

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Transfiguration of Our Lord – Feb. 15th, 2026



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 reveals His majesty to Moses in flame, shrouded in a mysterious cloud, ultimately preparing Moses to receive the Law of God. Peter, James and John also bear witness to Jesus' majesty on the Mount of Transfiguration. But of paramount importance is not just the glorious appearance of Jesus but also the revelation of the prophetic Word. This is the very Word that demands our listening, inspires our believing, and confirms our confessions.

Order of Service

Divine Service 2, p. 167 ff.

Opening Hymn

LSB 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Confession and Absolution

LSB p. 167

Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

**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.**

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy!

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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And

behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

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 the Altar:

P *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

C **These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sermon

“Eyewitnesses of His Majesty” (2 Peter 1:16-21)

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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Special Music: POP Sunday School, "Majesty/Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heav'n"

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymns

LSB 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

LSB 523 O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for February 15th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for February:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Ash Wednesday, February 18th
Ushers: Mike & Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leaders:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Barb Alsobrooks, Elaine Schmidt; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus

Our Response to God's Gifts
 Last Week's Attendance, Sun & Mon: 67
 Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46
 Week of February 8th Offering: \$13,071.25
 (Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

<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 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Feb. 16	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Feb. 17	5:00 pm Men's Bible Study at Features 6:15 pm Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Wed. Feb. 18	6:00 pm Soup Supper Potluck Style 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>after POP Choir</i>
Thur. Feb. 19	10:00 am..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Sat. Feb. 21	9:00 am..... Women's Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. Feb. 22	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion



LENTEN MIDWEEKS AT POP

Lent begins on Feb. 18 with our **Ash Wednesday Divine Service at 7 p.m.** (6 p.m. meal). For the midweeks to follow, we will be considering the Table of Duties from Luther's Small Catechism. The Table of Duties could be described as the Christian "house rules" on how we are to associate with our neighbor.

We begin on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. (meal at 6 p.m.) with the service of Evening Prayer as we consider the first pair in the Table of Duties: "To Bishops, Pastors and Preachers" and "What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors."

**Please join us also for our Lent Supper
at 6 p.m. before the mid-week Prayer Services!
Pot-luck food sign-up on the table
for the Wednesdays through the Lenten season.**



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 NAHUM** We are beginning a new study focused on three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania. The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever. Nahum’s words brought comfort to the people of Judah, who lived in fear of the Assyrians. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people. *** 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 Deb Dunnum or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life – In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

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 ARE IN SESSION - 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



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 2 – is a prophecy of Christ, that He would suffer, and through His suffering become King and Lord of the whole world. Within this psalm stand a warning against the kings and lords of this world. The psalm flows from the First Commandment, in which God promises to be our God, who will help us in every trouble and will work all good for us—just as He has through Christ, delivered us from sin and brought eternal life.

DAILY READINGS

15 Feb	Job 11:1–20	John 5:19–29
16 Feb	Job 12:1–6, 12–25	John 5:30–47
17 Feb	Job 13:1–12	John 6:1–21
Ash Wednesday	Gen 1:1–19	Mark 1:1–13
19 Feb	Gen 1:20–2:3	Mark 1:14–28
20 Feb	Gen 2:4–25	Mark 1:29–45
21 Feb	Gen 3:1–24	Mark 2:1–17

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, Olivia Gosset (Melissa Adelsen's cousin), Scott Roscovious, Deb Dunnum

LEARN BY HEART Psalm 45:2a *"You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips..."*

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: Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11