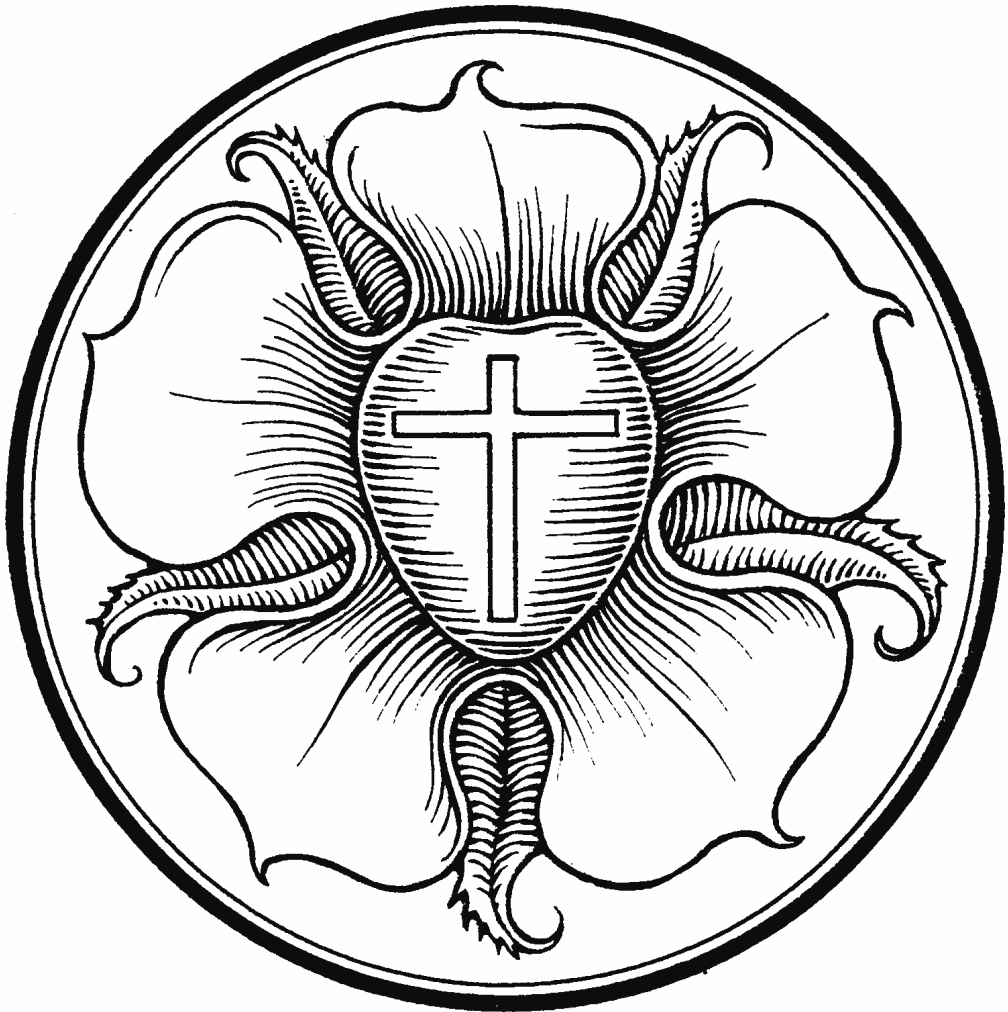
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Reformation Sunday – October 26th, 2025



Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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Our Communion Practice: *Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ’s true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord’s Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).*

It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord’s Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord’s Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord’s Table.

Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a Connection Card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. Thank you!

Theme for Today's Service: The Law leaves us speechless, for it condemns us and holds us accountable to God. By the Law, every sin is unmasked, every sinner declared guilty. In Christ, by His blood, we receive faith. This faith justifies us apart from the works of the Law. Thanks be to God that Christ gives us this Gospel. By it, sin is forgiven and sinners declared innocent. This is our freedom in Christ proclaimed throughout every nation, tribe, language and people.

Order of Service

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Opening Hymn

LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

LSB 948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: **C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The Lord’s Prayer-Fourth Petition

P Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P What is meant by daily bread?

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children,

devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Special Music *I Am the Resurrection, POP Sunday School*

Hymn of the Day **LSB 657 A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

Sermon **“Set Free” (John 8:31-36)**

Offering

Offertory **LSB p. 192-193**

Prayer of the Church

Following each prayer read aloud ending “Lord in Your Mercy,” the congregation may respond “Hear our prayer.”

Service of the Sacrament **LSB p. 194-202**

Distribution Hymns

LSB 645 Built on the Rock

LSB 582 God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis **LSB p. 199**

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect **LSB p. 200**

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 201-202**

Closing Hymn **LSB 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth**

Announcements

Go in peace and Serve the Lord, thanks be to God!

