

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Lent – February 22nd, 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: The Lord Jesus crushes Satan and his wily deceptions. The demise of Adam and Eve shrouds creation with turmoil, sin, and death. One man's disobedience wrought destruction. Christ's obedience reaps justification. His sole abundant grace obliterates the gruesome consequence of one man's trespass. In all things, Jesus contends against Satan and triumphs. Jesus combats countless temptations and strips evil deception of its sway. Jesus casts out Satan completely, remaining steadfast as our Lord.

Order of Service **Divine Service 3, p. 184 ff.**

Opening Hymn **LSB 544 O Love, How Deep**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 184**

Service of the Word **LSB p. 186-193**

Introit *Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place –

the Most High, who is my refuge –

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

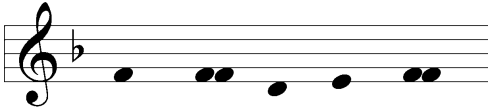
and show him my salvation.

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." ¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and

you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lent Verse

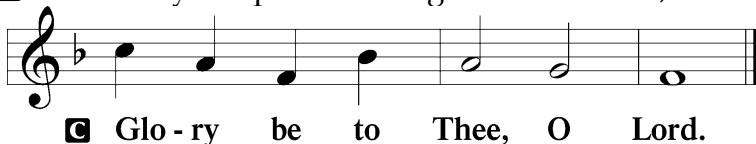
Joel 2:13



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 fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will

bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The Sacrament of the Altar

P *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Sermon

“Overcoming Satan for Us” (Matthew 4:1-11)

Offering, Offertory

LSB p. 192-193

Prayer of the Church

Following each prayer read aloud ending “Lord in Your Mercy,” the congregation may respond “Hear our prayer.”

Service of the Sacrament

LSB p. 194-202

Distribution Hymns

LSB 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 655 Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 418 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis

LSB p. 199

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect

LSB p. 200

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB p. 201-202

Closing Hymn

LSB 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



Announcements

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

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  [Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS](https://www.facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS) Our Website at [WSPOP.org](https://www.WSPOP.org)

Prince of Peace News and Notes for February 22nd, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnun, *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Barb Alsobrooks, Elaine Schmidt; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for February:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Money Counters:* Barb Hinds, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer

Our Response to God’s Gifts

Last Week’s Attendance, Sun & Mon: 65

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of February 15th Offering: \$3,535.55

(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>after</i> <i>fellowship time</i> 10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study 10:30 am..... Sunday School 11:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Feb. 23	7:00 pm Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Feb. 24	6:15 pm Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Wed. Feb. 25	6:00 pm Soup Supper Potluck Style 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer Service <i>after</i> <i>POP Choir</i>
Thur. Feb. 26	10:00 am..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
Sat. Feb. 21	9:00 am..... Women’s Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. March 1	9:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion



LENTEN MIDWEEKS AT POP

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!

**All welcome 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. *** *Watch the March calendar for information about dates next month.*

•**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 -Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God’s Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil’s words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil’s temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

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!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER for Birthright – The bottles are here! See the box on the table next to Pastor’s office. Your coins, dollars or checks can make a difference in a little one’s future. For over 30 years, Birthright of La Crosse pregnancy help center has provided answers and assistance to countless people in our community. Life is a precious gift! See Deb Dunnum if you have follow-up questions. Please feel encouraged to donate.



Concordia Theological Seminary

Adopt-a-Student Program

Supporting the Leyh Family at CTSFW

The Lord continues to answer the prayers of His Church to “send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38). Josh Leyh, a member of Prince of Peace, has begun studying for the Office of the Holy Ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne this academic year. As he, along with his wife Faith and pre-school age son Peter,

takes up this task, we, as Christ’s flock at Prince of Peace, are encouraged to support the Leyhs in every possible way through prayer, encouragement, and financial support.

Throughout his seminary education, please consider financially supporting the Leyh family through the Concordia Theological Seminary Adopt-A-Student program. Prince of Peace has placed out a special offering box for the Leyh family in the narthex.

When Pastor Adelsen was studying to be a pastor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, their Adopt-A-Student program was greatly beneficial to him and Melissa. Pastor has been forever grateful to the congregations and individuals that supported him while in seminary. Even when Seminarian Leyh graduates, the seminaries’ Adopt-A-Student program is always worthy of supporting as a mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Personal updates from Peter printed and posted on the bulletin board here at on the way into the Fellowship Hall.



+ + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +

What is “Lent”?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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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.

INTROIT Page 3

MEDITATION Psalm 32 – Martin Luther considered Psalm 32 one of the key "penitential psalms" (psalms of repentance) and a powerful, "sweet" source of comfort for sinners, highlighting the justification by faith alone. He interpreted the psalm as teaching that true, sincere confession brings the joy of forgiveness, relieving the inward torment of hidden sin. For Luther, this psalm serves as a mirror showing the necessity of repentance and the joy of faith in God's mercy, setting it as a "sweet" balm for a distressed soul.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Lent 1	Gen 4:1–26	Mark 2:18–28	
Monday	Gen 6:1 – 7:5	Mark 3:1–19	
Tuesday	Gen 7:11 – 8:12	Mark 3:20–35	
Wednesday	Gen 8:13 – 9:17	Mark 4:1–20	Gen 9:18 – 11:26
Thursday	Gen 11:27 – 12:20	Mark 4:21–41	
Friday	Gen 13:1–18	Mark 5:1–20	Gen 14:1–24
Saturday	Gen 15:1–21	Mark 5:21–43	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, Olivia Gosset (Melissa Adelsen's cousin), Scott Roscovious, Deb Dunnum

LEARN BY HEART Ephesians 6:11 *"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."*

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 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-17; John 3:1-17