

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

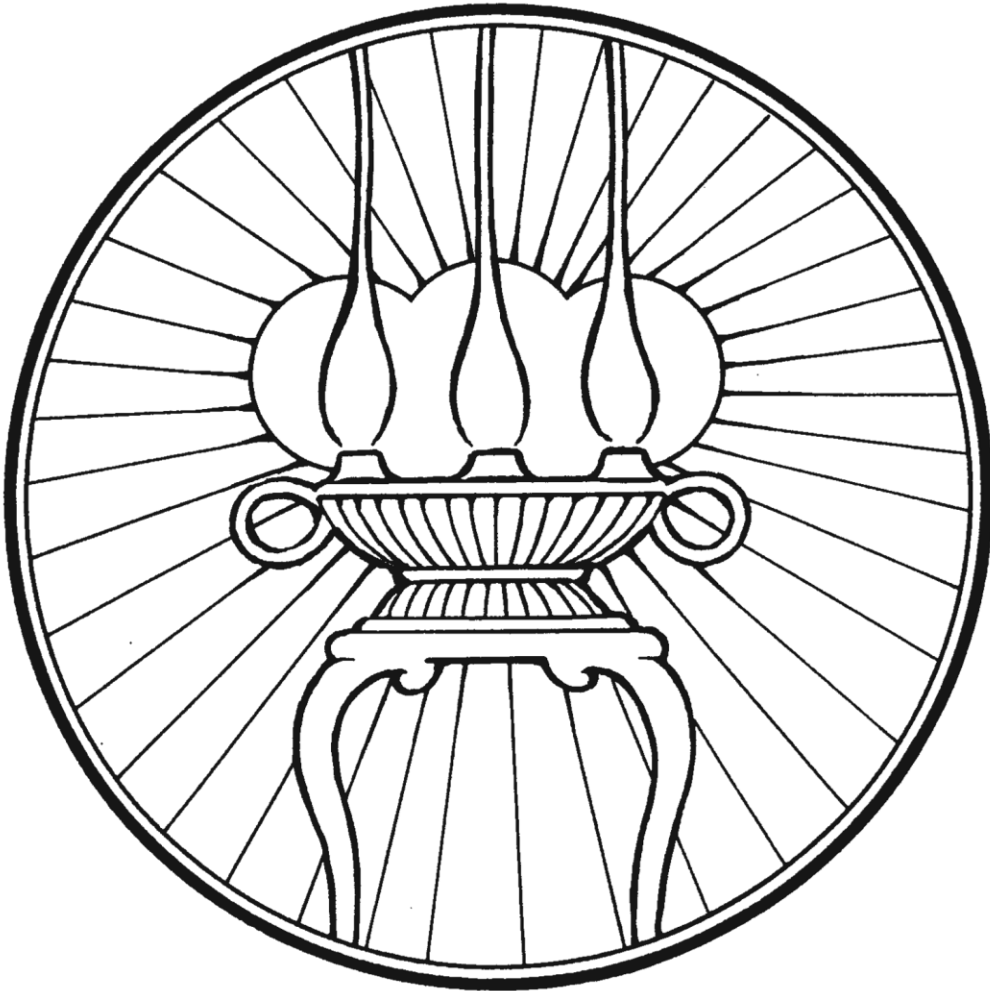
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Feb. 8th, 2026



**"Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket,
but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." Matthew 5:15**

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: To know God intellectually, merely to exercise a fasting ritual without faith, can be devoid of purpose. But through the Holy Spirit, the wisdom of God is made known to us in our hearts and minds. Then acts of mercy for those enmeshed in poverty, wickedness, and hunger season the world with God's graciousness and righteousness. In these moments, God's favor is made known, light shines, good works are done, and God alone is glorified.

Order of Service

Divine Service 2, p. 167 ff.

Opening Hymn

LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 12

Blessèd are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Blessèd are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare

all the just decrees of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

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.

Blessèd are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis*

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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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every

yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now

we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

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 fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of

heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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 Sacrament of the Altar:

P *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P *Where is this written?*

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Sermon

"You are Salt and Light" (Matthew 5:13-20)

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 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 579 The Law of God is Good and Wise

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Announcements

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

The season of Lent begins on **February 18** as we observe **Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m.** with the imposition of ashes included in the Divine Service.

We often tend to think of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter – which it is. But Lent has its own unique character. Lent is about repentance as we reflect on why our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for us. But Lent is also about catechesis, because Lent is also a catechetical season.

Luther's Small Catechism concludes with the Table of Duties – a listing of Bible passages addressing the very down-to-earth and yet high and holy callings of Christians in their daily lives. This is Luther's way of applying the catechism to daily life as we live in the three estates that often overlap and are also unique of each other: (1) The Family, (2) the Church, and (3) Civil Government. The Table of Duties can also be called the "house rules" on how Christians are to deal with one another through our daily vocations as we have responsibilities, or duties, we each owe to our neighbor.

For the upcoming **Lent Evening Prayer services (7:00pm)**, we will consider the Table of Duties from Luther's Small Catechism. Beginning Wednesday, **February 25th**, "To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers" & "What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors".

Please join us also for our Lent supper at 6 p.m. during the Lent midweeks!

Pot-luck food sign-up on the table for the Wednesdays through the Lenten season.

Prince of Peace News and Notes for February 8th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt; Ona Childs; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for February:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Hostmann; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander

Our Response to God's Gifts

Last Week's Attendance, Sun & Mon: 57

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of February 1st Offering: \$2,828.00

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

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

February 8 through February 15

<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..... Council Meeting
	12:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Feb. 9	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Feb. 10	9:00 a.m.....WINKEL at Prince of Peace
	6:15 pm Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Wed. Feb. 11	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm POP Choir
Thur. Feb. 12	10:00 am..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Sat. Feb. 14	9:00 am..... Women's Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. Feb. 15	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

SCRIP PROGRAM AT PRINCE OF PEACE – is a fundraising method where you purchase from us, prepaid gift cards for everyday shopping or gifts (groceries, gas, dining, travel) at face value, and we receive a percentage of the card value. Hundreds of retail vendors participate in this program. (A complete list is posted on the kiosk in the narthex.) Every Sunday, cards are available for purchase. Stop by in the fellowship hall right after worship service and talk to Barb or Chris.

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 checklist. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Instructions are on a clipboard 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. *** Next meeting: February 17th ***

• **Saturday’s Online, Women’s Bible Study (9:00am), 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 Dunnun or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life – “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). God’s people do wonderful things before the world: march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works “will not make your voice be heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4). Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2, 16), we let our light shine before men to give glory to God (Matthew 5:16), that all might have life now and forever.

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 112 – Martin Luther viewed Psalm 112 as a profound psalm of comfort, focusing on the blessed, secure life of the believer who fears, loves, and trusts God. Luther wants us to see that true righteousness is not gained by works but is a gift from God, which then results in a life of generosity, steadfastness, and joy.

DAILY READINGS

8 Feb	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
9 Feb	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
10 Feb	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22 – 4:6
11 Feb	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
12 Feb	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
13 Feb	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
14 Feb	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-188

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 Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

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: Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9