PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 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

Jesus summons followers, leaders, rebels, and all creatures to confess the name of the Lord. Paul's murderous persecution of Christians becomes passionate Gospel preaching. Living creatures of heaven and earth heap praise upon the Lamb of God. Disciples witness Jesus' miraculous intervention in Word and deed. So it is with the church. We are forgiven; we are fed; we witness Jesus' miracles; and we are called to believe the preaching of His most precious Gospel.

Order of Service: **Divine Service 4, p. 203 ff.**

Opening Hymn **485 Long Before the World Is Waking**

Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 203)**

Service of the Word **(LSB p.204-207)**

Introit *Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
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.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

Kyrie **(LSB p. 204)**

Hymn of Praise: Gloria In Excelsis **(LSB p. 204)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Acts 9:1–22

Acts 9:1–22

[1]But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest [2]and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. [3]Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [4]And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" [5]And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [6]But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [7]The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. [8]Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. [9]And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

[10]Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." [11]And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, [12]and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." [13]But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. [14]And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." [15]But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. [16]For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." [17]So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18]And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; [19]and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. [20]And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." [21]And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" [22]But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: Revelation 5:1–14 *Revelation 5:1–14*

[1]Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. [2]And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" [3]And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, [4]and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. [5]And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

[6]And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [7]And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. [8]And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [9]And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
[10]and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

[11]Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12]saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" [13]And I heard every

creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” 14And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel: John 21:1–19 *John 21:1–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

1After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

[3]Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

[4]Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5]Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6]He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. [7]That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. [8]The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

[9]When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. [10]Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11]So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. [12]Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. [13]Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. [14]This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

[15]When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16]He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17]He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. [18]Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." [19](This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed **(p. 206)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **With High Delight Let Us Unite**

Sermon **"Receiving What's Needed"** **John 21:1-19**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord would accomplish His holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know His redemption; and that we, as the people of God, would live lives of service as a kingdom of priests in accordance with God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God, that many men would be called to the service of the Church and to suffer for the Gospel, confounding her enemies with Christ's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of Jesus, that He who provided fish for His apostles and sent them out as fishers of men would bless the Word and gather in as many as would be saved, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all fathers and mothers, that God would strengthen their faith and increase their joy in the Gospel, and that they would declare the mighty acts of God to the generation to come, 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 Larry Komperud, Chris Leis, and Grace Lewis. 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 our rulers and all the nations of the earth, that God who orders all nations would inspire His Church to shepherd them unto eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

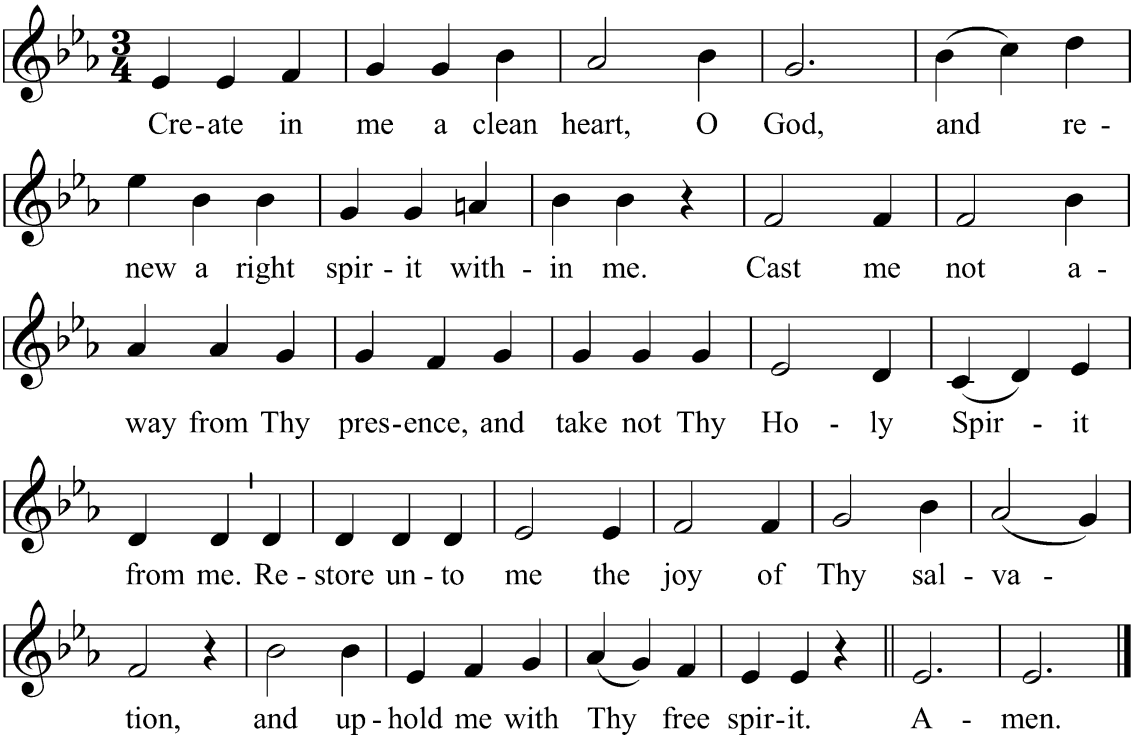
P For those who struggle among us, *[especially _____,]* that God would give them faith and grace and be glorified through their trials, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the faithful reception of Christ's very body and blood, that God would give us the Holy Spirit so that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; 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 **366 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Service of the Sacrament (p. 208-212)

