PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Second Sunday in Lent
March 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

There is no room for impenitence. Jeremiah preaches death for those who do not respond to God's voice. Death is imminent. But Jesus is the great reversal, pressing toward Jerusalem where He dies for sinners. Jerusalem entombed many prophets before Jesus. And now she is soon to be the gateway for Jesus' three-day journey from cross to tomb. Those who oppose His cross collide with destruction and shame. Those who cling to the cross are declared beloved citizens of heaven.

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

Opening Hymn **586 Preach You the Word**

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

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

Introit *Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
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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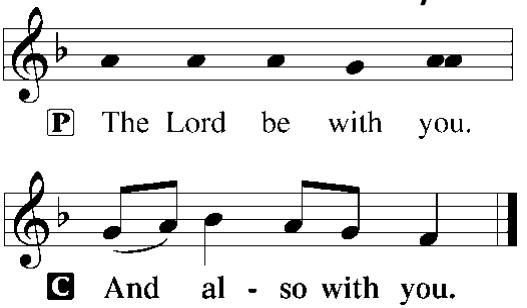
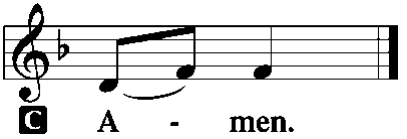
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Kyrie **(LSB p. 152)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 26:8–15

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8 When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to
speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold
of him, saying, "You shall die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD,
saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without
inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's
house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the
house of the LORD. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all
the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied
against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."
12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent
me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. 13 Now
therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God,
and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as
for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 15 Only
know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon
yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you
to speak all these words in your ears."

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: Philippians 3:17—4:1

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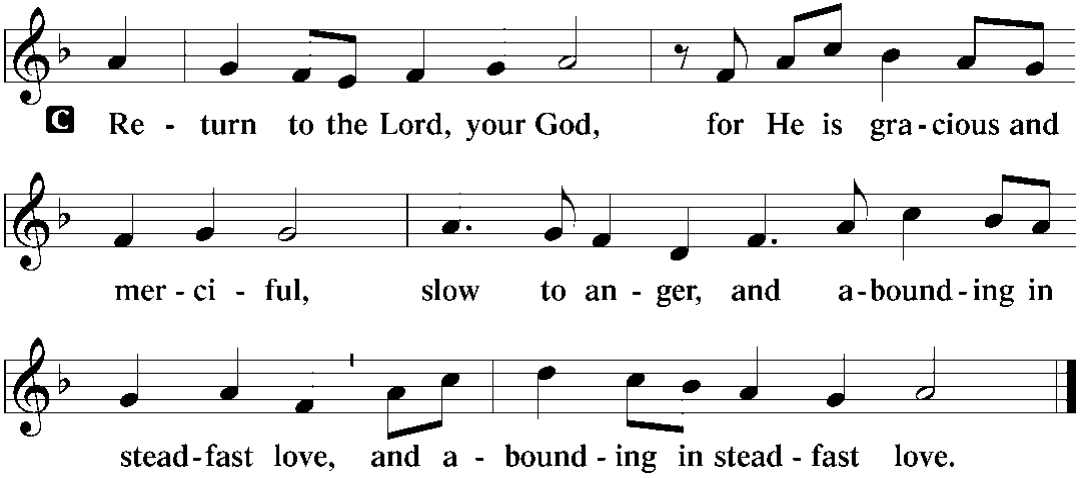
17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to
the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell
you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction,
their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that
enables him even to subject all things to himself.
1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm
thus in the Lord, my beloved.

