PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 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

Believers who confess the name of Jesus strive against evil assaults that distort God-given truths. In the church, the Word of God prevails as it is proclaimed, confessed, and believed. The Word, on Jesus' own lips, repels the onslaught of Satan, who, in the midst of Jesus' anguish, asserts false claims and authority. As we witness the clash between Satan and Jesus, we cling to His own words with heart, mind, and voice: "You shall worship the Lord your God…"

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

Opening Hymn **718 Jesus, Lead Thou On**

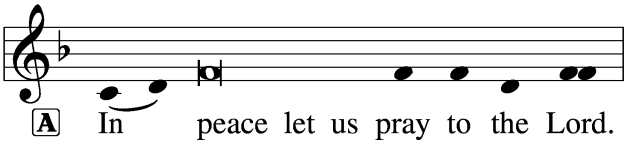
Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 151)**

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

Introit *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.
Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
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.
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

Kyrie *Mark 10:47*



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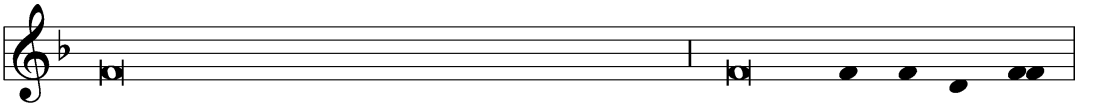
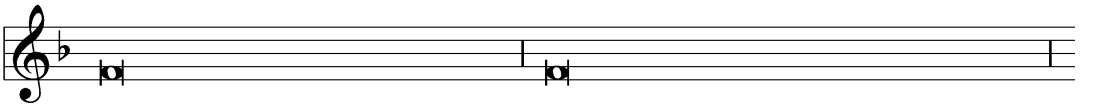


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

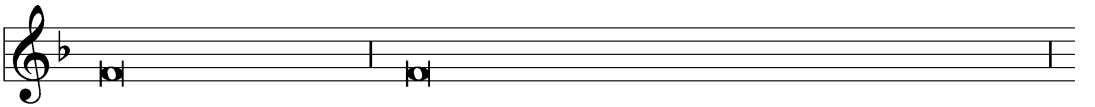
C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

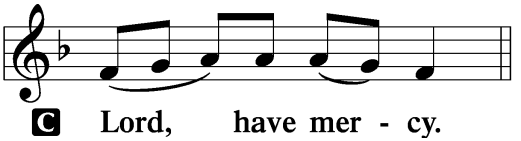
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

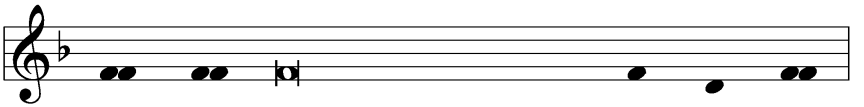
C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



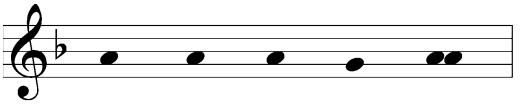
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Deuteronomy 26:1–11 *Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

1 "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an
inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, 2 you shall take some of the
first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your
God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that
the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. 3 And you shall go to
the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your
God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'
4 Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar
of the LORD your God.

5 "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean
was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and
there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Egyptians treated us
harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. 7 Then we cried to the LORD, the
God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and
our oppression. 8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. 9 And he
brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
10 And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have
given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the
LORD your God. 11 And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given
to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle: Romans 10:8b–13 *Romans 10:8b–13*

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith
that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with
the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

