

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

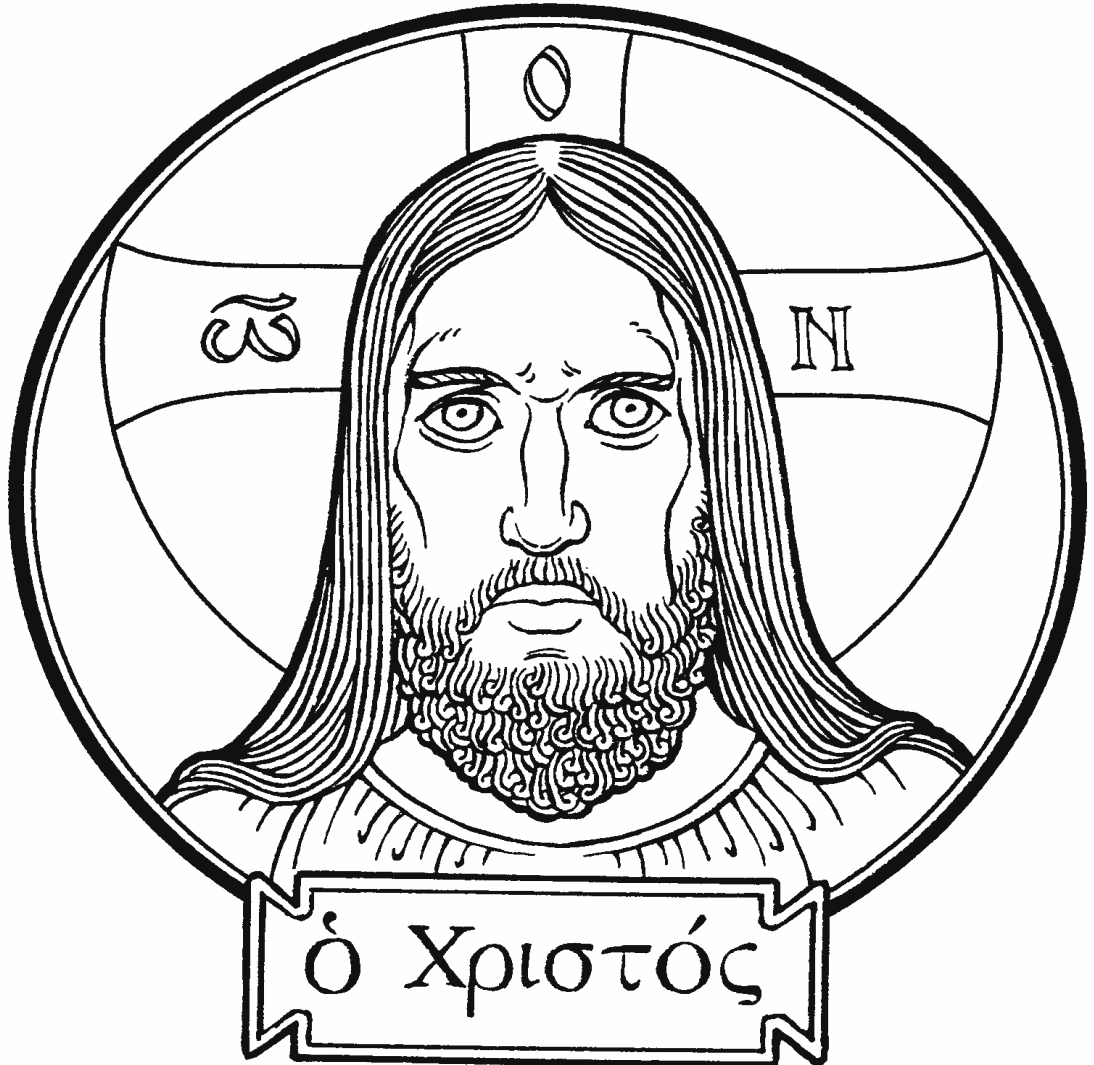
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Confession of St. Peter/Life Sunday – Jan. 18th, 2026



THE CHRIST

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: Who is Jesus? "You are the Christ," Peter confessed. Together with him, the entire church, of whom Jesus is the cornerstone, also confesses that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. We give thanks to God for Peter and the other apostles who have instructed Christ's holy church in His divine and saving truth.

Order of Service

Divine Service 2, p. 167 ff.

Opening Hymn

LSB 595 O Blessed Spring

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

LSB Pages 268-271

Isabelle Hope Greydanus

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast*

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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.

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

2 Cor. 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Ps. 113:3

What we proclaim is not ourselves,

but Jesus Christ as Lord.

We also believe, and so we also speak,

as one who speaks oracles of God.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised!!

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:1-15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



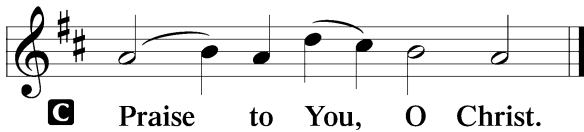
C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **LSB 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare (stz. 1, 10 & 3)**

Sermon **"The Great Confessions" (Acts 4:8-13)**

Blessing of the Baby Hats

P Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for all the many blessings You provide to us each day. You are a generous and loving God and always provide for us, even though we don't deserve Your blessings. In response to that love, we give generously to others who are in need. O Lord, we bring before You these knitted and crocheted baby hats. Bless them and bless those who will receive them, that Your kingdom may come and Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom here on earth. We thank You always for all the blessings You bestow upon us, and especially the greatest Blessing of all, Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we pray.

