

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Last Sunday of the Church Year – Nov. 23rd, 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: Christ is everything – making peace by the blood of His cross. This is the most valuable proclamation for the end of the Church Year. Jesus holds in balance all things: the visible and the invisible; the heavens and the earth; the dead and the living; the wicked and the redeemed. Upon the cross, Jesus utters words that forgive and reserve for repentant sinners eternal paradise. Through Christ alone, we are declared to be His treasured possessions forever.

Order of Service **Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.**

Opening Hymn **LSB 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 151**

Service of the Word **LSB p. 151-160**

Introit *Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and 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.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Kyrie **LSB p. 152**

Hymn of Praise – *Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB p. 154**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB p. 156



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

P For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of
3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Sermon "Delivered, Transferred and Redeemed" (Colossians 1:13-20)

Reception of New Members: Tracey Greydanus

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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"All Things Together" (solo by Sarah Kolander)

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymns

LSB 680 Thine the Amen Thine the Praise

LSB 746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

LSB 549 All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Announcements

*Please join us Wednesday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Eve
 Divine Service at 7:00pm*

Prince of Peace News and Notes for November 23, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Dan & Karen Moen; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for November:* Ona Childs, Jodi Soto

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Ona Childs, Lori Peters; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 51
Weekly Need Original Budget: \$3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: \$3,225.00
Week of November 16 Offering: \$4,538.00
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

November 23 through November 30

<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 11:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Nov. 24	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wed. Nov. 26	<i>Note:No Adult Bible Study</i> 7:00 pmThanksgiving Eve Divine Service
Thur. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Holiday Church Offices Closed
Sun. Nov. 29	9:00 am Women's Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. Nov. 30	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.



Next Sunday the 30th following worship - 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 coming again!

Saturday, 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

Prince of Peace sign-up deadline is Mon., Dec. 1st.

**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!

Shepherd of the Hills sign-up deadline is Sun. Nov. 30th.

Sign-up sheets for both events 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!*

Weekly Life Through from Lutherans for Life - When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed" (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God's gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the "refuge and strength" of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His "treasured possession" (Malachi 3:17).

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 46 – Martin Luther saw Psalm 46 as a powerful statement of God's protective presence, which he paraphrased in his famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". He frequently turned to this psalm in difficult times, famously telling friends, "Come, let us sing the 46th psalm and let them do their worst". He viewed the psalm as an interpretation of God's defense of the church against all threats and as a source of strength and confidence.

DAILY READINGS

23 Nov	Dan 3:1–30	Rev 20:1–15	Bel 1-22
24 Nov	Dan 4:1–37	Rev 21:1–8	Bel 23-42
25 Nov	Dan 5:1–30	Rev 21:9–27	Dan 7:1—8:27
26 Nov	Dan 6:1–28	Rev 22:1–21	Dan 9:1–27
27 Nov	Isaiah 1:1–28	1 Pet 1:1–12	
28 Nov	Isaiah 2:1–22	1 Pet 1:13–25	Isaiah 3:1—4:6
29 Nov	Isaiah 5:1–25	1 Pet 2:1–12	Amos 1:1—9:15

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, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Lyle Anderson, Bill & Sal Stichman, Leatta Danielson

LEARN BY HEART Luke 23:43 “...Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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 2:1-5, Romans 13:8-14, Matt. 21:1-11