

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

All Saints Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 confession resounds in every time and place by all believing peoples, tribes, and churches: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" These words emanate from faith-filled saints who belong to Jesus. In His eternal presence, the beloved saints are utterly content in endless service and worship. Saints are the ones forever blessed, comforted, satisfied, and rewarded, because their inheritance is the very kingdom of God.

Order of Service	Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.
Opening Hymn	LSB 677 For All the Saints
Confession and Absolution	LSB p. 151
Service of the Word	LSB p. 151-160

**Introit** *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

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.**

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;  
**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
**you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

**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.**

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.**

**Kyrie**

**LSB p. 152**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day****LSB p. 156****P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.**First Reading****Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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. <sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**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.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Epistle Reading

**1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

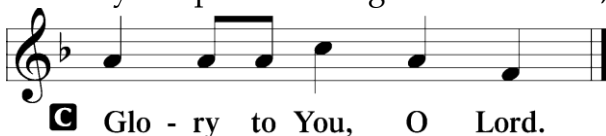
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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



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

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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



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

## Nicene Creed

LSB p. 158

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

**P** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
*What does this mean?*

**C** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## Children’s Message

# Hymn of the Day

# LSB 982 Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in  
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.  
 thirst; They shall have their fill.  
 heart; They shall see God!  
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

**Sermon**

**“Blessed are We”** (Matt. 5:1-12)

**Prayer of the Church**

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

**Offering**

*Special Music: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, POP Choir*

**Offertory**

**LSB p. 159-160**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**LSB p. 160 ff.**

**Distribution Hymns**

LSB 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 679 Oh, How Blest Are They

LSB 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

**Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis**

**LSB p. 165**

**Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect**

**LSB p. 166**

**Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction**

**LSB p. 166**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn**

**LSB 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

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

*Thank You, Prince of Peace!*

*“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:18).*

*I always feel appreciated, but I, as well as Melissa and Elsie, felt so much appreciated by the cards and gifts we received on Reformation Sunday!*

*Thank you and may God continue blessing His people at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church! In Christ, Pastor Adelsen*

## Prince of Peace News and Notes for November 2, 2025

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

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Money Counters:* Barb Hinds, Lori Peters; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer

### **Our Response to God's Gifts**

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 56  
Weekly Need Original Budget: \$3,868.38  
Weekly Need Revised Budget: \$3,225.00  
Week of October 26 Offering: \$1,503.60  
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the narthex.)

### **THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE**

November 2 through November 9

<i>Today</i>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> <i>after .....Fellowship</i> 10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study 10:30 am.....Sunday School <i>Note: ..... No Catechesis Class today. (resumes Nov. 9)</i>
Special Event:	3:00 pm ..... All Saints: All Choir Music, Shepherd of the Hills
<b>Mon. Nov. 3</b>	6:00 pm ..... Elders' Meeting <b>7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
Wed. Nov. 5	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm ..... POP Choir Practice
Fri. Nov. 7	5:30 pm ..... First Friday Gathering at POP
Sat. Nov. 8	9:00 am ..... Women's Bible Study (meets online)
<b>Sun. Nov. 9</b>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>



## **Today! at 3:00pm at Shepherd of the Hills in Onalaska**

All Saints Sunday - 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.*

**FIRST FRIDAY AT POP AT 5:30 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 7!** What should I expect at this First Friday? Well, there may be a movie night featuring a film based on a Reformation-era figure. Come and enjoy growing in the faith, with food, fun and fellowship! On Friday, come to Prince of Peace and have fellowship with God and with one another! See you there!

## **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:** 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. The only date for November meeting is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm at Features.

\*\* **Women’s Bible Study NEW TOPIC!** – *(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. Starting soon is "Promised Rest" by Michelle Diercks. Speak with Carrie Horstman or Debbie Dunnum if you would like to join.

*Friendly Reminder: While we’re always praying for our Pastor, we took the time to create a special prayers bulletin board that will be posted through November. There are still a few encouragement prayer tabs remaining, please stop and look on your way to fellowship and join in the power of prayer.*

**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](mailto: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 -**

If neither nation nor tribe nor people nor language disqualifies from the heavenly assembly (Revelation 7:9), why would age, appearance, or ability? And if the Lord our God doesn't let them exclude from the life to come, why should we allow them to leave anyone out of this one? And if abortion and assisted suicide have no place in paradise, how could we promote or permit them in the present?



**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](http://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 149 – A psalm of thanks! God's people know they have a gracious God and should rightly rejoice! The song in the psalm calls itself a new song to sing to the King of Zion. It points to the New Testament, to have a sharp sword and take vengeance, as it is written in the Scriptures, that Abraham's seed should strike down idolatry in all the world through the Gospel. [Reading the Psalms with Luther]

### DAILY READINGS

2 Nov	Jer 1:1–19	Matt 21:23–46	
3 Nov	Jer 3:6—4:2	Matt 22:1–22	
4 Nov	Jer 5:1–19	Matt 22:23–46	
5 Nov	Jer 7:1–29	Matt 23:1–12	
6 Nov	Jer 8:18—9:12	Matt 23:13–39	
7 Nov	Jer 11:1–23	Matt 24:1–28	Jer 12:1—19:15
8 Nov	Jer 20:1–18	Matt 24:29–51	

### 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: Marlene Wilhelm, 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 HEBREWS 12:1a,2a** "... since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses .. let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

**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:** Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thes. 1:1-5,11-12; Luke 19-1-10