PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 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

Remembering and conveying truth is vital! Paul recounts his impressive Jewish credentials and yet confesses the truth—they are but rubbish. Through Isaiah, the Lord reminds us of the exodus—god's divine action of destruction and rescue. Jesus addresses the Pharisees with divine truths embedded in a parable. God owns the vineyard tended by corrupt religious leaders; the servants are the rejected prophets, and the beloved Son is Jesus. These are divine truths—by God's design, Jesus' destruction is imminent, but resurrection is forever.

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

Opening Hymn **912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

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

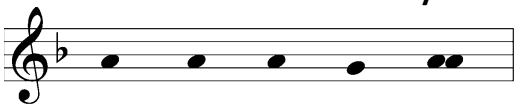
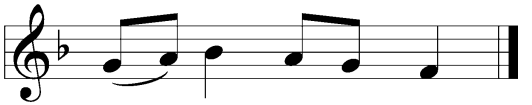
Service of the Word **(LSB p.152-160)**

Introit *Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8*

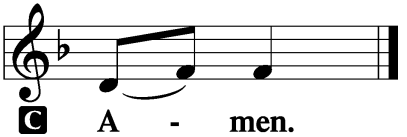
Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.
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.
Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!

Kyrie **(LSB p. 152)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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: Isaiah 43:16–21

Isaiah 43:16–21

16 Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 "Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise."

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 3:4b–14 *Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a
Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;
as to righteousness, under the law blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as
loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the
surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss
of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found
in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which
comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—
10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings,
becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the
resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make
it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider
that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

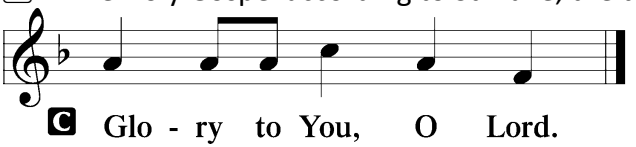
A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lenten Verse **(p. 157)**

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9–20 *Luke 20:9–20*

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



9 [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it
out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10 When the time came,
he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the
vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent
another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away
empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.
13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son;

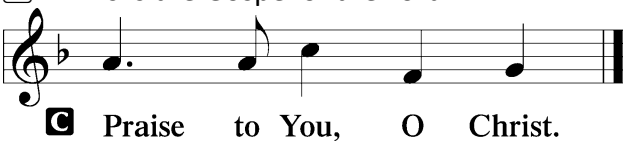
perhaps they will respect him.’ [14]But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ [15]And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? [16]He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” [17]But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

[18]Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

[19]The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. [20]So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day **430 My Song Is Love Unknown**

Sermon **“The Tenants of the Vineyard”** **Luke 20:9-20**

Prayer of the Church

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

P For courage, that God would deliver us from fear, give us boldness to confess His saving truth, and assure us of deliverance in time of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for the church, that we would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, 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 Brian and Patty Horstmann, Laura and Nancy Horstmann. 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 civil authorities, that God would strengthen them to discourage evil and encourage good; and that He would keep us ever mindful that it is He who shields us and lifts our heads, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For *[_____and]* all who suffer in our midst, that our heavenly Father would remind them continually of His benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

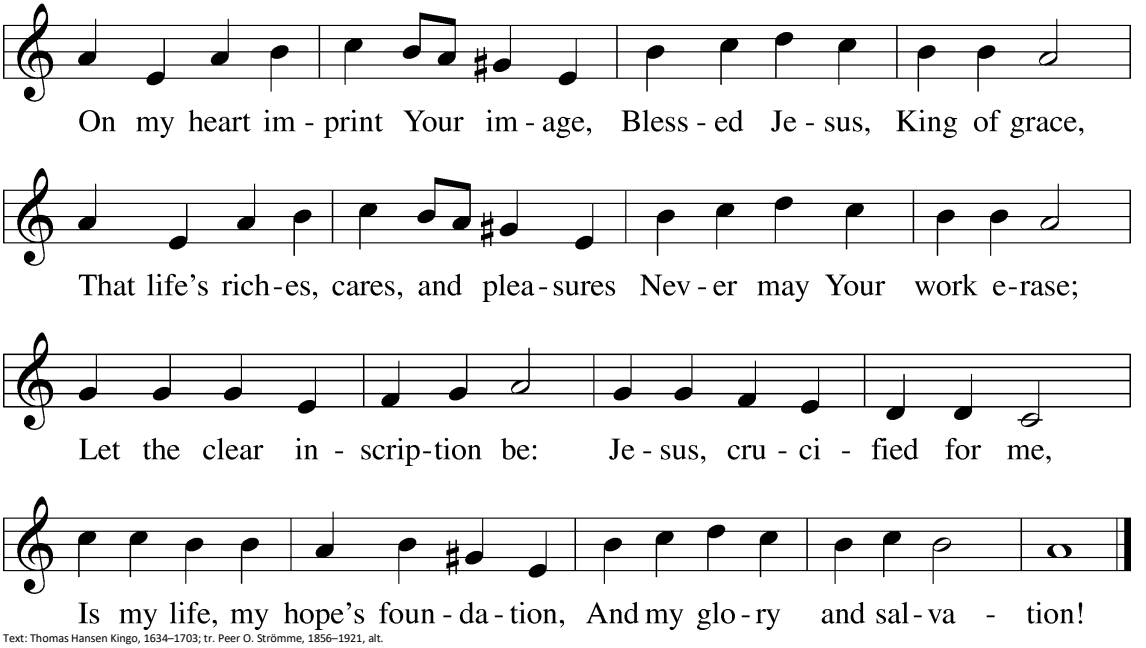
P For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the faithful, that we may count all things as loss except Christ and Him crucified and be drawn to Him through Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; 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

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

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

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Closing Hymn 644 The Church's One Foundation