

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Nativity of Our Lord – Dec. 25th, 2025



*In the beginning was the **Word**,*
*and the **Word** was with God,*
*and the **Word** was God.*

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 Word of God publishes the Good News of our beautiful Christ, whose radiant light disperses the darkness of sin and illuminates the life of men. No other published word conveys such cataclysmic change. The power of sin is disarmed. The reign of God is unleashed in the song of joy, the radiance of God, and the speaking of Jesus — for in Him the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

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Opening Hymn	LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Confession and Absolution	LSB p. 151
Service of the Word	LSB p. 151-160

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



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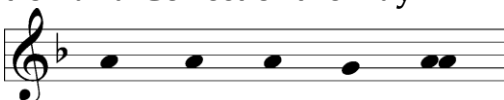


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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 391 Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a

son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



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. John, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the

flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB p. 158

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

Sermon

"The Word Became Flesh - for You!" (John 1:14)

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering, Offertory

LSB p. 159-160

Special Music: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (POP Choir)

Service of the Sacrament

LSB p. 160 ff.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 373 See Amid the Winter's Snow

Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

LSB p. 165

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

LSB p. 166

Closing Hymn

LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace, December 25th, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today

Accompanist: Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann;
Ushers: Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander & Elska Sheffer
Altar Guild for December: Sharie Brunk and Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Sunday:

Song Leader: Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland;
Money Counters: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer

Christmas at Prince of Peace

“O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

On Christmas, we receive the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ, our Lord!
Join us at Prince of Peace as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord



**Christmas Day Divine Service
Today!**

**First Sunday after Christmas
Dec. 28, at 9 a.m.**



Circumcision and Name of Jesus Divine Service

Thursday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. (breakfast at Features to follow)

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.

Christmas

a contraction of “Christ’s mass.” This day (Dec. 25) and its season celebrate the birth of Christ. The season is also called Christmastide and is in total 12 days. This season celebrates the fulfillment of the Advent expectation.

Epiphany

from the Greek for “appearance.” This festival (Jan. 6) and its season celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world as God’s Son.