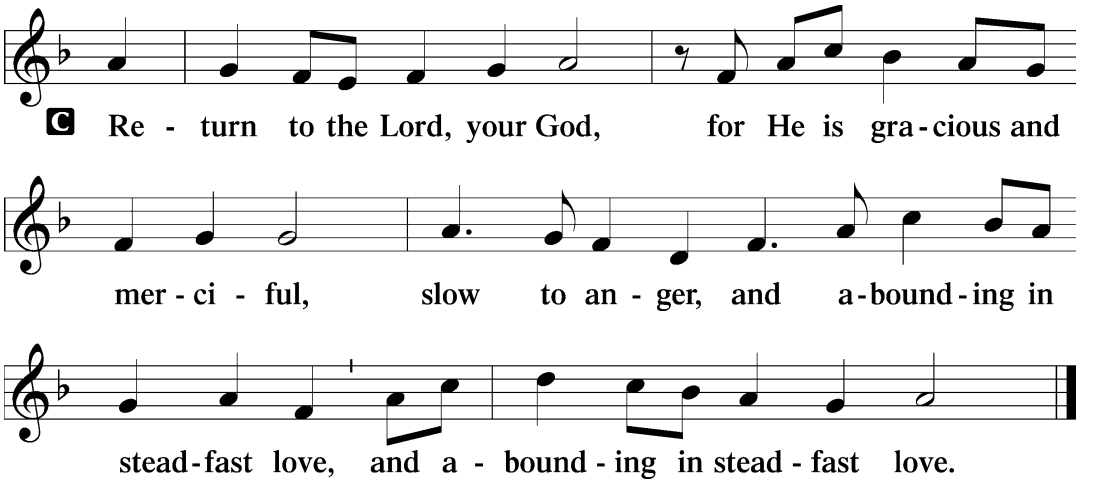
[11]For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”
[12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing his riches on all who call on him. [13]For “everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *Joel 2:13*



Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13 *Luke 4:1–13*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in
the wilderness [2]for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during
those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. [3]The devil said to him, “If you
are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” [4]And Jesus answered him,
“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” [5]And the devil took him up and
showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, [6]and said to him, “To
you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I
give it to whom I will. [7]If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” [8]And Jesus
answered him, “It is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.'"

9And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,'

11and

"'On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

12And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Sermon **"Standing Against Satan's Schemes" Luke 4:1-13**

Prayer of the Church

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

P For deliverance, that the Lord Most High would be our dwelling place and refuge against every evil and plague, and that by the work of the Holy Spirit we may be satisfied with His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For missionaries, that the God of all nations would protect and provide for them as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents, that God would bless them with all wisdom as they teach their children His ways, bestowing His riches in His Word, that all may confess Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the homes in which Your people dwell, that God would keep all harm and danger far from them, especially Adam and Brooke, Evilyn and Amelia Hausner. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings. Lord, let us pray to the Lord, **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the governing authorities, that God would protect them from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them, and equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in need of healing and restoration, *[especially _____,]* that God would answer their prayers, be with them in trouble and rescue them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For a right reception of the Lord's Supper, that God would unite His people in a true confession of His Word and bring them with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of His Son's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a proper stewardship of abundance, that the Lord who gives us all good things would grant us thankful hearts to declare His goodness and gladly support what He wills, let us pray to the Lord:

