

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

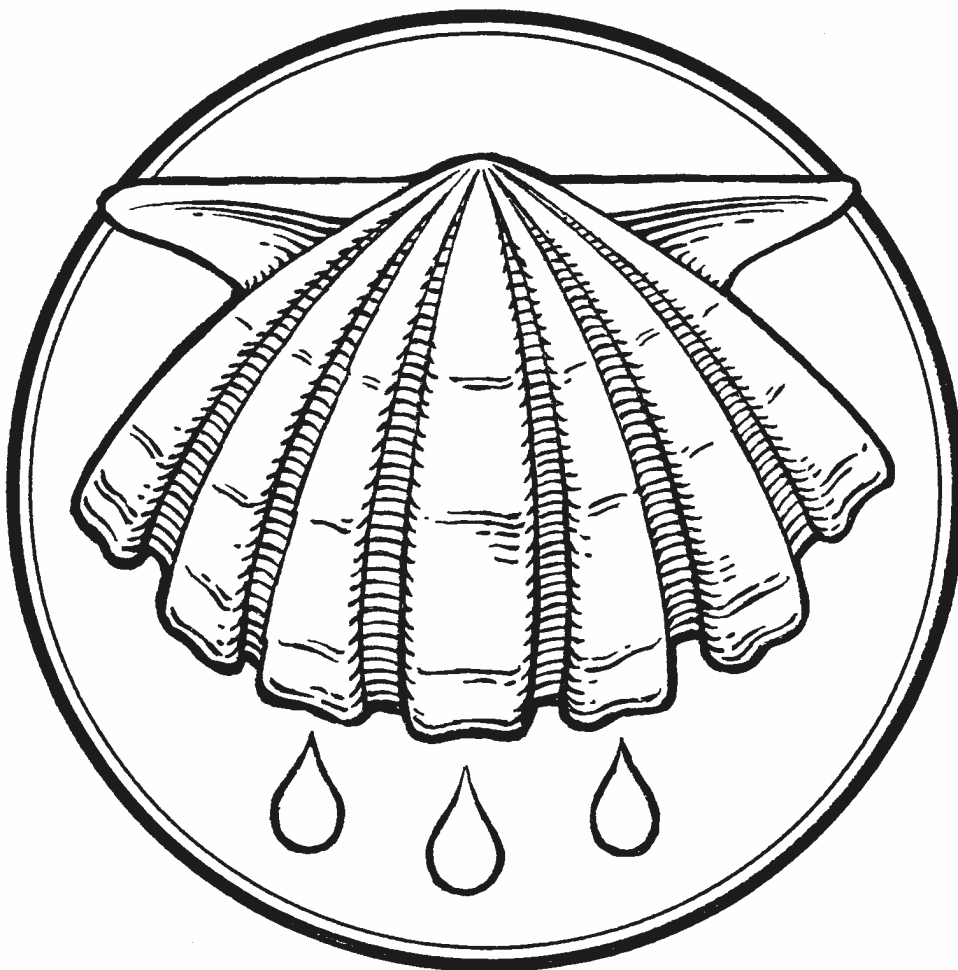
*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Second Sunday in Lent – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



Born of Water and the 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:** Faith is Abraham's legacy – nothing more! He believed God's credibility in fulfilling the incredible. How could an aged, childless father boast of countless heirs? How could a rich Pharisee be born again through water, Word and Spirit? How could a condemned world be redeemed by the death of a Son? All these things are grasped, believed, and confessed by God's gift of faith – nothing more!

**Order of Service**

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

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

**Confession and Absolution**

**LSB p. 184**

**Service of the Word**

**LSB p. 186-193**

**Introit**

*Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8*

He remembers his covenant forever,

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Seek the Lord and his strength;

**seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the Lord our God;

**his judgments are in all the earth.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

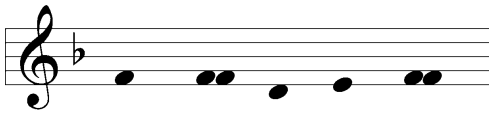
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

He remembers his covenant forever,

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**Kyrie**

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**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 4:1-8,13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of

Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lent Verse

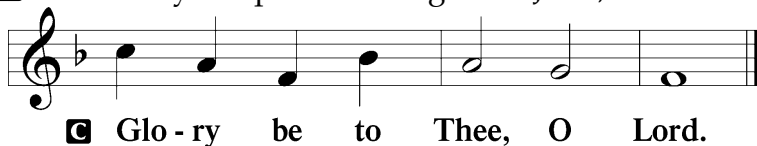
*Joel 2:13*



**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. John, the third chapter.



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

### Holy Gospel Reading

**John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.  
<sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a

man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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



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

Nicene Creed

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

**P** *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

**C** **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

## Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

"Born of Water and the Spirit" (John 3:1-17)

Offering, Offertory

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## 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

