

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

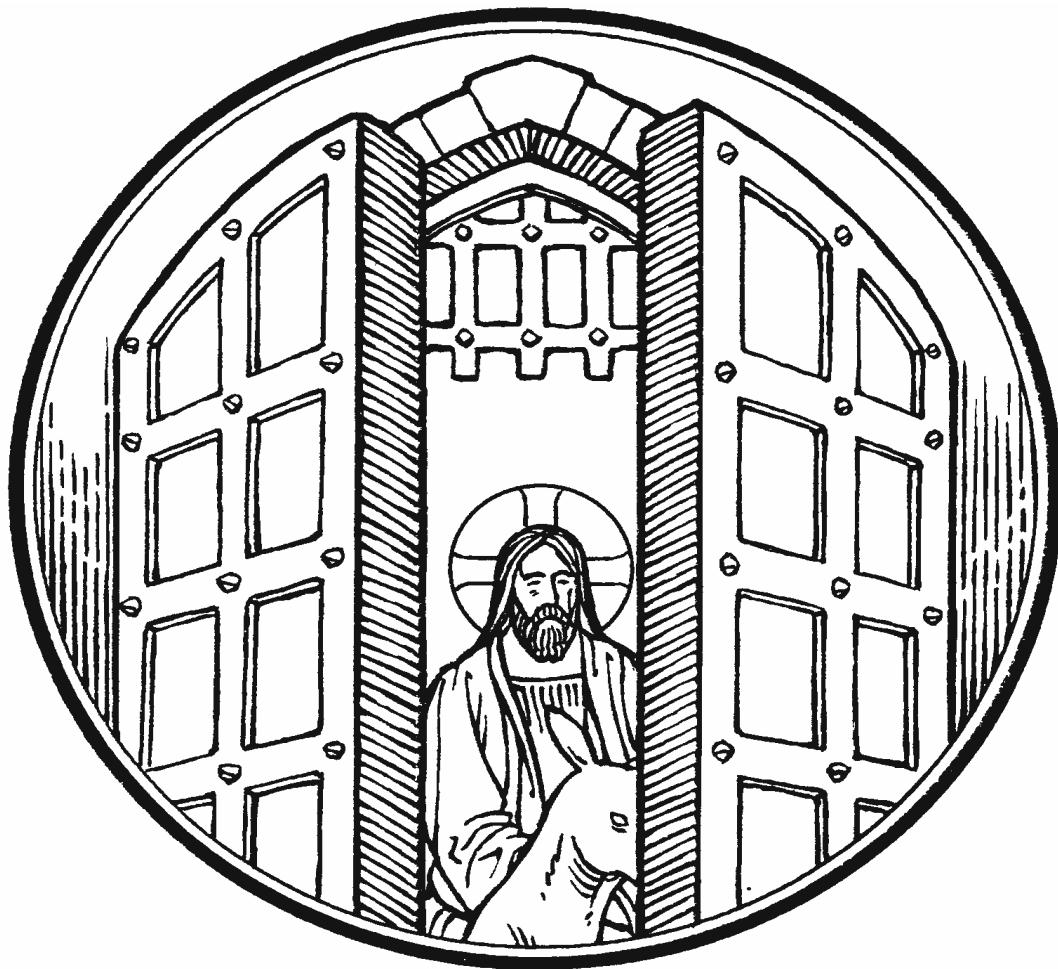
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Advent – Nov. 30th, 2025



Matthew 21:5b

'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'

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: Behold the Messiah comes to fulfill the law and the Prophets, and it shall be proclaimed in all of Jerusalem, "this is the prophet Jesus!" From Mount Sinai to Calvary, the Lord reveals His edicts, his decrees, and that Jesus is the very fulfillment of them all. Christ is faithful in the midst of faithlessness, humble in the midst of arrogance. He alone is the rightful Prophet, Priest, and King. Hosanna in the highest!

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 151**

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

Introit *Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie **LSB p. 152**

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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel and Verse

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C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism The First

P *What is Baptism?*

C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.**

P *Which is that word of God?*

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19).**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

“The Royal Inauguration” (Matthew 21:1-11)

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

LSB p. 160 ff.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

LSB p. 166

Closing Hymn

LSB 331 The Advent of Our King

Announcements

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



Today, following worship – Help and decorate the church! Starting with a devotion. Then following the decorating time is potluck meal!