C Amen.

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 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 588 Jesus Loves Me

LSB 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 645 Built on the Rock

Announcements

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



*I praise you, for I am
Fearfully
and
Wonderfully
Made.*

Prince of Peace News and Notes for January 18th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnun, *Song Leader:* Sara Kolander; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis, Lori Peters; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for January:* Ona Childs, Jodi Soto

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Deb Dunnun, Barb Alsobrooks *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus

Our Response to God’s Gifts

Last Week’s Attendance, Sun & Mon: 63
 Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46
 Week of January 4th Offering: \$5,446.91
 (Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

January 18 through January 25

<i>Today</i>	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>afterfellowship time</i> 10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study 10:30 am..... Sunday School 11:30 am..... Catechesis Class
Mon. Jan. 19	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Jan. 20	6:00 pm Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Wed. Jan. 21	9:30 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm POP Choir
Thur. Jan. 22	10:00 am..... Lutheranism 101/New Members Class
Sun. Jan. 25	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion



**2025 Annual Giving Statements
and
2026 Offering Envelopes**



are in the mailboxes



LWML AT PRINCE OF PEACE – Ladies: Our next LWML gathering will be February 7 at Features in West Salem. All the women of the church are invited to meet at 9 for breakfast, a Bible study and fellowship. Please tell Debbie or Sharie if you will attend.



LUTHERANISM 101/ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS, STARTS TUES. JAN 20 OR THUR. JAN 22- 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. We have two classes – Tues. evenings at 6PM or Thursday mornings at 10AM. For more information, or to sign-up, see Pastor Adelsen.



WEEKLY LIFE THROUGH FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE –Life issues (abortion, suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God (John 1) reminds us that God is always faithful (Isaiah 49:7), even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1) and make Him our trust (Psalm 40:4) in any and every situation, and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.



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. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. wstichman@charter.net

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m. Sundays)

THE APOCRYPHA As Lutherans, how should we regard the Apocrypha? You know, those “books not held equal to the Scriptures but useful and good to read,” as Martin Luther says. Oddly enough, and contrary to popular belief, Luther did include the apocryphal books in his German Luther Bible. But Luther did move them to a separate section from where they were previously placed. So, what should we, as Lutherans, think about the Apocryphal Books? Are they really useful and good to read as Luther says?

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)

ISAIAH: Like Israel of old, we, too, sometimes look to other “gods” for help in time of need. We obey God’s Law – when it’s convenient and when we’re afraid of getting caught. Our love is halfhearted, and our other sins, many. The Law thunders from Isaiah’s pages as the Prophet reminds us that we can’t fool God. But Isaiah’s message does not end there. We can’t fool God, but we don’t have to! God has had mercy on us. From all eternity, He planned to send a Savior for us! Isaiah brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

Men’s Bible Study at Features in West Salem, certain Tuesdays at 5:00pm

1 & 2 TIMOTHY and TITUS St. Paul’s two letters to Timothy are vivid reminders that the early Christians faced trouble and even the threat of death for their faith. And yet, the joy that stirred and encouraged their hearts is unmistakable! As we study the letters to Timothy, we will see how God blesses His Church through the Office of the Holy Ministry through which Jesus brings salvation to the whole world.

St. Paul’s letter to Titus also makes it clear that holy living and pure teaching are two sides of the same coin. What we believe affects what we do, and what we do grows out of what we believe. Watch calendar for dates.

Women’s Bible Study (meets online on Saturdays, 9:00am)

Promised Rest by Michelle Diercks topic of study continues. Explore who God is, what He does, and what He promises in this Bible study. Each chapter draws the reader closer to God’s real and present peace in His word and Sacraments. Promised Rest encourages you to rest your heart in the promises of God, who chose you and gives you peace, for now and forever. See Debbie Dunnun or Carrie Horstman about how to join in online.

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 118:19-29 – A psalm of thanks that also prophesies of the Christian and of the Christ, the rejected cornerstone. This psalm is a general statement of thanksgiving for all the kindnesses God daily and unceasingly showers on all people, good and evil... This psalm praised God especially for the greatest benefit He bestowed on the world, the Christ and His kingdom of grace—first promised and now revealed.

[READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

DAILY READINGS

18 Jan	Ezek 40:1-4; 43:1-12	Rom 8:18-39	Ezek 40:5 – 42:20; 43:13-27
19 Jan	Ezek 44:1-16, 23-29	Rom 9:1-18	
20 Jan	Ezek 47:1-14, 21-23	Rom 9:19-33	
21 Jan	Joel 1:1-20	Rom 10:1-21	
22 Jan	Joel 2:1-17	Rom 11:1-24	
23 Jan	Joel 2:18-32	Rom 11:25 – 12:13	
24 Jan	Joel 3:1-21	Rom 12:14 – 13:14	7

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.
- Pray for: Gary Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt

LEARN BY HEART Mark 8:35 *“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”*

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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: Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30