

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 26th, 2026



Life Under the Good Shepherd's Care

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: Believers saturate themselves in fervent prayer and the breaking of bread. Believers empty themselves of possessions, giving belongings to the underprivileged. Suffering is endured, and this is the very nature of Christ. By His wounds, we are healed. He is the one true Shepherd without blemish, fault or sin. Yet He was unjustly threatened despised and condemned. But He is also the One who opens the door, unbars the gates and welcomes His sheep eternally.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1, pp. 151ff

Hymn of Invocation: 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

LSB 152

Introit

Psalms 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**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.**

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I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their

food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon: "Life Under the Good Shepherd's Care"

Acts 2:42-47

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymn: 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Distribution Hymn: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Distribution Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Announcements

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



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Prince of Peace News and Notes for April 26th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Money Counters:* Barb Alsobrooks, Ona Childs; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for April:* Elaine Schmidt, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leaders:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Barb Hinds, Chris Leis; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for May:* Barb Hinds, Carolyn Dosland

Our Response to God's Gifts

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 58

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46

Week of April 19th Offering: \$2,606.42

(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 pm Catechesis Class
Mon. Apr. 27	7:00 pm Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tues. Apr. 28	5:00 pm Men's Bible Study at Features
Wed. Apr. 29	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. May 2	9:00 am..... LWML at Prince of Peace
Sun. May 3	9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion



PRINCE OF PEACE will once again be a partner with the local Pro-Life Wisconsin chapter by taking part in the annual **Mother's Day Rose Sale** on Mother's Day, **Sun., May 10th**. Single stem roses will be available for purchase at a suggested price of \$3 each. All proceeds go directly back to Pro-Life Wisconsin to support moms and families in need.

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 in honor of someone (in death, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or even 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 Jan. 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 Feb. 10, 2002 (Transfiguration Sunday). 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** 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. Next meeting is April 28th.
- 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 - The first generation of Christians were “selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn’t mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would “die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying.

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

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.

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 23 – Martin Luther viewed Psalm 23 as a "psalm of thanks" and a comforting testament to God as the faithful Shepherd, nurturing and protecting believers in this life and the next. Luther emphasized the shepherd imagery as Christ, who, unlike a human shepherd, protects sheep from death, sin, and the devil by laying down his own life.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Lev 8:1–13, 30–36	Luke 9:1–17	
Monday	Lev 9:1–24	Luke 9:18–36	
Tuesday	Lev 10:1–20	Luke 9:37–62	Lev 11:1—15:33
Wednesday	Lev 16:1–24	Luke 10:1–22	
Thursday	Lev 17:1–16	Luke 10:23–42	
Friday	Lev 18:1–7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1–13	
Saturday	Lev 19:9–18, 26–37	Luke 11:14–36	

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, Carl Ingle (Melissa Adelsen's uncle), Scott Roscovious, Jeremy Schaub

LEARN BY HEART Romans 6:9; John 10:14: *Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. 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 6:1-9; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14