

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

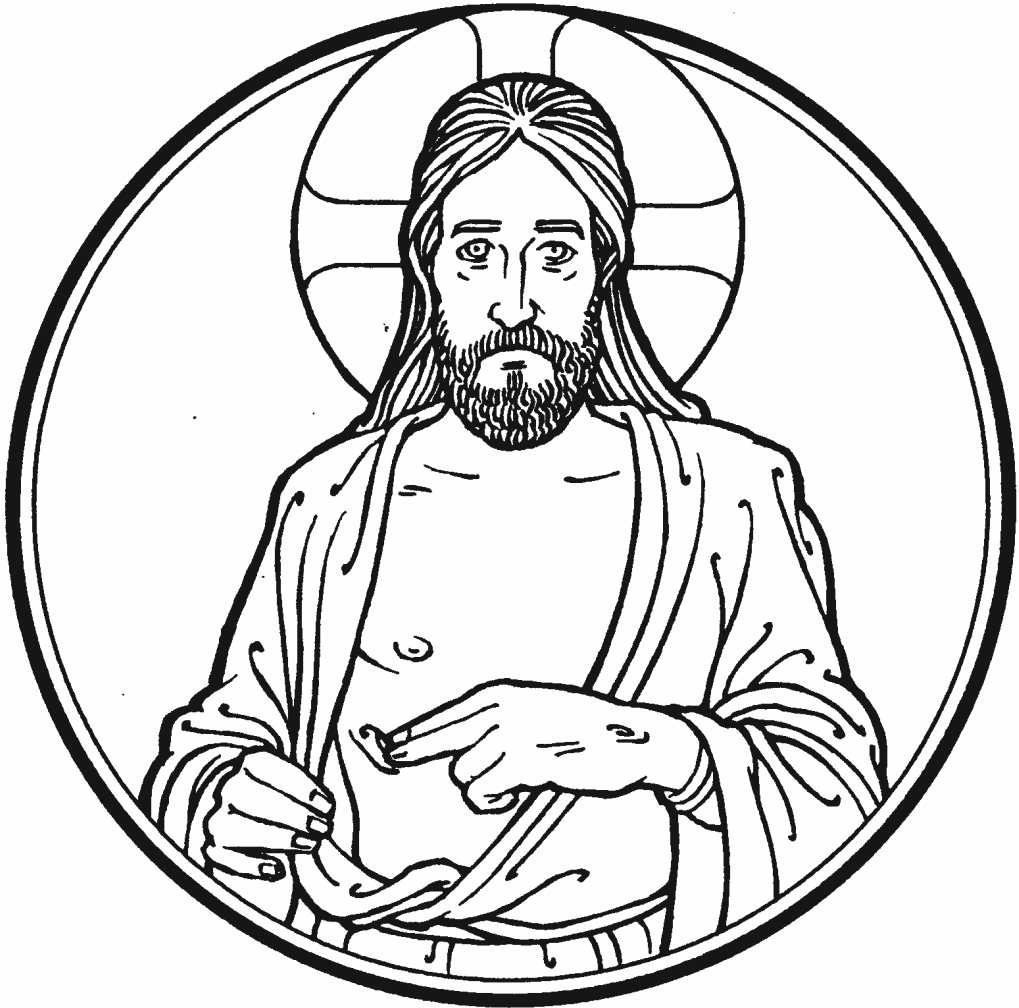
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Second Sunday of Easter – April 12th, 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: Persecution cannot silence those who teach and preach Christ crucified, dead, and risen. This unwavering testimony is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Trials, sorrows and temptation will never eclipse the revelation of Jesus to whom belongs all glory and honor. Just as Jesus, risen and scarred, stood in the midst of His disciples, so also, He remains steadfast in the church, through bread and wine, reminding us of His wounds, nourishing our faith, and bestowing peace on all who see Him.

Order of Service

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Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ - teous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation —

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

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.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men

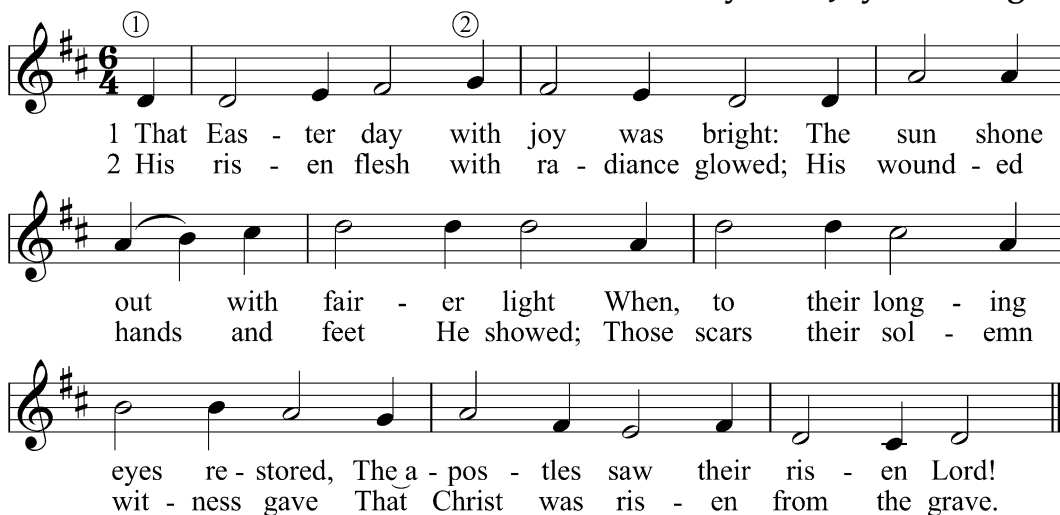
outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright: The sun shone
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; His wound - ed
 out with fair - er light When, to their long - ing
 hands and feet He showed; Those scars their sol - emn
 eyes re - stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 wit - ness gave That Christ was ris - en from the grave.