Prince of Peace News and Notes for October 26, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters:* Barb Alsobrooks, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander, Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for October:* Barb Hinds, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Money Counters:* Ona Childs, Elaine Schmidt; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer, Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for November:* Ona Childs, Jodi Soto

Our Response to God’s Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 58
Weekly Need Original Budget: \$3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: \$3,225.00
Week of October 19 Offering: \$4,520.00

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

October 26 through November 2

<i>Today</i>	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>after</i> <i>Fellowship</i> 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am..... Sunday School 11:30 am..... Catechesis Class
Mon. Oct. 27	7:00 pm Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tues. Oct 28	5:00 pm Men’s Bible Study at Feature’s
Wed. Oct. 29	10:00 am..... Bible Study field trip to Alliance Women’s Clinic 7:30 pm POP Choir Practice
Fri. Oct. 31	5:00-7:00 pm Trunk-Or-Treat Village Park West Salem
Sat. Nov. 1	9:00 am LWML at Prince of Peace
Sun. Nov. 2	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

WEST SALEM TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Friday, October 31st 3:00 p.m-5:00 p.m.
downtown West Salem & Village Park



The POP Evangelism Committee will be there, handing out treats!
We would much appreciate your candy donations for the event.
We are still collecting candy today. Thanks! Questions, see Sharie Brunk.



Sunday, November 2nd, at 3:00pm, at Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska - Celebrate with song! Led by the choirs from the Coulee Region area LCMS churches, including Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, Gift of Grace Lutheran Church in Holmen, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska.

We look forward to remembering our loved ones who are now with Jesus and encouraging each other as we journey on together.

Those who plan on attending the reception after the service are asked to bring bars or cookies (if possible) to share.

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Join us for adult Bible Study today as we continue in continue our study on Proverbs! *"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."* Proverbs 30:5

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: (Note: Oct. 29th, the group will be meeting at Alliance Women's Clinic in LaCrosse for an open house.) All welcome at 9:30am as we continue our study on the Gospel of John. Join us anytime! Martin Luther regarded the Gospel of John as a cornerstone of Christian faith, placing it among the most important books of the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus. Next date for meeting is Oct. 28th at 5:00pm at Features.

****NEW TOPIC! Women's Bible Study - (this group meets online on Saturdays)** Ladies, if you're looking for a new Bible study, join us on most Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. on Facebook Messenger. We'll be starting "Promised Rest" by Michelle Diercks soon! Speak with Carrie Horstman or Debbie Dunnum if you'd like to join.

Operation Christmas Child – The donation collection box is out! Thank you for your past support, Prince of Peace congregation! Donations of fun gifts including toys, school supplies, clothing, and a "WOW" item are best. Note too, no candy, food, liquids, medications, aerosols, batteries, breakable items, used/damaged items, scary/war-related items like toy weapons. See Brooklynn Scholze if you have questions.



Prayer Chain - POP Prays! Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman at wstichman@charter.net. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances!

Community Volunteers Needed - The Aging & Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to home bound participants in West Salem. Time is from 10:15am to 11:15pm and routes average about 6 miles. By becoming a volunteer, you deliver more than just a hot meal. You help the elderly stay healthy, safe and independent in their own homes. There is also openings at the meal sites to help serve and package the meals for the home bound. Interested? Call Kelly at the ADRC 608-785-5700.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Real freedom doesn't come with so-called reproductive rights or alleged bodily autonomy. The Son of God works genuine liberation in the truth of an Almighty Father who gives life as gift (Romans 3:23-24) and delivers from violence like abortion and assisted suicide (Psalm 46:9). Be still and receive not only everlasting salvation but also every neighbor as a heavenly privilege!

**Going away for a weekend? Would you like to listen to the sermon again?
Did you know that you can listen to Prince of Peace sermons online?**

Check it out:

- Sounding the Scriptures POPcast on Spotify & Apple Podcast
- Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS
- Our website at WSPOP.org

One Thing's Needful

In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.

INVOCATION In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTROIT Page 3

MEDITATION Psalm 46 – [the basis of Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress"] we sing in praise of God for being with us. He miraculously preserves His Word and Christendom against the gate of hell, against the rage of the devil, the rebellious spirits, the world, the flesh, sin and death. Our little spring of water is also a living fountain while their puddles, pools, and ponds become foul, malodorous and dry.

DAILY READINGS

26 Oct	Deut 28:1–22	Matt 18:1–20	
27 Oct	Deut 29:1–29	Matt 18:21–35	
28 Oct	Deut 30:1–20	Matt 19:1–15	
29 Oct	Deut 31:1–29	Matt 19:16–30	
30 Oct	Deut 31:30—32:27	Matt 20:1–16	
31 Oct	Deut 32:28–52	Matt 20:17–34	Deut 33:1–29
1 Nov	Deut 34:1–12	Matt 21:1–22	

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- Josh Leyh and family at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN
- Pray for: Laura Waite, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Lyle Anderson, Bill & Sal Stichman, Bryana & Corey Fravel (daughter and son-in-law of Linda Williams) for the passing of their infant daughter Amanda Jean
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship together.

LEARN BY HEART LUKE 12:32 *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."*

COLLECT Page 4

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Rev. 7 (2-8) 9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12