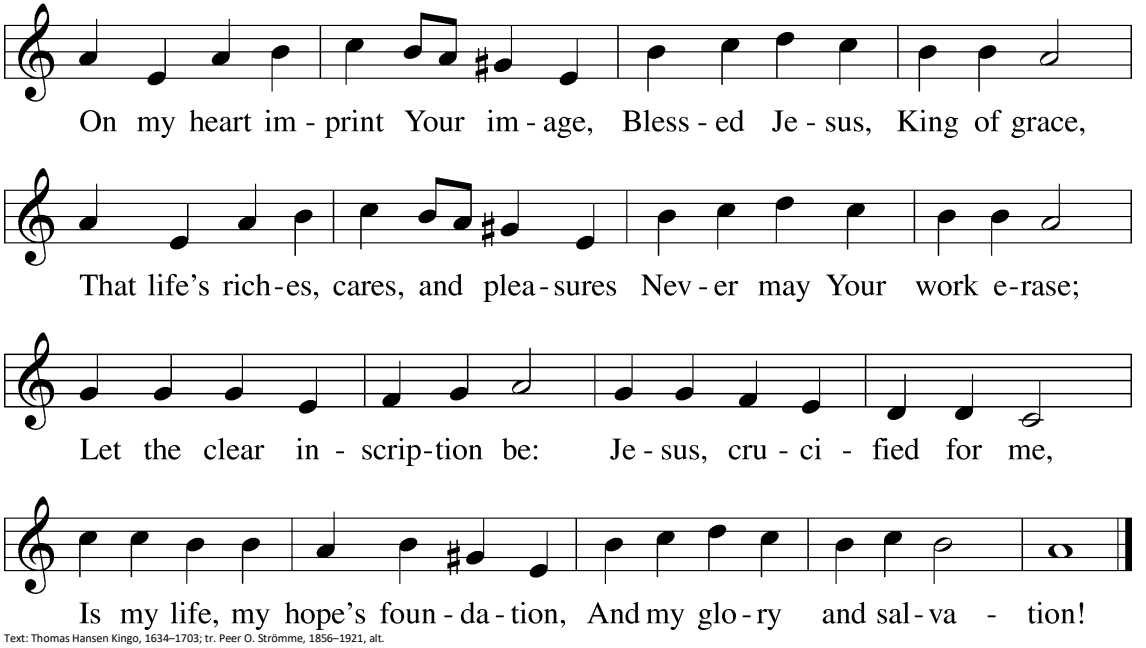
C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; 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 Amen.

Offering

Offertory 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



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Service of the Sacrament (p. 194ff)

Distribution Hymns

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road
418 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days
716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis (LSB p. 165)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Prince of Peace News and Notes for March 9, 2025

Please fill out a registration card today and leave it on the table in the back of the sanctuary or put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Holly Ford*; Money Counters*: Barb Hinds & Debbie Dunnum.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Song leader:* Patty & Nancy Horstmann*; Money Counters*: Chris Leis & Lori Peters.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to office@wspop.org by the end of the day on Tuesday and it will be printed in this week's bulletin. You can also publish key information in the newsletter by submitting it the same way. Newsletter information is due by the end of the day on the Wednesday before the last Sunday.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 39
Weekly Budget Need: $3868.38
March 2 offering: $1395.00
Special Gifts: $25.00 (Building Fund)

Lenten Midweek: Each Wednesday, join your brothers and sisters in Christ for Evening Prayer vespers at 7 p.m. Each week, we will look at how adiaphora (things indifferent) in the sanctuary still proclaim the crucified and risen Christ. Lenten meals begin at 5 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join us this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our study on Jude!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Join us this morning as we follow the experience of a fictional family as they look for a church family to call their own. Insights from this study will help us understand our own church experiences. So, "Will the real church please stand up?"

Scrip Sales – Scrip gift cards are available for purchase after our worship service in the fellowship hall.
Altar Flowers – There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring flowers for the altar.

We have two priority projects this year: 1) Replace the most problematic furnace. Timing: August or September. Cost: about $4250 with fundraising starting immediately
2) Repaint the storage shed. Requires stripping old paint, prime coat and finish coat. We need volunteers, ladders and equipment. We plan to start as weather permits.

Listen to POP Sermons Online! Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ! POP sermons are available at http://www.wspop.org/sermons.html via Spotify. You may also listen by clicking the QR Code, which is posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

Birthright Fundraiser: We're doing a 'baby bottle' challenge for Birthright again this year. Birthright is a volunteer organization, available to those who are pregnant to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support. Please take a bottle home and collect your change for the next month.

Stewardship Thoughts: "Luke 4:8 – "And Jesus answered him, 'It is written.."' Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Men's Bible Study: Men, join your brothers in Christ on Tuesday, March 11 at 5 p.m. at Features in West Salem as we study the book "Man Up!"

We're collecting low-carb freezer meals for the Adelsen's. Melissa is scheduled for surgery on the 21st. Please bring your gift of food to the church.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life – Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4,8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!