PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 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

Throughout the sojourning of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, the Lord delivered judgment and promise, signs and wonders, terror and restoration. This prophetic lineage of faithfulness culminates in Christ, whose divine faithfulness is unblemished. He is without fault, being wholly the servant of man and the Son of God. The church bears witness to God's legacy of faithfulness witnessed through Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Together, we confess Jesus to be the Son of God, to whom we must listen.

Order of Service: **Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.**

Opening Hymn **415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 151)**

Service of the Word **(LSB p.152-160)**

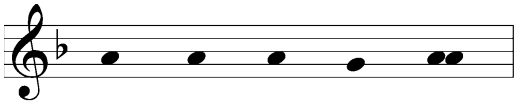
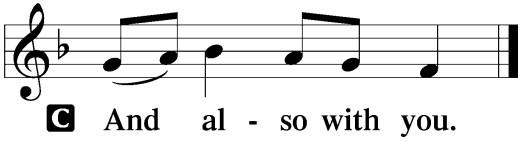
Introit *Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4*

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!
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.
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
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 who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

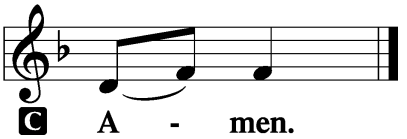
Kyrie **(LSB p.152)**

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis **(LSB p.154)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12

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1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah,
which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,
2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the
western sea, 3 the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm
trees, as far as Zoar. 4 And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it
with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD
died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, 6 and he buried him
in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of
his burial to this day. 7 Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed,
and his vigor unabated. 8 And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of
Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.
9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his
hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded
Moses. 10 And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD
knew face to face, 11 none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent
him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,
12 and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the
sight of all Israel.

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: Hebrews 3:1–6

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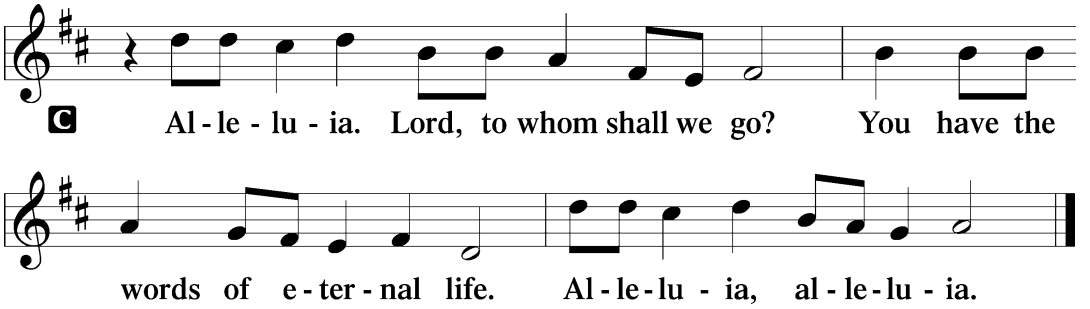
[1]Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, [2]who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. [3]For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. [4](For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) [5]Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, [6]but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

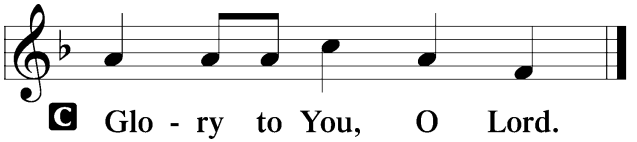
Stand

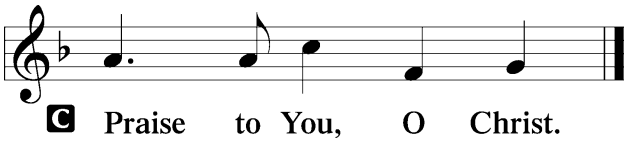
Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28–36 *Luke 9:28–36*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

28 Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John
and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the
appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And
behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory
and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now
Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became
fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men
were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us
make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing
what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them,
and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" 36 And when the voice had
spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days
anything of what they had seen.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

Sermon **"The Greater Exodus" Luke 9:28-36**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You bestow honor and favor on all who dwell in Your house and withhold no good thing from them. Give us faith in Your promises, that we who worship You here may come to dwell in Your heavenly house. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, by the blood of Your Christ, He has purified His Bride, the Church. Strengthen her and give her unity of doctrine and piety. Bless this holy house, that those who enter here may do so in faith, reverence and fear of You. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them, especially John and Sharen Hammes. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, all authority is given by You and our times are in Your hands. Give wisdom to our president and those in public office, that they may govern according to Your good will. Bless the work of this congregation to reach the lost of this city. Grant favorable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and prosper all honorable vocations, businesses and industries. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

℗ Most merciful God, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying *[especially _____]*. Lord, in Your mercy, **℃ hear our prayer.**

℗ O Lord, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **℃ hear our prayer.**

℗ Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **℃ Amen.**

Offering Special Music Children's Choir "I Will Celebrate"

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

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

Distribution Hymns

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
798 The God of Abraham Praise

Post-Communion Canticle **Thank the Lord** **(LSB p. 164)**

Post-Communion Collect **(LSB p. 166)**

Benediction **(LSB p. 166)**

Closing Hymn **417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**