

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*



West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Lenten Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

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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**Theme for Tonight's Service: To Pastors & Hearers**

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. 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.

## EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

### Welcome

LSB p. 243 SERVICE OF LIGHT

LSB p. 244 Phos Hilaron – Hymn of Light

LSB p. 245 Thanksgiving For Light

LSB p. 245 PSALMODY

LSB p. 247 Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before  
You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us  
that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with  
the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and  
may glorify you forever.

**C** Amen.

**Psalm 119:33-40 Teach Me, O LORD, the Way of Your Statutes**

*Choir: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes...*

**Congregation Refrain:**

*Refrain* ♩ = c. 88

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

*Choir: Teach me, LORD, the way of | Your decrees,  
That I may follow it | to the end.*

*Give me understanding, so that I may | keep Your Law  
And obey it with | all my heart.*

*Direct me in the path of | Your commands,  
for there I | find delight.*

**Congregation: Refrain**

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*Choir: Turn my eyes away from | worthless things;  
Preserve my life according | to Your Word.  
Fulfill Your promise to your | servant,  
So that you | may be feared.  
How I long for Your | precepts!  
In Your righteousness pre- | serve my life.*

**Congregation: 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.**

**All: Refrain**

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**LSB Hymn #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (stz. 4-6)**

**The Passion According to St. Matthew, Part Two (26:36-68)**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes

were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." <sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." <sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup> And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled. <sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last

two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **The Table of Duties** *Of Civil Government*

Rom. 13:1-4 <sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

## *Of Citizens*

Matt. 22:21 <sup>21</sup> ... "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Rom. 13:5-7 <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

1 Tim. 2:1-3 <sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

Titus 3:1 <sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work.

1 Peter 2:13-14 <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

**LSB Hymn #865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**

**Sermon: Rev. Peter Adelsen, "To Government & Citizens"**

**LSB p. 248-249 Magnificat**

LSB p. 249-250 Litany

LSB p. 251 Collect for Peace

LSB p. 251 Lord's Prayer

LSB p. 252 Benedicamus, Benediction

LSB Hymn #886 The Day Thou Gavest



**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

Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm  
"To Husbands" & "To Wives"

Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm  
"To Parents" & "To Children"

Wednesday, March 25 at 7 pm  
"To Workers of All Kinds" & "To Employers and Supervisors"

Sundays at 9:00am  
Divine Service with Holy Communion

Mondays at 7:00pm  
Divine Service with Holy Communion

