PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

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

Those who trust in the Lord receive blessings. Like a tree planted by water, those who trust will not wither in the heat. The blessings are eternal, not temporal; spiritual, not physical; for the poor, the hungry, and the weeping are blessed. Therefore we rejoice in tribulation, for our reward is in heaven and Christ has indeed been raised. His resurrection is our sure promise that our faith is not in vain.

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

Opening Hymn **904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

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

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

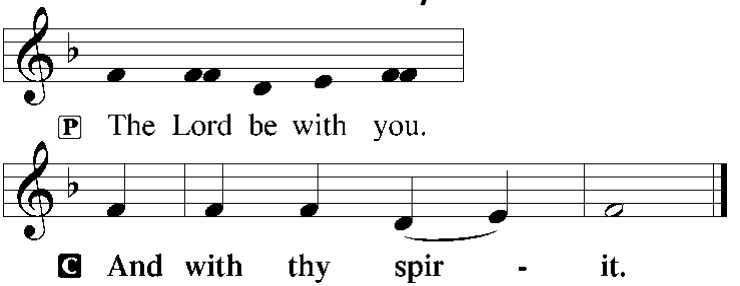
Introit *Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7*

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.
Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
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.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Kyrie **(LSB p.186)**

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Jeremiah 17:5–8

Jeremiah 17:5–8

5 Thus says the LORD:
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
6 He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
8 He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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 15:1–20 *1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

[1]Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2]and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

[3]For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4]that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, [5]and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6]Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7]Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8]Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9]For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10]But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. [11]Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

[12]Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13]But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14]And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15]We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16]For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. [17]And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18]Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19]If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

Stand

Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17–26 *Luke 6:17–26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

17[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his
disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the
seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18who came to hear him and to be healed of their
diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19And all the
crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

20And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you
and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23Rejoice in that day, and
leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the
prophets.

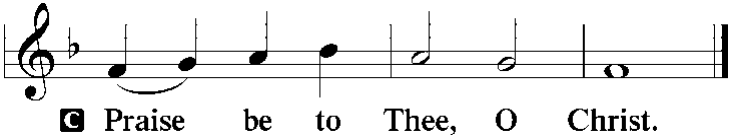
24"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the
false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed **(p. 191)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **705 The Man Is Ever Blessed**

Sermon **"Who Do You Trust?" Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Offering **"Thy Word"**

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

Prayer of the Church

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

P For the spread of God's kingdom, made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ, that a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant may be gathered to know true Wisdom come in our flesh, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all people among whom the Gospel is preached, that they would hold fast to God's Word and not believe it in vain, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God's promises, walk in His truth and dwell in His house, 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 Travis Glick and Debbie Greene. 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 who bear office in our land, that they would be a blessing to those they serve; for the callings God has given us, that we would render service to Him in our works of love toward our neighbor; and for those in need of honest labor and daily bread, that they would receive gainful employment according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need healing, *[especially _____,]* that they would receive the power of Christ in the hearing of His Word and be cured, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who come to eat the holy body and precious blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins in the blessed Sacrament, that trusting in Him they may be filled with God's blessing, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hope that reaches beyond this life, confident in the risen Christ who is the firstfruits from among those who sleep; for all who mourn, *[especially _____,]* that they may have comfort in His life; and that we may live confidently in our expectation of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Distribution Hymns

729 I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
603 We Know that Christ is Raised

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 **Special Music** **LSB 923**