

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – Nov. 16th, 2025



2 Thessalonians 3:13

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: These final days are mingled with destruction and redemption. Intense fire will reduce the evil and the arrogant to ash. Christ's righteousness will delight and heal those who fear God's name. As we live out these final days, we dare not be idle, but rather labor diligently, imitating the very nature of Christ. Wars will rage; calamities will increase; disease will plague mankind. In the midst of all this, we proclaim truth: the day of redemption draws near.

Order of Service

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Opening Hymn

LSB 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit

Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

**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.**

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

Kyrie

LSB p. 152

Hymn of Praise – *Gloria in Excelsis*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-28

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are

pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The Lord's Prayer-Seventh Petition

P But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Sermon

“Do Not Grow Weary in Doing Good” (2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymns

LSB 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 783 Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

Announcements

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

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - As the days draw closer to Christ's return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus' name and the truth that every life is precious in God's sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But don't be afraid! "This is your opportunity to bear witness" (Luke 21:13)! We can go out "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to "give you a mouth and wisdom" (Luke 21:15) and that the "sun of righteousness" shall soon "rise with healing in its wings" (Malachi 4:2).

Prince of Peace News and Notes for November 16, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters:* Deb Dunnum, Barb Alsobrooks; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for November:* Ona Childs, Jodi Soto

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus

Our Response to God’s Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 53
Weekly Need Original Budget: \$3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: \$3,225.00
Week of November 9 Offering: \$2,376.00
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

November 16 through November 23

<i>Today</i>	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>after Fellowship</i>
	10:30 am Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am.....Sunday School
	12:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Nov. 17	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wed. Nov. 19	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	7:30 pm POP Choir Practice
Sat. Nov. 22	9:00 am Women’s Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. Nov. 23	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Join us for adult Bible Study today after fellowship 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 meeting this month has passed. Watch here or the monthly calendar for the December dates. Men’s group meets at Feature’s in West Salem at 5:00pm on certain Tuesdays.

Women’s Bible Study - *(this group meets online)* You don’t even have to leave the house! Meets on most Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. on Facebook Messenger. Current topic is “Promised Rest” by Michelle Diercks. See Carrie Horstman or Debbie Dunnun if you'd like to join.

Operation Christmas Child - Today is packing day at Sunday School time!

Pray that these small tokens arrive in the hands of those waiting to be touched by the Gospel and the true generosity of our God!

Wednesday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Eve

Divine Service

7:00pm




DECORATE
the Church

The annual church decorating for Advent and Christmas will be **Sunday, Nov. 30th** following the Divine Service. Starting with a devotion then following the decorating time is **potluck lunch**. **Sign-up** sheet in the lobby. We would love to have you stay! The

Advent season is a time for preparation for the coming Christ, both His coming in the incarnation at Christmas and for His second coming at the end of the world as King and Judge. The chief emphasis of Advent is on preparation. The Advent Sunday and midweek services reflect this spirit of anticipation.

Sunday, December 6th — Two Special Events!



First, here at Prince of Peace, Advent Tea and Cookie Exchange,
9:30am for Food and Fellowship then program at 10am

**also we are organizing a group RSVP for the event...

later at Shepherd of the Hills, Advent by Candlelight

4:00pm – 6pm, Scripture readings, entertainment, light meal and dessert.

Ladies, take the time to acknowledge the coming birth of Our Savior Jesus!

Sign-up sheets for both are on the table in the lobby.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Lakeview Health Center Giving Tree Prepared gift tags are hanging on the tabletop tree. On each are the wishes (specific items and sizes when applicable) of several of the Lakeview Health Center residents. Help by taking a tag, writing your name and the tag number on the clipboard, then shop and return your wrapped item with tag attached to church no later than **Friday, December 5th**.

POP LWML La Crosse County Jail Donation Drive Please join our LWML group in collecting items for the La Crosse County Jail. Suggested items are: recent magazines with label taken off, paperback books (no Harlequin romance), puzzles, adult coloring books, jackets and coats in good condition. For a complete list of donation items, see the sheet next to the tote in the narthex. Collection will run **through mid-December**. LWML Women plan to drop donated items off shortly before the Christmas holiday. Thank you!

Prince of Peace Baby Hats Ministry is again restarting for the winter. As many knitted and crocheted hats for newborns, preemies and stillbirths as we can make! *Can you help?* We have yarn for the taking. *Don't know how?* We have the time to teach you! Hats are then dedicated in **January 2026**, then given to a local hospital. If you have any questions, see Melissa Adelsen.

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. Continuing on the subject of praying for others ... *Friendly reminder to stop and take a prayer prompt from the bulletin board on your way to fellowship as we wrap-up our emphasis on Pastor Appreciation at the end of this month! Thank you!*

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.

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MEDITATION Psalm 98 – The 98th psalm is a prophecy of the kingdom of Christ, which extends into all the world. It also calls us to be joyful and to praise God for His salvation, that is, to preach and give thanks for the redemption given us through Christ. Her then is worship—not offerings given in Jerusalem, but preaching and thanksgiving that He is King in righteousness over the entire world, that is, that He has redeemed us from sin and death by Himself alone without our merits. [from Reading the Psalms with Luther]

DAILY READINGS

16 Nov	Jer 31:1–17, 23–34	Matt 27:1–10	Rev 16:1–21
17 Nov	Jer 33:1–22	Matt 27:11–32	Jer 34:1—36:32; 45:1—51:64
18 Nov	Jer 37:1–21	Matt 27:33–56	Rev 17:1–18
19 Nov	Jer 38:1–28	Matt 27:57–66	Jer 39:1—44:30
20 Nov	Dan 1:1–21	Matt 28:1–20	
21 Nov	Dan 2:1–23	Rev 18:1–24	
22 Nov	Dan 2:24–49	Rev 19:1–21	

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- The Leyh family, Josh and Faith, and their pre-school age son Peter currently attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana, at the loss of their unborn baby
- Pray for: Gary Adelsen, Paul & Dena Zezulka, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Lyle Anderson, Bill & Sal Stichman, Leatta Danielson

LEARN BY HEART Luke 21:28b “...stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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: Mal. 4 1-6, 2 Thes. 3:1-13, Luke 21:5-28