Distribution Hymns

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Post-Communion Canticle **Nunc Dimittis** **(LSB p. 211)**

Post-Communion Collect **(LSB p. 212)**

Benedicamus and Benediction **(LSB p. 212)**

Closing Hymn **466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for May 4, 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:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Patty & Nancy Horstmann*; Money Counters*: Barb Hinds & Barb Alsobrooks.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Chris Leis & Elaine Schmidt; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Song leader:* Holly Ford*; Money Counters*: Ona Childs & Debbie Dunnum.

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: 50
Weekly Budget Need: $3868.38
April 27 offering: $1873.00
Special Gifts:

The Book of Proverbs: Join us Sunday after the Divine Service as we continue our Adult Bible Study on the Book of Proverbs! What is a proverb: It's a brief statement that expresses a general truth. Proverbs are designed for teaching. They cover a wide range of subjects: wisdom, righteousness, fear of God, knowledge, morality, chastity, diligence, self-control, trust in God, and more! Come and join us at 10:30!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: There is no study on Wednesday, May 7 and 14, but will resume on May 21 at 9:30 a.m. Join us as we study the Gospel of John!

Altar Flowers – There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring flowers for the altar.

Monday Night Worshippers: There will be no Monday night service on May 5 and May 12. Monday night services resume on May 19.

New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member at Prince of Peace? If you haven't reached out to Pastor Adelsen yet, POP will be starting a new member class in the near future!

Mark Your Calendar for Ascension Day: Forty days after Christ's resurrection is when He bodily ascended into heaven. On Thursday, May 29, POP will have a potluck at 6 p.m. followed by the Divine Service at 7 p.m. Vicar Josiah Junkin of Faith Lutheran in La Crosse will be preaching.

Pastor Out of the Office: Pastor Adelsen will be out of the office Monday, May 5-Friday, May 9.

SWD Spring Pastors' Conference in La Crosse: You are welcome to attend the opening worship service for the Spring Pastors' Conference on Monday, May 12 at Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse at 1 p.m.

Bake sale today! Don't miss the goodies! There is a bake sale today, plus check out the quilts and crafts in the fellowship hall! All the items are for sale, and the proceeds will go to support our LWML. Quilts are being sold for $25 minimum, and for the other crafts, buyers can determine the price.

We are planning an end of Sunday School Party for the whole church family on May 18th. Weather permitting join us during the Sunday school hour for a giant Bible Themed Board game. We are hoping to play as teams and fellowship and laugh while still engaging in Bible learning! After games join us in the new fire pit for hot dogs and s'mores. If the weather is a bit damp we will move inside still for games, fellowship, food, and fun! Food Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex! Questions talk to Brooklynn Scholze or Sarah Kolander.

The Evangelism Committee members once again plan to participate in the 2025 June Dairy Day Parade on Saturday, May 31st at noon downtown West Salem, WI. We are seeking candy donations for the parade and volunteers to walk the parade route. If you are interested in helping, please let Sharie Brunk know to receive additional information. Any questions may be directed to one of the committee members Elaine, Patty and Sharie. Thanks!

We have two priority projects this year: 1) Replace the most problematic furnace. Timing: August or September. Cost: about $4250 with fundraising. 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.

Shepherd of the Hills has invited the ladies to a women's event at their church on May 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. "The Ultimate Royal Spa invites you to a Faith Lift in the Spa of God's Love"—a presentation by Wanda Emerson. If you plan to go, talk with Carrie Horstman.