PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 7th, 2025

" …sit down and count the cost…"
Luke 14:28

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
Love the Lord first, last, temporally—eternally! This commandment intimately connects us to incalculable blessings of knowing and being known by Jesus. Where there is love for the Lord, life pulsates in joy, obedience, and commitment to His Word. Christians gravitate to other believers whose love is grounded in Christ. In the face of adversity, love builds up. In the face of hatred, love boasts of triumph, refreshing the heart, revitalizing faith, comforting with peace.

Order of Service **Divine Service 3, p. 184 ff.**

Opening Hymn **LSB 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184

Service of the Word LSB p. 186-193

Introit *Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!
Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.
I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;
let me not be put to shame!
I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!
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.
Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

Kyrie **LSB p. 186**

Gloria In Excelsis **LSB p. 187-189**

Salutation and Collect of the Day **LSB p. 189**

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

15"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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 **Philemon 1-21**

1Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

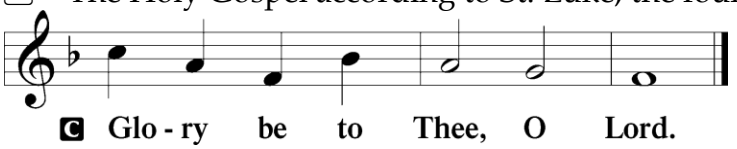
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2and Apphia our sister and Archippus
our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:
3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I thank
my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5because I hear of your
love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, 6and
I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge
of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7For I have derived much
joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have
been refreshed through you. 8Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do what is required, 9yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to
you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— 10I appeal to
you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.
11(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)
12I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 13I would have been glad
to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my
imprisonment for the gospel, 14but I preferred to do nothing without your
consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your
own free will. 15For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that
you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as
a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord. 17So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you
would receive me. 18If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge
that to my account. 19I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say
nothing of your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, I want some
benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your
obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse **LSB p. 190**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



Holy Gospel **Luke 14:25-35**

25Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, 26"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Apostles' Creed **LSB p. 192**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The First Article of the Creed, Part 3

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?

C **He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be**

Sermon **"The Call of Discipleship", Luke 14:25-35**

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

Offering

Offertory **p. 192-193**

Service of the Sacrament **LSB p. 194-202**

Distribution Hymns
LSB 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
LSB 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
LSB 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis **LSB p. 199**

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect **LSB p. 200**

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 201-202**

Closing Hymn **LSB 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for September 7, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Barb Hinds, Ona Childs; *Altar Guild for September:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters*: Chris Leis, Elaine Schmidt

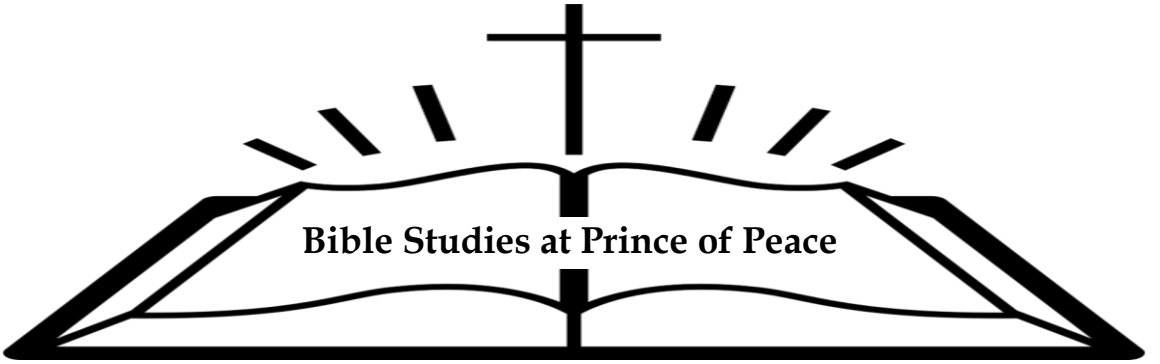
Friendly Reminder: All are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Your contributions of treats are kindly appreciated to help make this a fruitful gathering. There is a signup sheet on the counter to help plan but please feel free to share when you are inspired to do so.

