PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

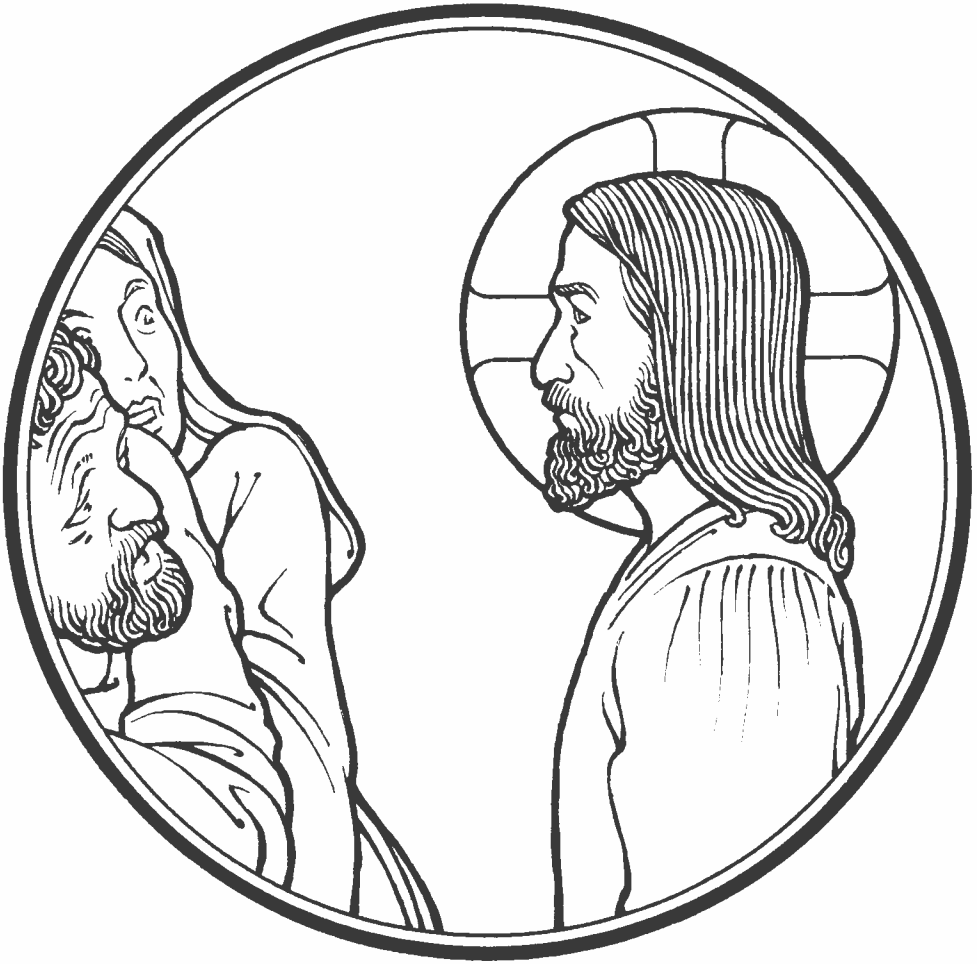
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 17th, 2025



Luke 12:53, "They will be divided…"

Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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Our Communion Practice

Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).

It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord's Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord's Table.

Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a yellow attendance card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. *Thank you!*

Theme for Today's Service
Deceptive prophecies are wicked. God will execute judgment on those whose counsels mitigate God's Word! The refrain for the covenant people of God is faith! They whole-heartedly believe exactly what the Lord says and count on His deliverance generation after generation. Jesus desires to reveal not only judgment but also grace through His cross. Faith alone comprehends the impact of Law and gospel. Faith clings to Christ and repels all wickedness and deceit.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

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

Introit *Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.
But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.
We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.
But I call to God,
and the Lord will save 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.
Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
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.
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; 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.**

Old Testament Reading — Jeremiah 23:16–29

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who
prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds,
not from the mouth of the Lord. 17 They say continually to those who despise the
word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows
his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" 18 For who among them
has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid
attention to his word and listened? 19 Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone
forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of
the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his
heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. 21 "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in
my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they
would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. 23 "Am
I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can a man hide himself
in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and
earth? declares the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy
lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long shall there be
lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of
their own heart, 27 who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams
that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28 Let the
prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my
word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. 29 Is not
my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in
pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9,19

Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

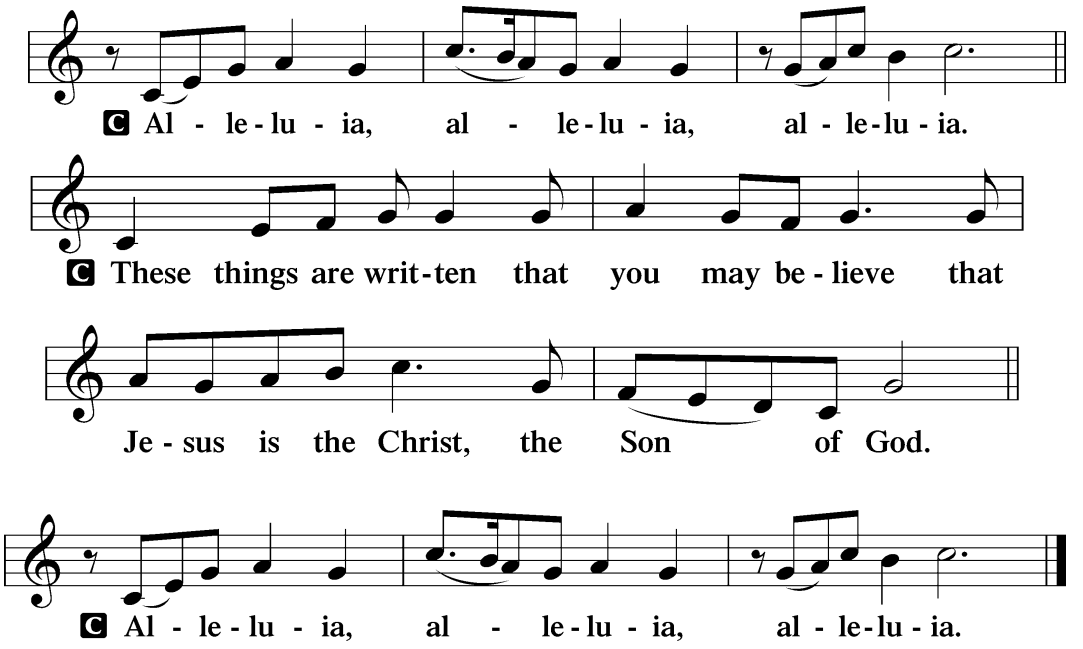
17By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received
the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18of whom it was said,
"Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19He considered that God was able
even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive
him back. 20By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. 21By faith
Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the
head of his staff. 22By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus
of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. 23By faith Moses, when he
was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the
child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24By faith Moses,
when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
25choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting
pleasures of sin. 26He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the
treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27By faith he left Egypt, not
being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.
28By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the
firstborn might not touch them. 29By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on
dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.
30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.
31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,
because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. 32And what more shall I say?
For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and
Samuel and the prophets— 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced
justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34quenched the power of
fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became
mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received back their dead by
resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise

again to a better life. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and
imprisonment. 37They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with
the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted,
mistreated— 38of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts
and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39And all these, though
commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had
provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made
perfect. 12 1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with
endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking to 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. 3Consider him who
endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow
weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth Chapter.

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

Holy Gospel **Luke 12:49-53**

49[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed **LSB p. 206**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism: The Close of the Commandments
(LSB p. 322)

P What does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20: 5–6) What does this mean?

C **God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

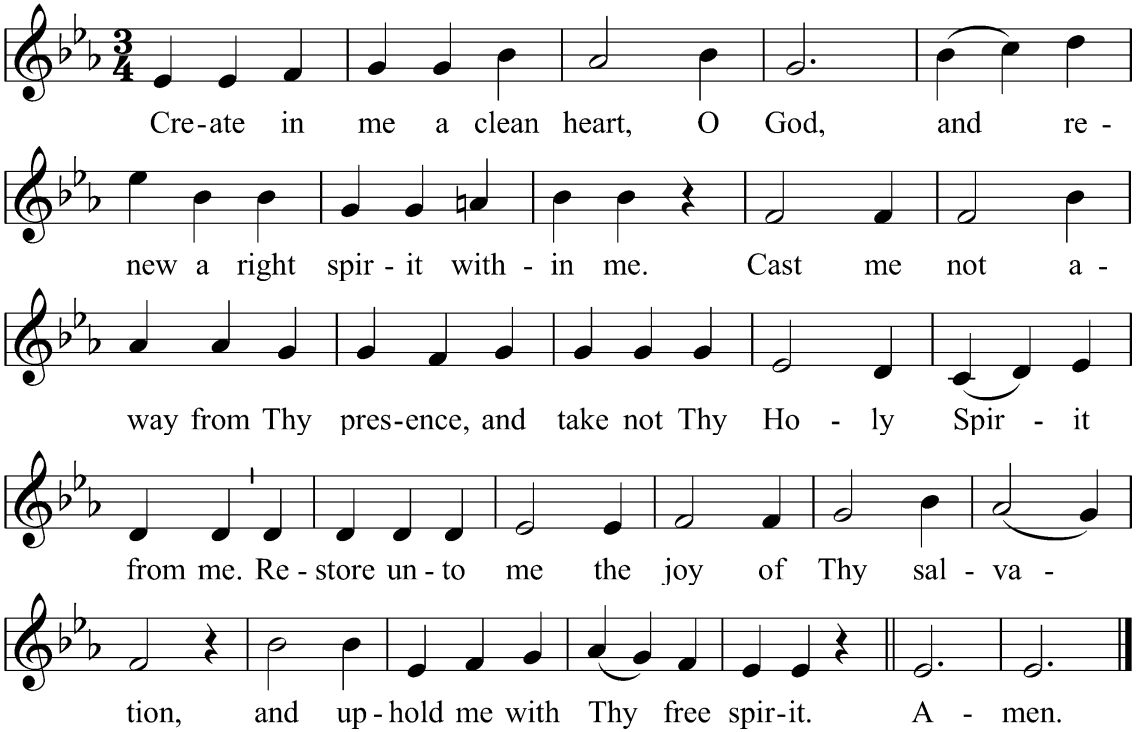
Hymn of the Day **LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

Sermon **"They Will Be Divided" (Luke 12:49-53)**
Guest Pastor, Rev. Bert Thompson

Prayer of the Church
Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond "Hear our prayer."

Offering

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



Service of the Sacrament **LSB p. 208-212**

Distribution Hymns

LSB 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea
LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
LSB 513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

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

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

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered**

Announcements

Go in peace and Serve the Lord, thanks be to God!

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 17, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Nancy Horstmann, Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Deb Dunnum, Elaine Schmidt; *Altar Guild for August:* Elaine Schmidt, Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Money Counters*: Chris Leis, Barb Alsobrooks

Our Response to God's Gifts
Attendance last Sunday: 49
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Aug. 10 Offering: $2,836.03

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

August 17 – August 24

Today	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	Note: .....No Adult Bible Study
(Aug. 15-22	*..... Pastor Out of Office)*
Mon. Aug. 18	*Note: ..... No Divine Worship Service*
Wed. Aug. 19	*Note: .....No Adult Bible Study*
Sat. Aug. 23	9:00 am .....Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug 24	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after..... Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: There is no adult Bible Study today. Join us next Sunday morning as we continue our study on Proverbs!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: There is **no Wednesday, Aug. 20th** study. Join us Aug. 27th as we continue our study on the Gospel of John. Martin Luther regarded the Gospel of John as a cornerstone of Christian faith, placing it among the most important books of the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus. The next meeting is planned for **Tuesday, Aug. 26th** at 5:00pm at Features in West Salem but watch the bulletin for potential changes or updates about this.

Women's Bible Study – The focus of the study is writings by Sharla Fritz, and it's called "Measured By Grace." In the Bible, you'll find people with no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and brokenness. They can be marked with failure. Explore instead how they are transformed. ***Note, this group meets online on Saturdays.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to join in online.

Save the Date!
Outdoor Worship and Potluck Fellowship
Sunday, August 31st (weather permitting)
Sign-up sheet for a side-dish to pass
is on the table in the narthex.
A few chairs are provided,
but please bring your own seating.
Grilled meats already donated! Num!

Prayer Chain – POP Prays! Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, send an email to wstichman@charter.net to reach out to Bill Stichman. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances!

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn't always make people glad (Luke 12:51-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God's insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always brings precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Woof Woof! Our neighbors at Marcie's Pet Spa have offered some discounts for their services to members of Prince of Peace. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board and the kiosk in the narthex.

It's time for a Scrip Refresher
Gift cards that give back to us!

RaiseRight GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Use these pre-purchased cards anytime without restrictions, no activation fee or expiration dates for special events and everyday purchases. Your shopping and dining spending can help Prince of Peace fundraise. We earn a percentage of the face-value of the gift card.

Hundreds of brands, so there's something for everyone!
See the complete list posted on the kiosk in the narthex.
Sales are every Sunday during Fellowship.
We can also order a certain vendor (card only) for you.
See Barb Hinds or Chris Leis for follow-up questions.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to Office@wspop.org email. Monthly newsletter information can be submitted the same way. We'll do our best to get it printed in a timely manner.

POP Communications: Open your phone camera and scan the code above and follow the link to share your updated contact information with POP!
You need not be a member to stay interested in the announcements here at Prince of Peace. Let us know your information! Or use the Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q8mm3cj36dzuvyszFQQvK1KEaGh0yTxDrSzuKhtq4Mg/viewform?edit_requested=true

ONE THING'S NEEDFUL

In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.

INVOCATION In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTROIT Page 3

MEDITATION Read Psalm 119:81-88 The psalmist shows deep longing for God's salvation and unwavering trust in God's word amidst persecution and trials. The psalmist's faith is tested, yet he remains steadfast in his commitment to God's precepts, even when facing opposition and near-destruction. Lament, feelings of being trapped, and a desperate cry for help, all while maintaining hope in God's promises and Word.

DAILY READINGS

17 Aug	2 Sam 7:1–17	1 Cor 9:24—10:22	
18 Aug	2 Sam 7:18–29	1 Cor 10:23—11:16	
19 Aug	2 Sam 11:1–27	1 Cor 11:17–34	
20 Aug	2 Sam 12:1–25	1 Cor 12:1–13	2 Sam 13:1—19:43
21 Aug	1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35	1 Cor 12:14–31	
22 Aug	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Cor 13:1–13	1 Cor 14:1—16:23
23 Aug	1 Kings 3:1–15	2 Cor 1:1–22	1 Kings 3:16—4:34

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His gifts of grace and mercy
- Josh Leyh and family at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN
- Pray for our members: Jeff Schmidt, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman, Bryana & Corey Fravel (daughter and son-in-law of Linda Williams)
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART Jeremiah 23:28b,29a "*There is a difference between chaff and wheat! Does not my word burn like fire? asks the Lord."*

COLLECT Page 4

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace*. (Numbers 6:24-26)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 66:18-23; Hebrews 12:4-24; Luke 13:22-30