PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Palm Sunday
April 13, 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

This week, the church will confess that the Lord intentionally wounds and kills, heals and makes alive. All this He does for sinners! Jesus parades into frenzied Jerusalem, knowing the impending doom. Wounds will be inflicted upon Jesus. Blood will seep, drip, spill from His scalp, hands, feet, and side. The hailed King of the Jews will die amidst the taunting jeers, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" The Lord wounds and kills His beloved Son for our healing and resurrection.

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

PROCESSION OF PALMS

P The grace of our Lord ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Reading: John 12:12–19

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter

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

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was
coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet
him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the
King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified,
then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been
done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the
tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the
crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees

said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **in the name of the Lord.**

Processional Hymn **442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Special Music **“Hosanna, Hallelujah”** **(POP Children)**

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

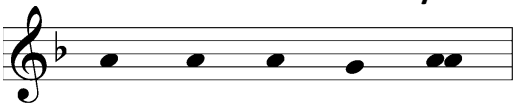
Service of the Word **(LSB p.152-160)**

Introit *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie **(LSB p. 152)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



C **And al - so with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **A - men.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36–39

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

36 The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
37 Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

39 "See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

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

Gradual *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.
Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11 *Philippians 2:5–11*

5Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he
was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but
made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
8And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross. 9Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Stand

Lenten Verse **(p. 157)**

Holy Gospel: Luke 22-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters.

Sit

1Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2And the
chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the
people.
3Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.
4He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him
to them. 5And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6So he consented and
sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

[7]Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. [8]So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” [9]They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” [10]He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters [11]and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ [12]And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” [13]And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

[14]And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. [15]And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. [16]For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” [17]And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. [18]For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” [19]And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” [20]And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. [21]But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. [22]For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” [23]And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

[24]A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. [25]And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. [26]But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. [27]For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

[28]“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, [29]and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, [30]that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

[31]“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, [32]but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” [33]Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” [34]Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

[35]And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” [36]He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. [37]For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he

was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment."
[38]And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."
[39]And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. [40]And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." [41]And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, [42]saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." [43]And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. [44]And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. [45]And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, [46]and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."
[47]While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, [48]but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" [49]And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" [50]And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. [51]But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. [52]Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? [53]When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."
[54]Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. [55]And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. [56]Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." [57]But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." [58]And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." [59]And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." [60]But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. [61]And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." [62]And he went out and wept bitterly.
[63]Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. [64]They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" [65]And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

66When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both
chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, 67"If you
are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, 68and if I ask
you, you will not answer. 69But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right
hand of the power of God." 70So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said
to them, "You say that I am." 71Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We
have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

1Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. 2And they
began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us
to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." 3And Pilate asked
him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 4Then
Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." 5But they were
urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even
to this place."

6When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7And when he
learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was
himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had
long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some
sign done by him. 9So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. 10The
chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11And Herod with his
soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid
clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. 12And Herod and Pilate became friends with each
other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

13Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14and said
to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after
examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges
against him. 15Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving
death has been done by him. 16I will therefore punish and release him."

18But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—
19a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for
murder. 20Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 21but they kept
shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he
done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release
him." 23But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And
their voices prevailed. 24So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. 25He
released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for
whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Stand

[26]And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from
the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. [27]And there followed him a
great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.
[28]But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep
for yourselves and for your children. [29]For behold, the days are coming when they will say,
'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never
nursed!' [30]Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover
us.' [31]For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is
dry?"

[32]Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. [33]And
when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the
criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [34]And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for
they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. [35]And the people
stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save
himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" [36]The soldiers also mocked him,
coming up and offering him sour wine [37]and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save
yourself!" [38]There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

[39]One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us!" [40]But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since
you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41]And we indeed justly, for we are
receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." [42]And he
said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [43]And he said to him,
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

[44]It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the
ninth hour, [45]while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
[46]Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my
spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. [47]Now when the centurion saw what had
taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" [48]And all the
crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place,
returned home beating their breasts. [49]And all his acquaintances and the women who had
followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

[50]Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a
member of the council, a good and righteous man, [51]who had not consented to their
decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. [52]This man went to Pilate
and asked for the body of Jesus. [53]Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud
and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. [54]It was the day
of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. [55]The women who had come with him

from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. [56]Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Apostles' Creed **(p. 159)**

Sit

Hymn of the Day **438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

Sermon **"Numbered with the Transgressors" Luke 22:35-38**

Prayer of the Church

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

P For hearts full of the mercy of Christ, that in these holy days we would lift our voices and bow our knees at His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Christ's Holy Church, that she may be defended against her enemies and kept faithful in the confession of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian fathers, that receiving Christ and trusting His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children, 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 James Jacobson. 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 those who govern, that God would preserve them in life and duty; and for us as citizens, that we may have the will and desire to honor authority as servants of Christ, living holy, upright and godly lives to the praise of God, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, distressed and needy, *[especially _____,]* that God would give them His abiding comfort in every circumstance, since in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who receive the Lord's Supper, that Christ who rode into Jerusalem to save us from sin would prepare our hearts to welcome Him worthily in His blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory **(p. 159)**

Service of the Sacrament **(p. 160-166)**

Distribution Hymns

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
547 The Lamb
441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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

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

Benediction **(LSB p. 166)**

Closing Hymn **444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet**