PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Trinity Sunday
June 15, 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

The Lord alone possesses all eternal wisdom even before the acts of creation. The words of Proverbs confirm Jesus' active presence before the incarnation. The Peter exclaims that this very same Jesus – crucified and killed – could never be bound by death. Everything about Christ is forever: His Word, His truth, His salvation, His immutable relationship with God the Father. As believers, we hold steadfast to everything about Christ, knowing that He alone knows the Father, keeps His Word, and conquers death.

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

Opening Hymn **507 Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

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

Introit *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
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.
Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

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.
Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

[1]Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
[2]On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
[3]beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
[4]"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

[22]"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
[23]Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
[24]When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
[25]Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
[26]before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
[27]When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
[28]when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
[29]when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
[30]then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
[31]rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:8b, 10*

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God
with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as
you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and
foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God
raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be
held by it. 25 For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he
both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a
prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one
of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of
the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.
32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted
at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy
Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David
did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

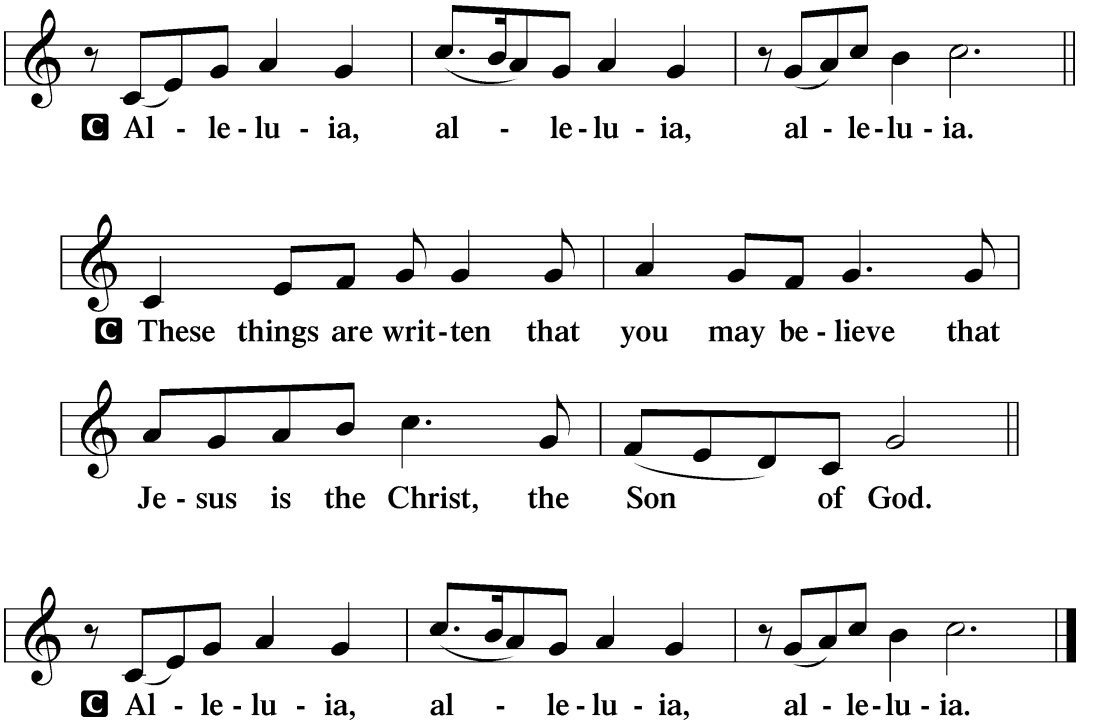
"'The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies your footstool.'

