PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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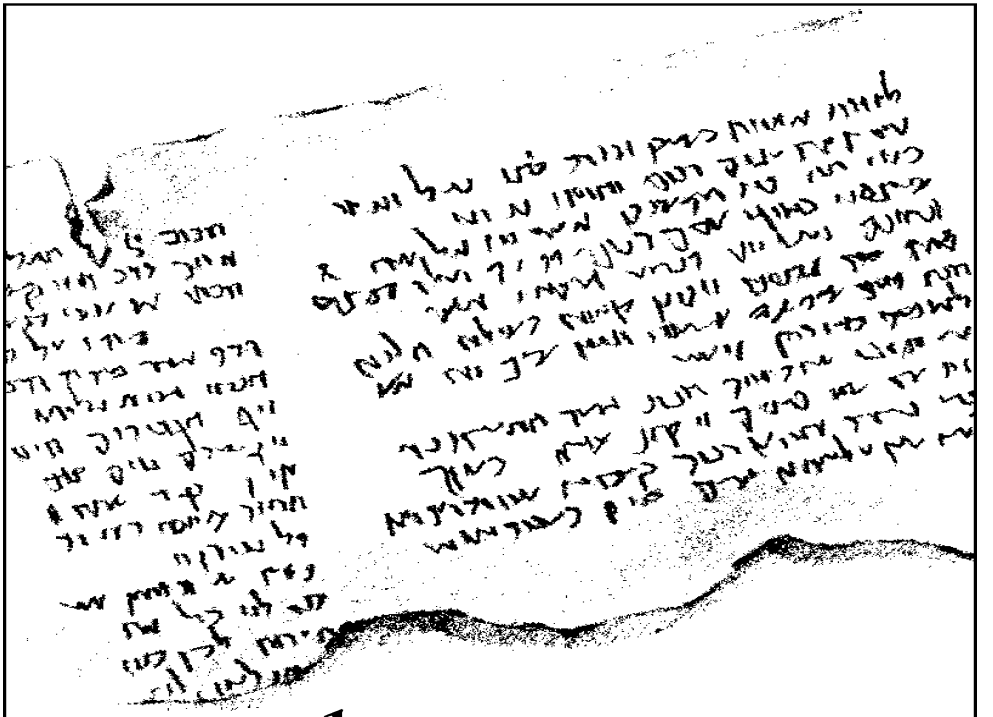

They have Moses and the prophets….

Luke 16:29

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 Connection 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: Christ mediates the chasm between faith and faithlessness, mercy and judgment, life and death! Overseers and deacons are caretakes of this delicate balance between Law and gospel. Their biblical qualifications for office require faithful service that is blameless, dignified, and godly. Preachers and teachers of God's Word are to be above reproach, clinging to faith in Christ. In faith, we all fight the good fight and make the good confession as did moses, the prophets and the saints before us.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 504 Father Most Holy**

Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184

Service of the Word LSB p. 186-193

Introit *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.
Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
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.
Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant..

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 God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through 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 **Amos 6:1-7**

1"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the
mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the
house of Israel comes! 2Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to
Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than
these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, 3O you who put
far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? 4"Woe to those
who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat
lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, 5who sing idle songs
to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of
music, 6who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but
are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! 7Therefore they shall now be the first of
those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall
pass away."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

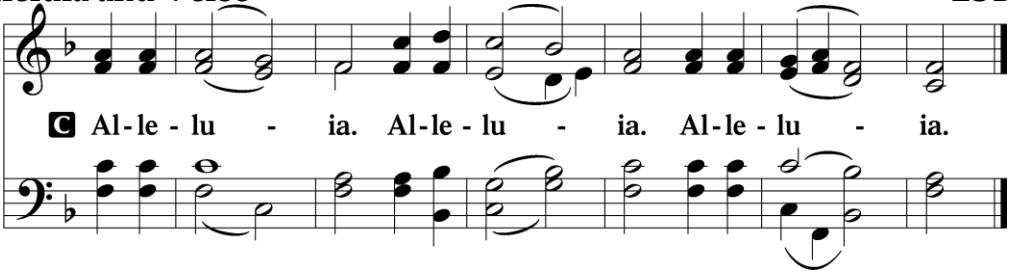
Epistle **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

6Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, 7for we brought nothing
into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8But if we have
food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9But those who desire to be rich
fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that
plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all
kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the
faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 11But as for you, O man of God,
flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness,
gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to
which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the
presence of many witnesses. 13I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life
to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made
the good confession, 14to keep the commandment unstained and free from
reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which he will display at
the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings
and Lord of lords, 16who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable
light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal
dominion. Amen.