Prince of Peace News and Notes for November 30th, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters:* Ona Childs, Lori Peters; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for December:* Sharie Brunk and Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Money Counters:* Barb Hinds, Deb Dunnum; *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 23 Offering: \$ 2,031.10
 (Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

November 30 through December 7

<i>Today</i>	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>after Church Decorating</i> <i>then Pot-Luck Meal</i> 11:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Dec. 1	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wed. Dec. 3	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Evening Prayer Service <i>after POP Choir practice</i>
Sat. Dec. 6	9:30 am Women’s Advent Tea <u>at Prince of Peace</u>
Sun. Dec. 7	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

December Newsletters were distributed via email just before Thanksgiving.

If you prefer a paper copy, email a request OFFICE@WSPOP.ORG
 Not on the email list? Also make an email request at OFFICE@WSPOP.ORG

**Soup Suppers &
Midweek Advent
Prayer Services**

Wednesdays
Dec. 3, Dec. 7, Dec. 17

Begin gathering for
meal at 6:00pm
Prayer Service at 7:00pm
Sign-up for meal planning
in the narthex.

**Advent
Devotional Booklets**

Slow down and focus on the
meaning of the season by
emphasizing hope, peace, joy,
and love amidst holiday
busyness. Seek a journey of
spiritual preparation and
reflect on Christ's birth and
eagerly anticipate His return!
** on the table as you leave**

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.

Sign-up deadline for Prince of Peace event is tomorrow, 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!

*Sign-up deadline for Shepherd of the Hills event is **today!***

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

Lutheranism 101/Adult Instruction Class: Are you considering membership to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church? Are you a member who would like to touch-up on what we believe, teach, and confess? Stay tuned for Lutheranism 101/Adult Instruction! This class is for potential new members and all current members who would like to learn more about the basic teachings of Christianity. For more information, or to sign-up, please contact Pastor Adelsen.

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 - Let's empty the board today!*

Weekly Life Through from Lutherans for Life - Being a Gospel-motivated voice for life means loving all our neighbors, regardless of their size, condition, or past. As servants in the Master's house (Matthew 24:43), we not only need to be prepared for Christ's coming (Matthew 24:44; Romans 13:11), we should be eager to make all others ready, preaching the Gospel to them, inviting them "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:3) that they, too, might be brought into the safety of the ark of the holy Church.

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: No adult Bible Study today because of decorating and potluck. Bible Study class will resume next Sunday the 7th after fellowship to continue the 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 next scheduled meeting is December 16th. Men’s group meets at Feature’s in West Salem at 5:00pm on certain Tuesdays. See Pastor Adelsen if you have questions.

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.



Job Well-Done! Thank you to all that have signed up for building cleaning. This team effort has made a difference and will continue to do so for our housekeeping and the church finances. We are almost covered for the rotation through February! Except – the week of December 28th through January 3rd. Sign-up sheet in the narthex. Note some date ranges for duties are weeks and some are months. Thanks!

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.

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MEDITATION Psalm 122 – This psalm is a psalm that gives thanks with the joy for the Word of God, which in a specific city, Jerusalem, was given through specific people, the Levites and kings. Seeking everywhere for God's Word and being nowhere able to find it, the children of Israel wound their way to idols. We Christians do the same. Christ is our temple, city, altar and mercy seat, to which, from and with we seek His Word.

(READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER)

DAILY READINGS

30 Nov	Is 6:1—7:9	1 Pet 2:13–25
1 Dec	Is 7:10—8:8	1 Pet 3:1–22
2 Dec	Is 8:9—9:7	1 Pet 4:1–19
3 Dec	Is 9:8—10:11	1 Pet 5:1–14
4 Dec	Is 10:12–27a, 33–34	2 Pet 1:1–21
5 Dec	Is 11:1—12:6	2 Pet 2:1–22
6 Dec	Is 14:1–23	2 Pet 3:1–18

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,

LEARN BY HEART Psalm 24:7 *"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in."*

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 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matt. 3:1-12