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## Distribution Hymns

LSB 571 God Loved the Word So That He Gave

LSB 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect

LSB p. 200

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB p. 201-202

Closing Hymn

LSB 971 There is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



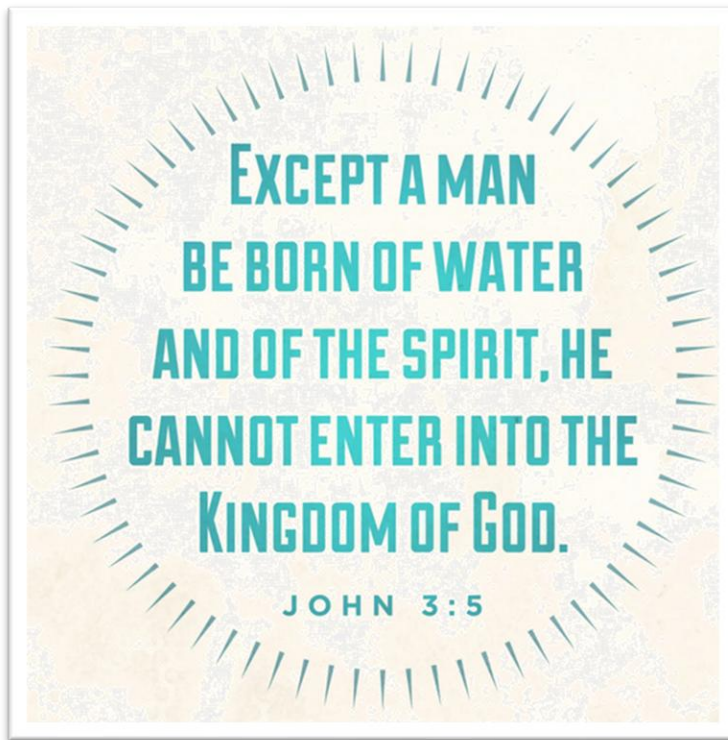
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,  
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

## Announcements

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



Prince of Peace News and Notes for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Serving the Lord and One Another Today:** *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Money Counters:* Ona Childs, Barb Alsobrooks; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for March:* Sharie Brunk and Lizbeth Novak

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Money Counters:* Deb Dunnum, Barb Hinds; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander

**Our Response to God’s Gifts**

Last Week’s Attendance, Sun & Mon: 55

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> Offering: \$2,833.05

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

**THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE**

<i>Today</i>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> <i>after .....fellowship time</i>
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am..... Sunday School
	11:30 pm ..... Elders’ Meeting
	12:30pm ..... Catechesis Class
<b>Mon. Mar. 2</b>	<b>7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
Tue. Mar. 3	5:00 pm ..... Men’s Bible Study at Features
	6:15 pm ..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
<b>Wed. Mar. 4</b>	6:00 pm ..... Soup Supper Potluck Style
	<b>7:00 pm ..... Lenten Evening Prayer Service</b> <i>after ..... POP Choir</i>
Sat. Mar. 7	9:00 am..... POP LWML Meeting
<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>

## LENTEN MIDWEEKS AT POP

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. (meal at 6 p.m.) with the service of Evening Prayer as we consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> pair in the Table of Duties: "To Government & Citizens" 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.**



## Christian Passover Seder Meal



On Sunday, March 22nd during the Sunday School hour we will be having a Christian Passover Seder meal. Everyone is welcome! We ask that you do sign up so we can get an idea on numbers. This will be an interactive, educational meal with music, readings and of course food! There will not be Fellowship time on this Sunday as this special event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a sign-up sheet for donations. See Pastor, Carrie, Sarah, or Brooklyn with any questions.

Help make our sanctuary especially beautiful this **Easter Sunday** by ordering a **potted flower** to be displayed in the chancel area.

We'll be working with a local florist.  
Lillies, tulips, hyacinths and daffodils are available.  
*Please feel free to take your plant home to enjoy!*  
*(preferably after the 9am Easter Service)*

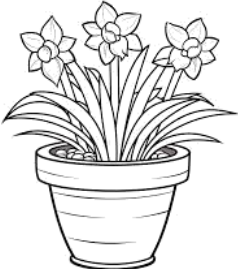
**Order envelopes can be found on the table in the church narthex or at the usher station at the back of the sanctuary.**

Also, you may choose to dedicate your flower in memory, in celebration (such as an anniversary), or in honor of someone special in your life. Your name and dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 8.

Options and Prices

<b>Flower</b>	<b>Price</b>
Single Stem Lily	\$23
Double Stem Lily	\$39
Daffodil	\$15
Tulips	\$15
Hyacinth	\$15



## **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. **\*\*Meets Next, Tues. March 3<sup>rd</sup>\*\***

•**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 - Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was “lifted up” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).*

**COME AND SEE! STORIES OF HOPE** – through Alliance Family Services! Stories will be shared of how God save and protected 314 lives in the La Crosse region.

When: Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

Where: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Onalaska

Times: 6pm-6:55pm: Check In, Appetizers, Alliance Family Services  
Informational Booth, Onesie Sponsorship & Merchandise Store  
7pm-8pm: Program

Tickets are Free but please register for planning food accordingly.



### **Scan to Register**

(Tickets are **free** but please register to help us plan food accordingly)

A QR Code is also on the flyer at the kiosk in the narthex for registration.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:wstichman@charter.net)



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 church on bulletin board on the way into the Fellowship Hall.

## 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 121 –Martin Luther regarded Psalm 121 as a vital "psalm of comfort" that strengthens faith, illustrating that God is an ever-watchful Guardian who never sleeps or slumbers, even when it feels as though we are abandoned. He emphasized it as a guide to trusting God's protection during trials, teaching believers to find their help solely in the Creator.

### DAILY READINGS

Lent 2	Gen 16:1-9, 15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13	
Monday	Gen 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34	Gen 18:16-20:18
Tuesday	Gen 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56	
Wed.	Gen 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23	
Thursday	Gen 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37	
Friday	Gen 24:32-52, 61-67	Mark 8:1-21	Gen 25:1-26:35
Saturday	Gen 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38	3 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** John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

**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 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42