

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Conversion of St. Paul – Jan. 25th, 2026



Filled with the Holy Spirit

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: God's great mercy and love are clearly evident in the life-changing experience of Paul on the road to Damascus. There Jesus confronted him and changes his heart, making Paul the great missionary of the early church. The persecution that he once inflicted on others would ultimately be his own lot, but all for final gain as in his conversion he also received the precious gift of life.

Order of Service

Divine Service 2, p. 167 ff.

Opening Hymn

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Confession and Absolution

LSB p. 167

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.

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; 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.

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in

a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ephesians 4:8b, 11, 12b; 2:19a, c

When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.

He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,
for building up the body of Christ.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but members of the household of God.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

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. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:27-30

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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: Confession

How Christians should be taught to confess:

P *What sins should we confess?*

C Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P *Which are these?*

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day LSB 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare (stz. 1, 12 & 3)

Sermon "The Great Reversal" (Acts 9:1-22)

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. 175-176

Service of the Sacrament LSB p. 177 ff.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 683 Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me

LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord* LSB p. 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction LSB p. 183

Closing Hymn LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved

Announcements

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

*Please take your: 2025 Giving Statements in the mailboxes.
2026 Offering Envelopes in the mailboxes.*



Prince of Peace News and Notes for January 25th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Deb Dunnum, Barb Alsobrooks; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for January:* Ona Childs, Jodi Soto

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Money Counters:* Barb Hinds, Ona Childs; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for February:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Our Response to God's Gifts

Last Week's Attendance, Sun & Mon: 55

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of January 18th Offering: \$3,754.41

(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

January 25 through February 1

<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. 26	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Jan. 27	6:00 pm Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Wed. Jan. 28	9:30 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm POP Choir
Thur. Jan. 29	10:00 am..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Sat. Jan 31	9:00 am..... Women's Bible Study
Sun. Feb. 1	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

LWML AT PRINCE OF PEACE – Ladies: Our next LWML gathering will be **Saturday, 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 CLASSES HAVE STARTED - 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? 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 offerings of class times – Tues. evenings at 6PM or Thursday mornings at 10AM. For more information, or to sign-up, see Pastor 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. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. wstichman@charter.net

CHURCH CLEANING - We have made progress winning the battle to balance our expenses and contributions. Last year, Council discontinued our commercial janitor and trash removal services. We have depended on (our awesome!) volunteers for our janitor services since then. **Volunteers can sign-up** for one-month periods to provide those services. It takes about an hour or two a week to complete the check-list. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Instructions are on a clip-board on the cleaning cart in the storage closet. As part of this discontinuation of paid service, volunteers are asked to take with them the recyclable materials and the trash. 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](https://www.facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS)
- Our website at WSPOP.org



Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

• **Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m.), 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. We will explore what we, as Lutherans, think about the Apocryphal Books.

• **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 in the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

• **Certain Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men’s Bible Study 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. At the same time, 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. *Dates for February are the 3rd and the 17th.*

• **Saturday’s Online, Women’s Bible Study (9:00am) New topic starting Sat., Jan. 31st: Promised Hope** – After finishing Promised Rest by Michelle Diercks, we are turning to another study by the same author, Promised Hope. Participants will discover what eight different names and characteristics of God say about who He is and the hope He promises. See Debbie Dunnum or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life – Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17-18). In Christ, “there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish,” (Isaiah 9:1), for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us (Matthew 4:14-17), that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord (Psalm 27:5).

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 67 – Read of the prophecy of Christ, that He shall be King of the whole world over and rule the people rightly, that is, rule them with the Gospel. That they may be freed from sin to live for Him in righteousness and thank Him with joy. This is the new and proper worship of God! Nevertheless, giving thanks to God in joyful response. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

DAILY READINGS

25 Jan	Zech 1:1-21	Rom 14:1-23
26 Jan	Zech 2:1 – 3:10	Rom 15:1-13
27 Jan	Zech 4:1 – 5:11	Rom 15:14-33
28 Jan	Zech 6:1 – 7:14	Rom 16:17-27
29 Jan	Zech 8:1-23	2 Tim 1:1-18
30 Jan	Zech 9:1-17	2 Tim 2:1-26
31 Jan	Zech 10:1 – 11:3	2 Tim 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.
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt

LEARN BY HEART Acts 9:15b *“Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”*

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: Micah 6:1-8; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12