Our Response to God's Gifts
Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 54
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Aug. 31 Offering: $2,034.00

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

September 7 – September 14

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after .....Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Mon. Sep. 8	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Sep. 9	.....Pastor at Winkel, St. John's Quincy, WI
Weds. Sep. 10	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	5:30 pm ..... Catechism Instructional Meeting
	7:30 pm .....POP Choir Practice
Sat. Sep. 13	9:00 am .....Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Sep. 14	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**



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: All welcome 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 meetings are planned for Tuesday, Sept. 16th and Tuesday, Sept. 30th 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.

Catechism Instruction Meeting: For all parents who believe their youth are desiring maturity in the faith and to receive the Lord's Supper, please come to the catechism instruction meeting on **Wednesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

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.

LCMS Foundation Life Planning: Good Shepherd Lutheran in Tomah is hosting a LCMS Foundation Life Planning Seminar on **Saturday, September 20** at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to learn how to give lasting gifts to the church!

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 - Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

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 QR code 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!

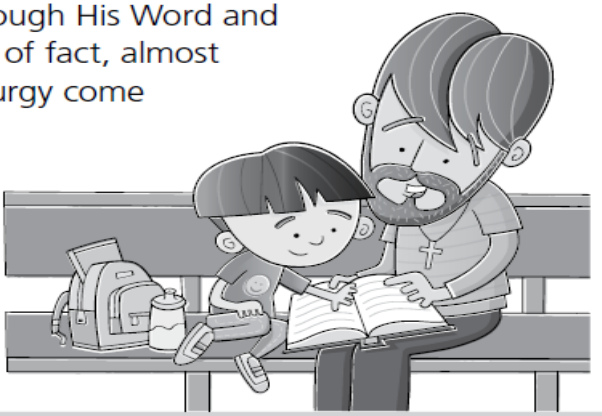
KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "liturgy"?

Maybe you have heard this word before. The word "liturgy" (pronounced LI-tur-jee) comes from the Greek word "leitourgia," which means "public service" or "divine service." The liturgy is God's service to us through Word and Sacrament.

Why do we use it?

Just as the word "liturgy" means "divine service," God is the one serving us in our Lutheran worship. We are simply responding to Him with thanksgiving and praise. Isn't it wonderful to be involved in worship that has God doing all of the work through His Word and Sacraments? As a matter of fact, almost all of the words in the liturgy come straight out of the Bible! What a great way to worship on Sunday morning!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage use of the liturgy with your family at home. Matins (*LSB*, 219) and Vespers (*LSB*, 229) make for great family devotions.

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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 Psalm 1: Look for emphasis on Christ as the "blessed Man" who perfectly fulfills the psalm's description of the righteous individual. Ponder too on the need for faith to understand true righteousness and the necessity of God's law for spiritual flourishing, likening it to water that brings life to a tree. Meditating on the "law of the Lord" day and night is central. Not for mere legalism but a process where God's word becomes ingrained in one's being, bringing refreshment.

DAILY READINGS

7 Sept	2 Kings 4:38—5:8	Eph 6:1–24	
8 Sept	2 Kings 5:9–27	Phil 1:1–20	
9 Sept	2 Kings 6:1–23	Phil 1:21—2:11	2 Kings 6:24—8:29
10 Sept	2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29	Phil 2:12–30	2 Kings 13:1—18:8
11 Sept	2 Chr 29:1–24	Phil 3:1–21	
12 Sept	2 Chr 31:1–21	Phil 4:1–23	Hosea 1:1—14:9
13 Sept	2 Chr 32:1–22	Col 1:1–23	Jonah 1:1—4:11

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: Tom Schran, Travis Glick, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman, Bryana & Corey Fravel (daughter and son-in-law of Linda Williams) and for the passing of their infant daughter Amanda Jean
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship.

LEARN BY HEART Galatians 6:14 *"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."*

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: Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 12:20-33