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Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

"Fearless and Bold" (Acts 5:29-42)

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

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Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymns

PEACE BE YOURS

Peace be yours, May the Lord be with you,
As we gather now and your whole life through,
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.
May God's peace be yours.

Peace be yours, as you scatter from here.
Anywhere you go, God is always near,
Loving and calming your deepest fear.
May God's peace be yours.

Seek your strength where the Lord does abide,
When the greatest evil is at your side.
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.
May God's peace be yours.

Always know He has conquered the one,
Who defies your life in God's only Son.
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.
May God's peace be yours.

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LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Vict'ry's Won

LSB 464 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

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Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

LSB 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Announcements

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



Prince of Peace News and Notes for April 12th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis, Barb Alsobrooks; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for April:* Elaine Schmidt, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leaders:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander

Our Response to God’s Gifts

Last Week’s Easter Services Attendance: 101

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of April 5th Offering: \$4,716.00

(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 Fellowship Time</i> 10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study 10:30 am..... Sunday School 11:30 am Church Council Meeting 12:30 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Apr. 13	7:00 pmDivine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue. Apr. 14	9:00 am..... WINKEL@ Gift Grace, Holmen 5:00 pm Men’s Bible Study at Features 6:15pm New Member Class
Wed. Apr. 15	9:30 am.....Adult Bible Study
Sat. Apr. 18	9:00 am..... Women’s Bible Study (online)
Sun. Apr. 19	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion

MARCH FOR LIFE IN APRIL - Saturday, April 25 from 2-4pm, Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703, A joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. The overturning of Roe v. Wade was the beginning of the end of abortion. We must continue to make our voices heard until all women and children are protected from abortion and all families have the support they need to thrive. All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided.

POP WEBSITE - About *our Website*: While it's a work in progress, we are taking steps to keep our Church Calendar under the "Happenings" tab up to date. Events do more accurately reflect what is going on at Prince of Peace now and coming up.

NEW ALTAR FLOWER SIGNUP NEW AGAIN! If you would like to provide altar flowers, (no flowers during Lent), for a Divine Service, there is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board. Flowers are a wonderful way to beautify sanctuary in the name of our Lord or even dedication. Flowers can be in honor of someone, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Fresh flowers only please. You may bring in your own purchased florist bouquet or cut flowers of your own in vases. If you leave a note in the church office, your dedication can be printed in the worship bulletin. Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias are available for dedication through a special congregation-wide collection that will be available during that season.

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY – On January 20, 2027, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will celebrate 25 years of receiving God's Means of Grace at 1901 Church Road East! Prince of Peace was later officially dedicated on February 10, 2002 (Transfiguration Sunday) for the preaching of Christ's saving Word in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Over these many years, the Prince of Peace – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – has displayed His love and care to His flock in this place! This is an anniversary certainly worth celebrating! If you are interested in serving Prince of Peace in the planning for this 25th year celebration, please contact Pastor Adelsen, Kurt Childs, or an elder.

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.
- 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. In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.
- Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men’s Bible Study** (Tuesday the 14th) Three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania is our focus. The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people.
- Saturday’s Online, Women’s Bible Study (9:00am), 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 Dunnun or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

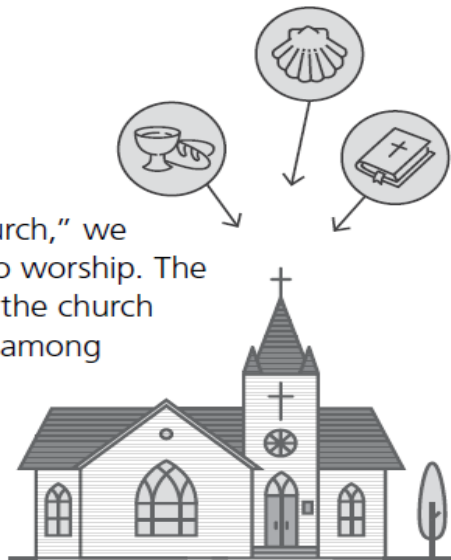
Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Jesus sent out His apostles with His Spirit to be His witnesses, bringing His peace to the world through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21; Acts 5:32). Through their witness and the witness of the believers who followed, we too have been brought to faith and are therefore blessed even though we have not seen Jesus with our eyes (1 Peter 1:8; John 20:29). When we “praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1) with our Gospel-motivated voices, our neighbors are also brought to see Jesus through us, that they too may believe and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

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

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “church”?

When someone says the word “church,” we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the “assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.” Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the “sanctuary,” is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don’t want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



★ CHRIST ★
★ IS RISEN ★



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 148 – Martin Luther interpreted Psalm 148 as a literal, urgent command for all creation—from heavenly bodies to earthly elements—to praise God, highlighting it as a direct link to the creative, powerful word spoken in Genesis 1. He emphasized the "waters above the heavens" (verse 4) literally.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ex 20:1–24	Luke 4:1–15	
Monday	Ex 22:20—23:13	Luke 4:16–30	
Tuesday	Ex 23:14–33	Luke 4:31–44	
Wednesday	Ex 24:1–18	Luke 5:1–16	
Thursday	Ex 25:1–22	Luke 5:17–39	Ex 25:23—30:38
Friday	Ex 31:1–18	Luke 6:1–19	
Saturday	Ex 32:1–14	Luke 6:20–38	1

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, Jeramy Schaub

LEARN BY HEART Romans 6:9; John 20:29b: *Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.*

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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: Acts 2:36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35