[36]Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel: John 8:48–59

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

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

[48]The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" [49]Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my

Father, and you dishonor me. [50]Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. [51]Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." [52]The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' [53]Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" [54]Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' [55]But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. [56]Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." [57]So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" [58]Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." [59]So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Athanasian Creed

L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

L And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C **and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.**

L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism: The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **LSB 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**

Sermon **"If Anyone Keeps My Word" John 8:48-59**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ, for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to faith, and for adoption as God's children through Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may know the Word of the Lord and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in the presence of the Lord forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, 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 Randy and DeAnne Otto. 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 That we may render due honor to our rulers, while faithfully serving Christ, by whom all kings reign, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the ailing, the dying, all those in any need *[especially _____]* and those we name in our hearts *[brief silence]*, that God would grant them healing and patience in the midst of their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful use of the Lord's gifts, that we may be drawn frequently to the Lord's table in true repentance to taste and see that the Lord is good, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reform and renewal by the Word and Spirit, that where we lack love we may be built up in Christ and where we are distracted we would be given a single focus on our Lord Jesus, so that at last we may be found faithful and be reunited with those who have gone before us to the Lord's nearer presence, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

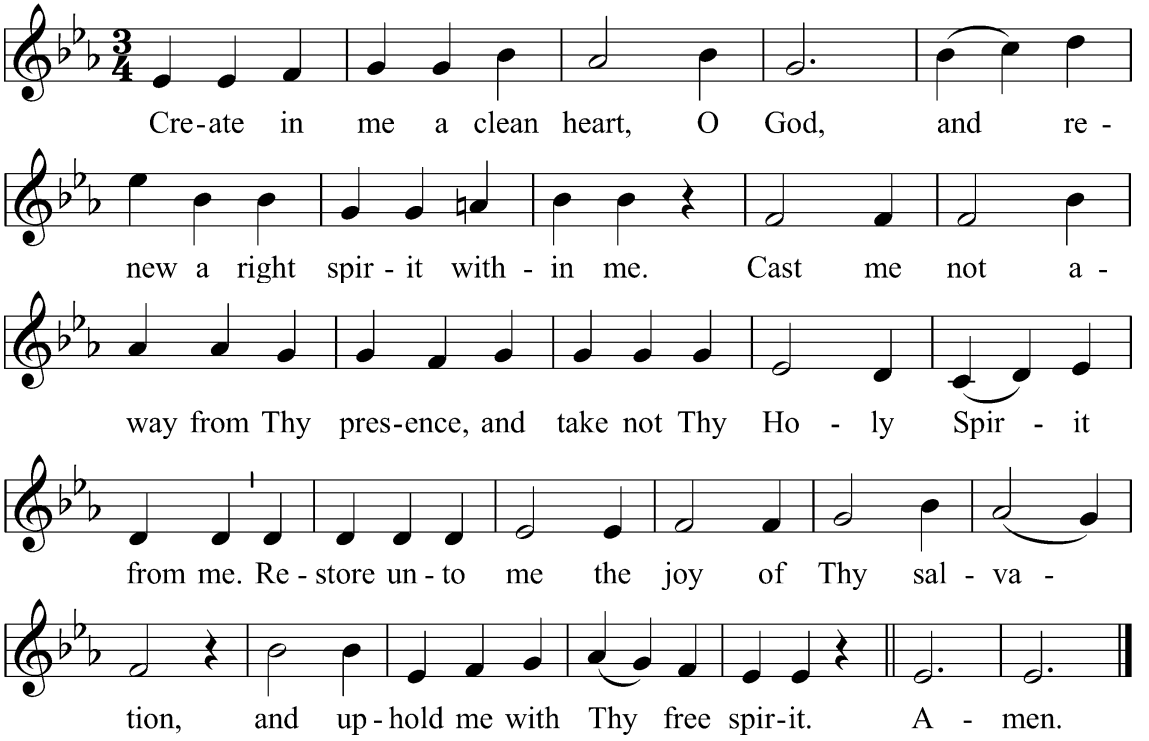
P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly

life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through 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 **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Service of the Sacrament (p. 208-212)

Distribution Hymns

506 Glory Be to God the Father
540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate
936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel

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

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

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

Closing Hymn **940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**