# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*
*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
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Our Mission:
"Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ"

Our Message:
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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## Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

*The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices "Close Communion" as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body's doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body's teachings. Therefore, our practice of "Close Communion" admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.*

*The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against "unworthy" reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God's judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice "Close Communion". We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.*

*Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39), and humbly strive to "Continue in His Word." (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.*

**Theme**

Jesus manifests His glory at the wedding feast at Cana, changing ordinary water into exquisite wine. The church treasures this divine action of Christ, remembering, believing, and receiving forgiveness in Jesus' divine blood, in, under, and with ordinary wine. God in Christ binds Himself to His people, from desolate forsaken Israel to the holy church of today. She is the Bride, and He the Bridegroom, whose resolute faithfulness seals the marriage covenant with us forever.

**Order of Service:** **Divine Service 3, p. 184 ff.**

**Opening Hymn** **910 Now the Silence**

**Confession and Absolution** **(LSB p. 184)**

**Service of the Word** **(LSB p.186-193)**

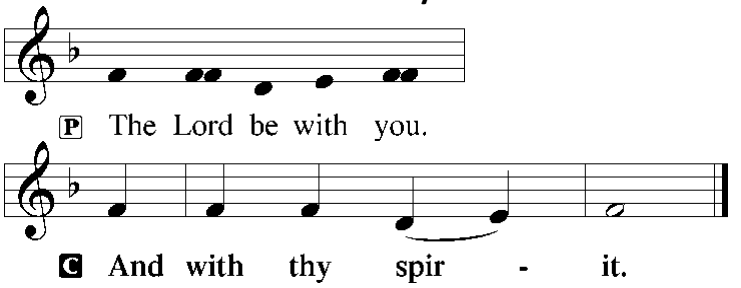
**Introit** *Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4*

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
**and his banner over me was love.**
Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
**your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.**
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
**The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**
They feast on the abundance of your house,
**and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
For with you is the fountain of life;
**in your light do we see light.**
**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.**
[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
**and his banner over me was love.**

**Kyrie** **(LSB p.186)**

**Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis** **(LSB p.187)**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



P Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1–5

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[1]For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
[2]The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
[3]You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
[4]You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
[5]For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!
**Extol him, all peoples!**
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

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[1]Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. [2]You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. [3]Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

[4]Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; [5]and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; [6]and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. [7]To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [8]To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, [9]to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, [10]to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11]All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia

## Holy Gospel: John 2:1–11

*John 2:1–11*

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

[1]On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus
was there. [2]Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. [3]When the wine
ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [4]And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” [5]His mother
said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

[6]Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each
holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7]Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.”
And they filled them up to the brim. [8]And he said to them, “Now draw some out and
take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. [9]When the master of the feast
tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though
the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the
bridegroom [10]and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people
have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”
[11]This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And
his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Nicene Creed** **(p. 191)**

*Sit*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** **402 The Only Son From Heaven**

**Sermon** **“Given a Sign”** **John 2:1-11**

**Offering**

**Offertory** **(p. 192-193)**

**Blessing of the Baby Hats**

P Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for all the many blessings You provide to us each day. You are a generous and loving God and always provide for us, even though we don't deserve Your blessings. In response to that love, we give generously to others who are in need.

O Lord, we bring before You these knitted and crocheted baby hats. Bless them and bless those who will receive them at Mayo Clinic La Crosse Hospital, that Your kingdom may come and Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom here on earth. We thank You always for all the blessings You bestow upon us, and especially the greatest Blessing of all, Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we pray. C **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P To the Lord, who manifested His glory in the sign at Cana and restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, that He would give us joy and gladness in the revelation of His truth and the abundance of His grace, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Holy Church, brought together at the Lord's banquet, both now in the Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come, that the banner of Christ's steadfast love would rest over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness would be constant, and that patient love may mark our lives, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them, especially *Mike & Carolyn Dosland.* Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all married couples and their families, that Christ, who blessed the wedding at Cana with His presence and honored it with His first miracle, would be present in our homes and lives with His free and abundant forgiveness to preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation, that our heavenly Father would bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice, watch over and guide all military personnel, thwart

every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need, *[especially _____,]* that as Jesus showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine, the Holy Spirit would grant us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, that as Christ manifested Himself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so He would also manifest Himself to us here, making bread and wine His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament **(p. 194ff)**

**Distribution Hymns**

**408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast**
**404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered**
**399 The Star Proclaims the King is Here**

**Post-Communion Canticle** **Nunc Dimittis** **(LSB p. 199)**

**Post-Communion Collect** **(LSB p. 201)**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** **(LSB p. 201)**

**Benediction** **(LSB p. 202)**

**Closing Hymn** **394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**