PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 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

Scripture reveals God's answers, vision, and intervention. What seems perplexing is professed by faith, not by reason, yet couched in mystery and not always palpable. We cannot intellectually understand how Baptism begets faith, yet we believe. We cannot comprehend the incomparable beauty of heaven, yet we see. We yearn to approach the heavenly Father, unencumbered by the weight of sin and confusion! Jesus provides clarity in His mercy, sufficient to instill within us true repentance, sincere faith, and compassionate service.

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

Opening Hymn **556 Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice (stanzas 1-5)**

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

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

Introit *Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.
Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.
He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.
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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he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Acts 16:9–15 *Acts 16:9–15*

9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there,
urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had
seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God
had called us to preach the gospel to them.
11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the
following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the
district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And
on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed
there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come
together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a
seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay
attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household
as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come
to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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 21:9–14, 21–27 *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last
plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the
Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed
me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory
of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a
great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates
the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— 13 on the east
three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three

gates. [14]And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

[21]And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

[22]And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. [23]And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24]By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, [25]and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. [26]They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. [27]But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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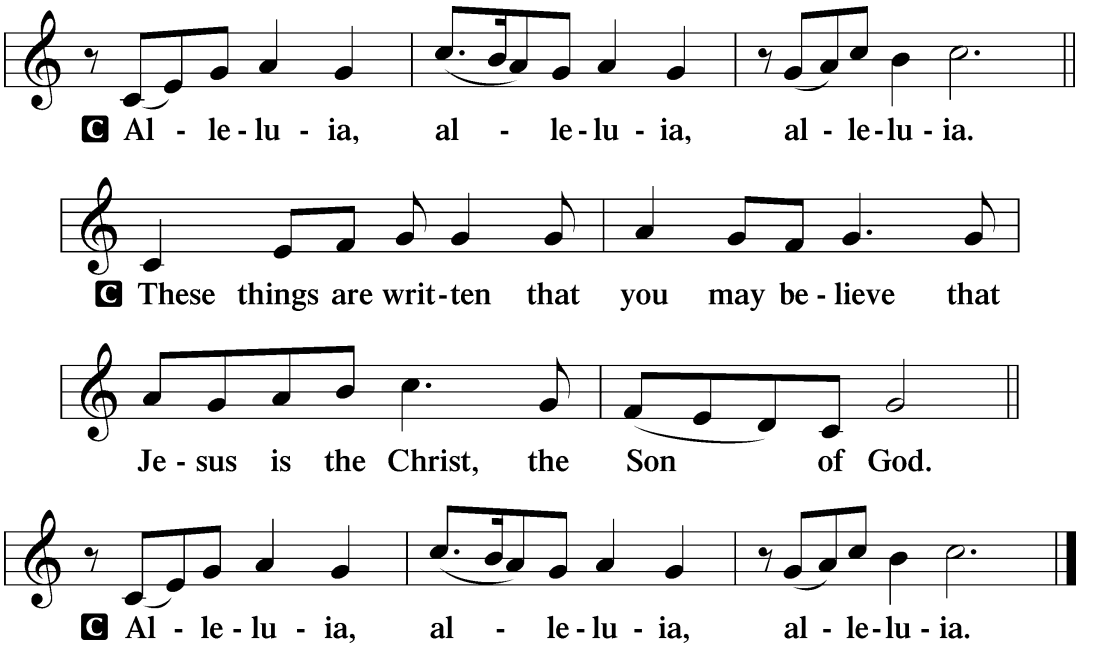
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: John 5:1–9 *John 5:1–9*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

ℂ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
[2]Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. [3]In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. [5]One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. [6]When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" [7]The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." [8]Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." [9]And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ℂ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed **(p. 207)**

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **556 Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice (stanzas 6-10)**

Sermon **"Do You Want to Be Healed?" John 5:1-9**

Farewell and Godspeed to the Leyh Family

℗ Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, …. The apostle Paul writes:

Romans 12:3–8

Colossians 3:15–17

Psalm

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

At farewell to a church work student

O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on Josh …; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✢ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

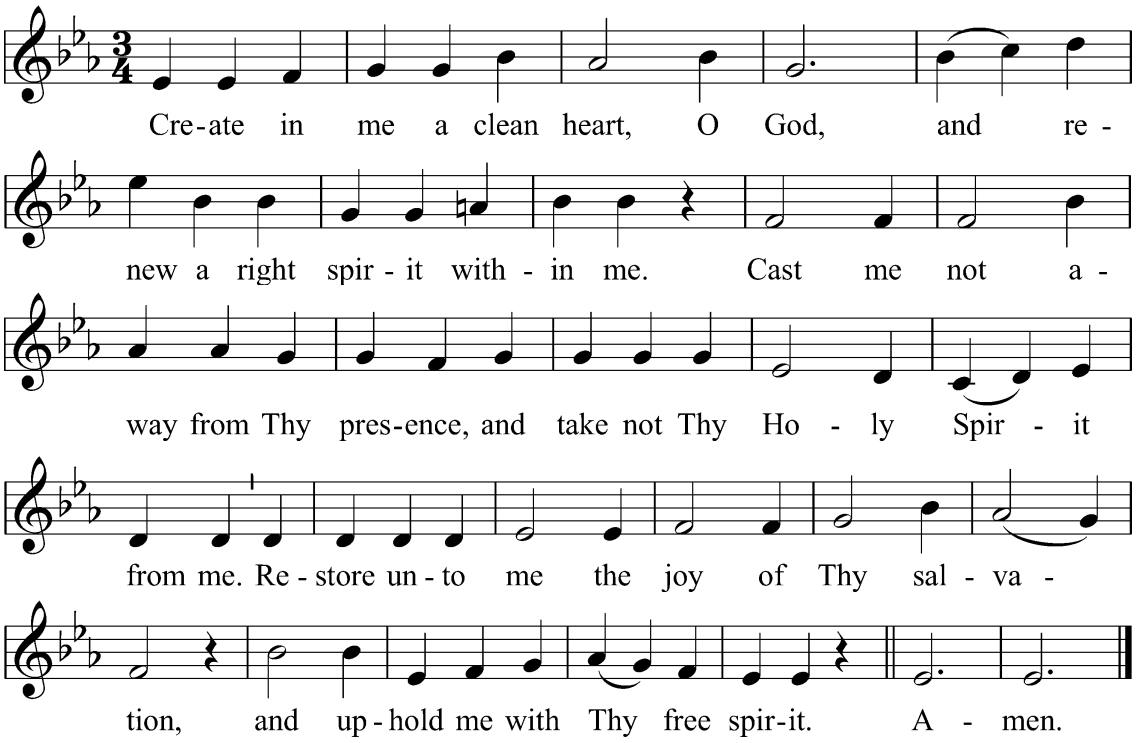
Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

- *For our families, neighbors, rulers …*
- *For Kendall Mauss*
- *For saving peace of Christ among nations and the Church …*
- *For faithful women of the Church …*
- *For good government …*
- *For all those who have suffered all for our Republic …*
- *For all those who suffer terrors and trials …*
- *For worthy reception of the Sacrament of the Altar …*
- *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. Amen.*

Offering

Offertory **366 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Service of the Sacrament **(p. 208-212)**

Distribution Hymns

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow
672 Jerusalem the Golden
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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

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

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

Closing Hymn **846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old**