

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Third Sunday in Lent – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*The Gift of  
Living Water*

***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:** Sin mars living, distorts perceptions, ignites quarrels, and endorses lies! This is the journey that believers navigate – suffering, enduring, and hoping. It is the singular hop in Christ that catapults us through our own difficult wilderness journey. We know that Jesus in justice and truth brings down the gavel on sin and the sinner. But in His definitive are, He refreshes with Word, water, bread, and wine. In these sacred forgiving gifts, Christ is among us and for us.

**Order of Service**

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

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**  
(alternate tune: Kingsfold)

**Confession and Absolution**

**LSB p. 184**

**Service of the Word**

**LSB p. 186-193**

**Introit**

*Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
**O Lord of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;  
**my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

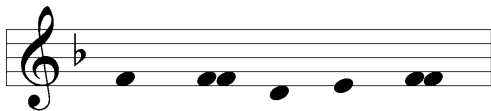
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
**at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,**  
**ever singing your praise!**

**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.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

## Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with

thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**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 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lent Verse

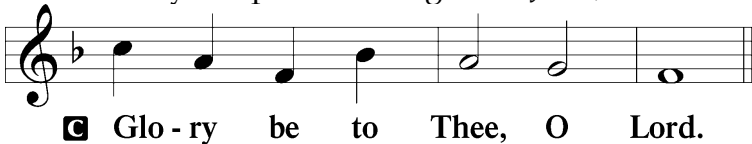
Joel 2:13



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 fourth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel Reading

John 4:1-30, 39-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater

than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”<sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. ...

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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



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

**Nicene Creed**

**LSB p. 191**

### Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, Daily Prayers

**How the head of the family should teach his household to pray:**

#### Morning Prayer

**P** *In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

**C** **In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**P** *Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**P** *Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

### Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day**

**LSB 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

**Sermon**

**"The Gift of Living Water" (John 4:1-30, 39-42)**

**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 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 763 When Peace, like a River

LSB 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

**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 543 What Wonderous Love Is This**

**Announcements**

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Serving the Lord and One Another Today:** *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Money Counters:* Deb Dunnum, Barb Hinds; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for March:* Sharie Brunk and Lizbeth Novak

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Song Leaders:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus

**Our Response to God’s Gifts**

Last Week’s Attendance, Sun & Mon: 61

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of March 1<sup>st</sup> Offering: \$4,107.86

(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 ..... Church Council Meeting
	12:30pm ..... Catechesis Class
<b>Mon. Mar. 9</b>	<b>7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tue. Mar. 10</b>	9:00 am.....Pastor at WINKEL at Faith in La Crosse
	6:15 pm ..... Lutheranism 101/New Member Class
<b>Wed. Mar.11</b>	6:00 pm .....Soup Supper Potluck Style
	<b>7:00 pm ..... Lenten Evening Prayer Service</b> <i>after .....POP Choir</i>
<b>Sat. Mar. 14</b>	9:00 am..... Women’s Bible Study (online)
<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	<b>9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>

## LENTEN MIDWEEKS AT POP

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. (meal at 6 p.m.) with the service of Evening Prayer as we consider the next pair in the Table of Duties: "To Husbands & Wives" 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
If you have questions, see Lori Peters.

### 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 again in April after Easter\*\**

•**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 - The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8).*

**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 – 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)



Thank you to those who recently donated items to the POP Food Pantry collection. Recently, donations were taken to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Sparta. The staff and patrons were very appreciative!

FYI, We need someone to step-up and take our donations out to the community distribution places on a regular basis. See Pastor Adelsen or leave a note at the church office if this is you!

## Supporting the Leyh Family at CTSFW



Concordia Theological Seminary

**Adopt-a-Student**  
Program

*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.

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.

**INTROIT** Page 3

**MEDITATION** Psalm 95 – is a prophecy of Christ; the Letter to the Hebrews extensively treats it as a prophecy of the time of the New Testament and of the voice of the Gospel. The psalm teaches and calls us to Christ and to the Word of God, to true worship. The psalmist also warns by example of the faithless fathers in the wilderness, who also did not come into the promised land on account of their unbelief and contempt for God.

### DAILY READINGS

Lent 3	Gen 27:30–45; 28:10–22	Mark 9:1–13	
Monday	Gen 29:1–30	Mark 9:14–32	Gen 29:31 – 34:31
Tuesday	Gen 35:1–29	Mark 9:33–50	
Weds.	Gen 37:1–36	Mark 10:1–12	
Thursday	Gen 39:1–23	Mark 10:13–31	
Friday	Gen 40:1–23	Mark 10:32–52	
Saturday	Gen 41:1–27	Mark 11:1–19	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 4:23a *"The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."*

**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:** Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41