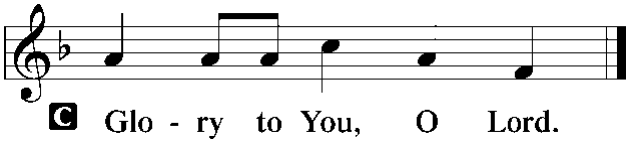
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lenten Verse

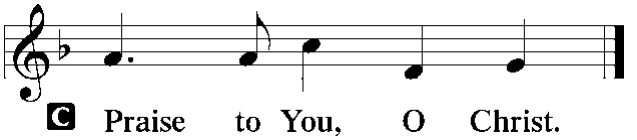
Joel 2:13

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31–35 *Luke 13:31–35*

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



31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here,
for Herod wants to kill you." 32And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I
cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my
course. 33Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day
following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' 34O
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to
it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings, and you would not! 35Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you,
you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

Sermon **"The Rejected Prophet Comes to Save" Luke 13:31-35**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this and all congregations, that the Lord would remember them, strengthen and defend His pastors and servants in the Church, and cause His people rightly to fear His wrath and rejoice in His redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hope in a world convulsed by sin, that we would believe that our eternal citizenship is in heaven and that our Lord Jesus Christ will subject all things to Himself, transforming our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that they would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge of love while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home, 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 Barb Hinds. 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 our nation and its officials, that the Lord would give them wisdom and integrity; and that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder His Church or despise His call to repentance, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and afflicted, *[especially _____,]* that He who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross would strengthen their faith and deliver them from suffering, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentance and joyful confidence in Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and that God would gather us at His altar in a true confession of His Word as a hen gathers her chicks, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For courage to bear reproach and declare boldly the name of Jesus, who suffered reproach and bore our sins to the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

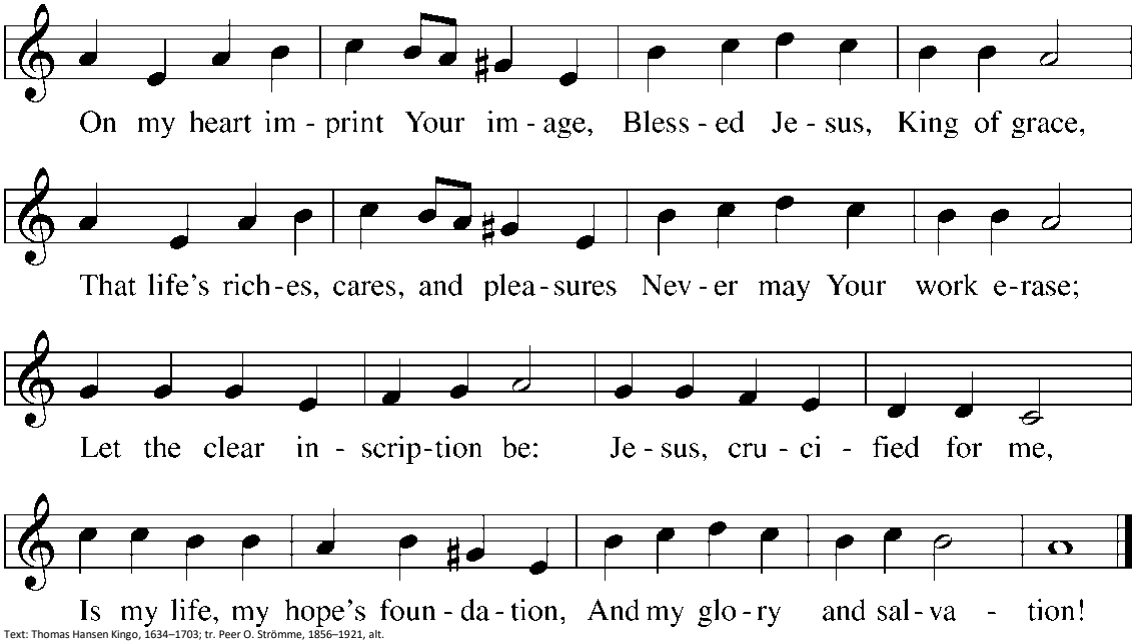
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
508 The Day is Surely Drawing Near
825 Rise, Shine, You People

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

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe