PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 24th, 2025

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
The Lord makes all things new in heaven and on earth. We struggle against sin; Jesus sheds blood to acquit. Sons and daughters rebel; the Lord disciplines and loves. Punishment is temporal; peaceful righteousness is forever. We are heirs of this new paradox worth of disdain; but in Christ we inherit His divine favor. Believers do not weep and gnash their teeth. But in heaven, faith-filled tongues and hearts will be engaged in unbridled confession and worship of Jesus.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

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

Introit *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!
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.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

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 Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 66:18-23

18"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all
nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19and I will set a
sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish,
Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that
have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among
the nations. 20And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an
offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on
dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites
bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. 21And some of
them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. 22"For as the new
heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so
shall your offspring and your name remain. 23From new moon to new moon, and
from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the
Lord."

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.

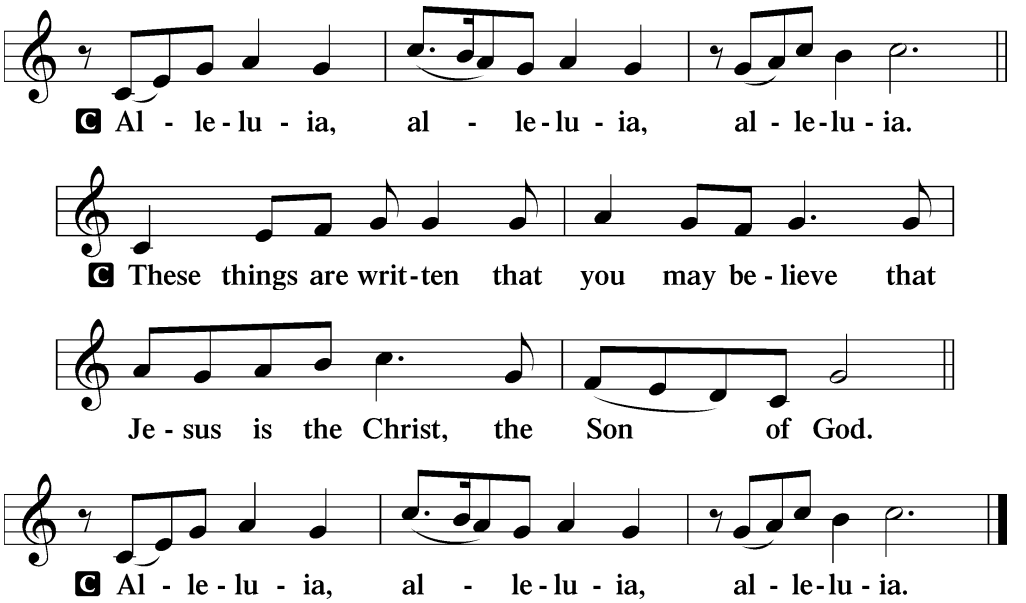
Epistle **Hebrews 12:4-29**

4In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your
blood. 5And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?
"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when
reproved by him. 6For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son
whom he receives." 7It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you
as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8If you are left
without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children
and not sons. 9Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we
respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?
10For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he
disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11For the moment all
discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of
righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12Therefore lift your drooping
hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13and make straight paths for your feet, so
that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14Strive for peace
with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15See to
it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up
and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16that no one is sexually immoral
or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17For you know that
afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no
chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. 18For you have not come to what
may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19and the
sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further
messages be spoken to them. 20For they could not endure the order that was given,
"If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21Indeed, so terrifying was
the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels
in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in
heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that
speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25See that you do not refuse him who is
speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on
earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. 26At that
time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake
not only the earth but also the heavens." 27This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates
the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in
order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28Therefore let us be

grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, [29]for our God is a consuming fire.

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

Holy Gospel — Luke 13:22-30

[22][Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. [23]And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, [24]"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. [25]When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' [26]Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' [27]But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come

from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' [28]In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. [29]And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. [30]And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed **LSB p. 207**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The First Article of the Creed, Part 1

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?
C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. This is most certainly true.**

Children's Message

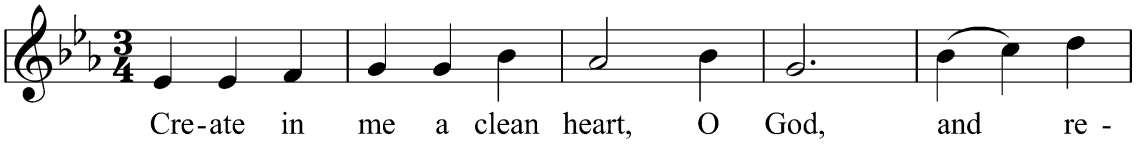
Hymn of the Day **LSB 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West**

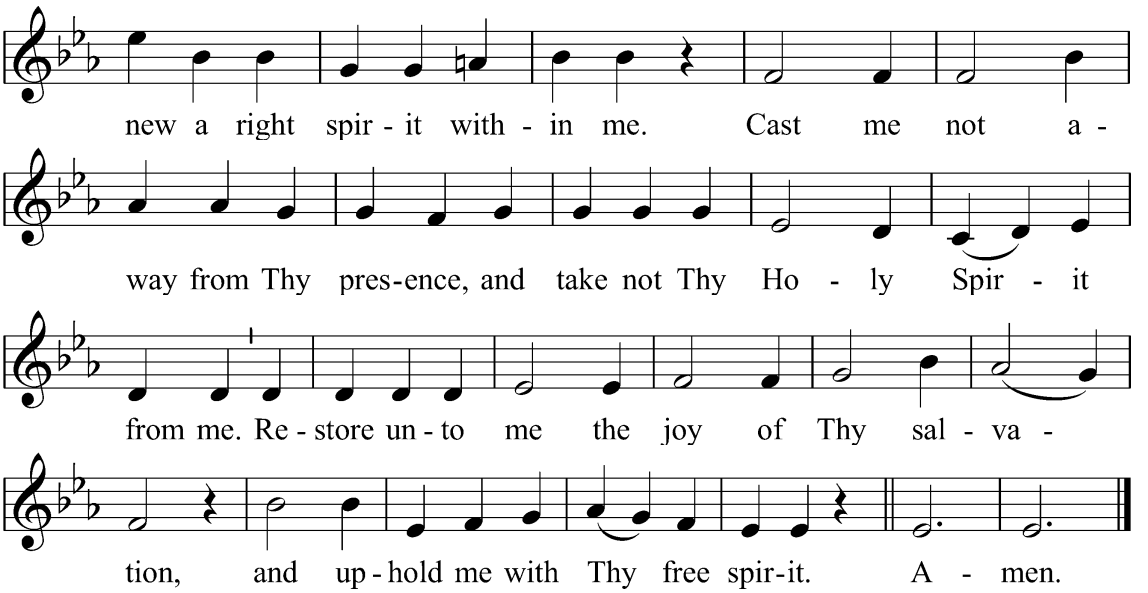
Sermon **"The Question of Salvation" (Luke 13:22-30)**

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 626 Come, Let Us Eat
LSB 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
LSB 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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

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

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 24, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Chris Leis, Barb Alsobrooks; *Altar Guild for August:* Elaine Schmidt, Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday (Outdoor Worship): *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Dan & Karen Moen; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum*; Altar Guild for September:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Our Response to God's Gifts
Attendance last Sunday:
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Aug. 17 Offering: $3,323.50

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

August 24 – August 31

Today	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Mon. Aug. 25	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Aug. 26	5:00 pm ..... Men's Bible Study at Feature's
Weds. Aug. 27	9:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 30	9:00 am .....Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug 31	**9:00 am .....Outdoor Worship Divine Service with Holy Communion (weather permitting)**
	after ..... Potluck Picnic & Fellowship

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Join us for adult Bible Study today as we continue in continue our study on Proverbs*! "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."* Proverbs 30:5

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join us Aug. 27th at 9:30am 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.

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.

Next Week!

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.

Grilled meats already donated! Num!

A few chairs are provided, but please bring your own seating.

Free Lectures: "Deliver Us: God's Rescue Story in Exodus": Friday, Sept. 12th, at UWL Student Union Room 3120, from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor at Concordia University/St. Paul will engage the audience and show how God's act of deliverance makes a difference in your life now. Or, plan on attending the expanded lecture **Saturday, Sept. 13th** at Faith on Main Church in La Crosse from 9am-Noon. Dr. Lessing is also an author of many books about the Old Testament.

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, please email Bill Stichman at wstichman@charter.net. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances- for this is the will of God!

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to "your navel." Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture's prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for "my body, my choice."

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.

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MEDITATION Read Psalm 50:1-15 True worship involves a sincere and transformed heart, not just external rituals. God desires genuine devotion and obedience, rather than mere sacrifices or outward displays of religious activity. God owns all of creation and doesn't need human offerings, but rather seeks a relationship built on love, trust, and a life lived in accordance with His will.

DAILY READINGS

24 Aug	1 Kings 5:1-18	2 Cor 1:23-2:17	1 Kings 6:1-7:50
25 Aug	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Cor 3:1-18	
26 Aug	1 Kings 8:22-30,46-63	2 Cor 4:1-18	
27 Aug	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Cor 5:1-21	
28 Aug	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Cor 6:1-18	
29 Aug	1 Kings 11:42-12:19	2 Cor 7:1-16	
30 Aug	1 Kings 12:20-13:5,33-34	2 Cor 8:1-24	1 Kings 14:1-16:28

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

LEARN BY HEART Luke 13:29 *"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God."*

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