

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Ash Wednesday – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Remember that  
you are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

## Welcome

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!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

On this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

## Welcome

### Litany for Ash Wednesday

**L** O Lord,     **C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,   **C** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,     **C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,   **C** hear us.

**L** God the Father in heaven,

**C** have mercy.

**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**L** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** have mercy.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;  
by Your holy nativity;  
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat;

by Your cross and passion;  
by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**L** In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **To hear us, O Lord.**

**L** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;  
to bless our prayer and meditation;  
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To draw all to Yourself;  
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;  
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **grant us Your peace.**

- L** O Christ,      **C** hear us.  
**L** O Lord,        **C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,       **C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,        **C** have mercy. Amen.

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Special Music**

**Lord, Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)**  
**POP Choir**

**The Imposition of Ashes**

The pastor places ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross saying:

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

**Hymn**

**LSB 419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee**

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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**C** Amen.

### [Order of Service Divine Service 3]

## Service of the Word

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### Introit

*Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17*



The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.  
**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\***  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!  
**For I know my trans- | gressions,\***  
**and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**  
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.  
**Cast me not away from your | presence,\***  
**and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.**  
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

### Kyrie

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” <sup>18</sup>Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup>The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

## 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

...We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lent Verse

*Joel 2:13*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel Reading

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup>"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . . <sup>16</sup>"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>LSB p. 191</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>LSB 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Ashes and Repentance” (Matthew 6:16-18)</b>
<b>Offering &amp; Offertory</b>	<b>LSB 192-193</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<i>Following each prayer read aloud ending “Lord in Your Mercy,” the congregation may respond “Hear our prayer.”</i>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	<b>LSB p. 194-202</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	
LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee	
LSB 608 Lord, To You I Make Confession	
<b>Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis</b>	<b>LSB p. 199</b>
<b>Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect</b>	<b>LSB p. 200</b>
<b>Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	<b>LSB p. 201-202</b>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>LSB 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive</b>



***Serving the Lord and One Another Tonight***

*Accompanist: Deb Dunnum*

*Song Leader: Sarah Kolander*

*Ushers: Mike & Carolyn Dosland*

*Acolyte: Caleb Kolander*



## LENTEN MIDWEEKS AT POP

For the midweeks 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.**





# **THE TABLE OF DUTIES THE CHRISTIAN HOUSE RULES**

*Let each his lesson learn with care,  
And all the household well shall fare.*

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES**  
**7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**  
**6 P.M. LENTEN MEAL**

