PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Holy Cross Day — September 14th, 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 cross remains an ensign for God's people. To unbelievers, deceived by their own intellects and arrogance, the cross is senseless—certainly no place for the Redeemer of the world. But those who are called, Jews and Greeks, gaze upon the cross of Christ, believe, and live. It is critical for the church to hoist, preach, and treasure the cross—for on it we see Jesus, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 578 Thy Strong Word**

Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184

Service of the Word LSB p. 186-193

Introit *Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 27*

The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, 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.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Kyrie **LSB p. 186**

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

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

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear 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 **Numbers 21:4-9**

4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land
of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5And the people spoke
against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to
die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this
worthless food." 6Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they
bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7And the people came to
Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and
against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses
prayed for the people. 8And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and
set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9So
Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he
would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15*

"Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
and raise my signal to the peoples," [says the Lord.]
So must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

18The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are
being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom
of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 20Where is the
one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not
God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly
of what we preach to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and
Greeks seek wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ
the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For the foolishness of God is wiser
than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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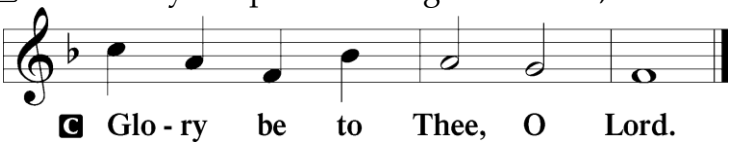
Alleluia and Verse **LSB p. 190**

Holy Gospel

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



Holy Gospel Reading **John 12:20-33**

20Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21So
these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we

wish to see Jesus." 22Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and
told Jesus. 23And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man
to be glorified. 24Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the
earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Whoever
loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for
eternal life. 26If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will
my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27"Now is
my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for
this purpose I have come to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name." Then a voice
came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29The crowd
that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel
has spoken to him." 30Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not
mine. 31Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be
cast out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to
myself." 33He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed **LSB p. 191**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The Second Article of the Nicene Creed

P And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me**

from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **LSB 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

Sermon **"Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"** (John 12:20-33)

Offering *Special Music, POP Small Group: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

Offertory **LSB p. 192-193**

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

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

Distribution Hymns
LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
LSB 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
LSB 430 My Song is Love Unknown

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 837 Lift High the Cross**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for September 14, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Chris Leis, Elaine Schmidt; *Altar Guild for September:* DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Money Counters*: Barb Alsobrooks, Lori Peters

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: 45
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Sept. 7 Offering: $2,469.00

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

September 14 – September 21

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after .....Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
	11:30 am..... Council Meeting
Mon. Sep. 15	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Sep. 16	5:00 pm ..... Men's Bible Study at Feature's
Weds. Sep. 17	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	7:30 pm .....POP Choir Practice
Sat. Sep. 20	9:00 am .....Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Sep. 21	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

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

40 Days for Life, Sept. 24th through Nov. 2nd You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at the Opening Rally in LaCrosse. Ramona once managed a Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas, but helped by the prayers of people outside the clinic, she experienced conversion and now works as outreach director for 40 Days for Life.

LOCAL OPENING RALLY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, AT NOON
NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1300 CALEDONIA STREET LA CROSSE

After the opening, there will be a free soup lunch and the opportunity to pray outside the nearby Planned Parenthood with Ramona Trevino.

Prince of Peace LWML: Is hosting a **Prayer Service**, on **Saturday, October 4th**. The theme is "Blessed Are They", emphasizing the Beautitudes in Matthew Chapters 5-7. There will be singing, Bible reading and prayer led by Pastor Adelsen. The event begins at **9:30am** with refreshments and fellowship time. The prayer service begins at **10am**. The entire congregation is invited to attend this enriching service.

Everyone is invited to stay after church on **Sunday, October 5th**. We're celebrating **LWML Sunday**, and will be having a **pie social** for you to enjoy!

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!

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Jesus made His cross a decidedly public proclamation, lifted up and appealing to everyone (John 12:32). Christianity knows nothing of private convictions and personal choices. We get to speak openly, courageously, and compassionately that no other deliverance exists (Psalm 40:10), not even abortion or assisted suicide. Every human life belongs to Him alone who has drawn all unto Himself.

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: All welcome at 9:30am as we continue our study on the Gospel of John. Join anytime! 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.

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.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What are the peculiar windows in the church?

If you look around while sitting in the Divine Service, you'll most likely see windows that are different than the windows in your house. These windows are made with pieces of colored glass. These colored pieces may even have designs painted on them. Stained glass windows are a very important part of the church building.

Why do we have stained glass windows in the church?

Stained-glass windows add to the beauty of God's house, but that's not all that they do. These windows are designed to teach us. If you look closely at the windows, you'll find that most of them contain wonderful imagery. This imagery usually depicts **stories from the Bible**, different **Christian symbols** or different **articles of the Christian faith**; and it's all wrapped up in beautiful pictures made from colored and painted glass! What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord and to proclaim the Gospel!

Parents: After worship, be sure to walk around and look at the windows with your child. If there are windows with different themes, take a few moments each week to discuss the individual teaching points of each window. Encourage your child to ask the pastor for help.

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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.

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MEDITATION Psalm 40:1-11 Look for how the psalm describes the experience of God's grace and the psalmist's fervent desire for obedience over mere ritual. Luther highlights that the "new song" of praise and the joy of deliverance should lead to a willing heart for God's will and a testimony of God's steadfast love to others. Luther also noted that this psalm's experience of being lifted from a pit to a solid rock reflects Christ's sacrifice.

DAILY READINGS

14 Sept	2 Chr 33:1–25	Col 1:24—2:7	
15 Sept	2 Chr 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33	Col 2:8–23	Nahum 1:1—3:19
16 Sept	2 Chr 35:1–7, 16–25	Col 3:1–25	Zeph 1:1—3:20
17 Sept	2 Chr 36:1–23	Col 4:1–18	Philemon 1–25
18 Sept	Neh 1:1—2:10	1 Tim 1:1–20	Haggai 1:1—2:23
19 Sept	Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6	1 Tim 2:1–15	
20 Sept	Neh 4:7–23	1 Tim 3:1–16	

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: Jeff & Renee Schwinefus, Jodi Soto, Barb Alsobrooks, 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 Luke 15:10 *"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

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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: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Tim. 2:1-15, Luke 15:1-15