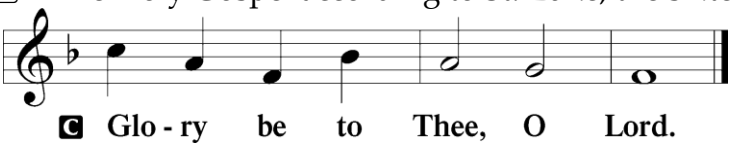
17As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to
set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us
with everything to enjoy. 18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be
generous and ready to share, 19thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good
foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse **LSB p. 190**

Holy Gospel

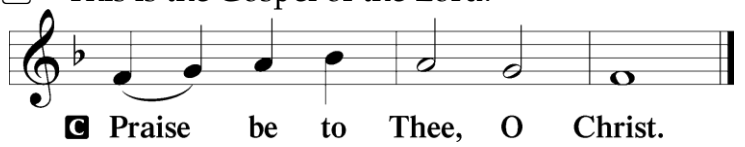
℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



Holy Gospel Reading **Luke 16:19-31**

19[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen
and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate was laid a poor man
named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who desired to be fed with what fell from
the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22The
poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man
also died and was buried, 23and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes
and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24And he called out, 'Father
Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in
water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25But Abraham said,
'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and
Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in
anguish. 26And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed,
in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none
may cross from there to us.' 27And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to
my father's house— 28for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest
they also come into this place of torment.' 29But Abraham said, 'They have Moses
and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if
someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they
do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone
should rise from the dead.'"

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed **LSB p. 191**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism, The Lord's Prayer-The Introduction

P Our Father who art in heaven.
What does this mean?

C **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **LSB 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

Sermon **"A Warning to All: The Rich Man and Lazarus"** (Luke 19:-31)

Offering *Special Music: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"- Sarah Kolander*

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 748 I'm But a Stranger Here
LSB 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

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 696 O God, My Faithful God**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for September 28, 2025

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

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers: (LWML)* Elaine Schmidt, Chris Leis, Sharie Brunk; *Money Counters*: Deb Dunnum, Barb Hinds; *Acolyte:* Elska Sheffer; *Altar Guild for October:* Barb Hinds, Ginny Emmons

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 serving counter to help plan (feast or famine?) ahead. Thank you.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 57
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Sept. 21 Offering: $2,037.55

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

September 28 through October 5

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after.....Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am..... Sunday School
	12:30 pm ..... Catechesis Class
Mon. Sep. 29	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. Oct. 1	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	7:30 pm .....POP Choir Practice
Fri. Oct. 3	5:30 pm ..... First Friday Gathering
Sat. Oct. 4	9:30 am .....Welcome and Refreshments by the LWML
	10:00 am..... Prayer Service at POP – *All Welcome!*
Sun. Oct. 5	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Katie Luther: Here I Stand – Friday, October 3rd at 1 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church Homeschool Co-op in ***Black River Falls*** welcomes all interested to attend a special performance by professional storyteller Pati Katchel. Focus will be on Katharina Von Bora Luther, the beloved wife of reformer Martin Luther. This presentation is a historically accurate portrait of a Christian woman of great faith, a wife, a mother and a happy homemaker. An impressive tabletop exhibit of portraits and German artifacts will enrich this educational experience.

FIRST FRIDAY'S ARE BACK AT PRINCE OF PEACE! - FRIDAY, OCT. 3, AT 5:30 P.M.
What should I expect at First Friday? Your faith will be strengthened through God's Word! You will have fun with fellow Christians! You will have fellowship with God and with one another! And, you will have your fill of hotdogs, brats and s'mores! Plus, cornhole! Weather permitting, the plan is for this October First Friday to meet outside at the patio, so dress accordingly. In the event of rain, we will meet inside the building. See you there!

Prayer Service Saturday, October 4th
"Blessed Are They" with special emphasis on The Beatitudes
Celebration in Song, Bible Reading and Prayer led by Pastor Adelsen
Starting at 9:30am Refreshments and Fellowship
Prayer Service begins at 10:00am
The entire congregation is invited to attend this enriching service!

Sunday, October 5th after Divine Service, during Fellowship
All are invited to stay to celebrate
LWML Sunday with a **pie social**!

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 - Abortion and physician-assisted suicide find their primary motivation in protecting leisure and luxury. The prophet Amos proclaims woe to such priorities (Amos 6:1), and the Apostle Paul warns Timothy that they invite evils (1 Timothy 6:10). Instead, we get to remind one another to "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19), namely the Savior and the neighbor right in front of us. (Luke 16:20-22)

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, September 30th, Tues. Oct 14th, and Tues. Oct. 28th at 5:00pm at Features.

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.

Going away for a weekend?
Would you like to listen to the sermon again?
Did you know that you can listen to Prince of Peace sermons online?
Check it out:

- Sounding the Scriptures POPcast on Spotify
- Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS
- Our Website at WSPOP.org

The monthly newsletter for October was distributed **last week** via email. Did you get yours? (Unless you request a paper copy, then look in your church mailbox.) Did we miss you? Get your copy by sending an email to: Office@WSPOP.org

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 is a "parament"?

A parament (pronounced PAIR-uh-ment) is a colored piece of cloth that hangs on the important items of furniture in the sanctuary. **Can you find the altar?** You may see a colored piece of cloth hanging on it. This parament is called the "frontal" or "superfrontal." **Can you find the pulpit?** The pulpit has a parament, too, as do many of the important furniture items in the sanctuary. Look around to see how many paraments are in your church.

Why do we use paraments?

Paraments honor God and beautify His sanctuary based on the seasons of the Church Year. For example, during the season of Pentecost, the paraments are green. During Lent, the paraments are purple. The word "parament" comes from the Latin word "parare" which means "to decorate or adorn." The paraments are not silent decorations. Each parament helps to proclaim the wonderful news of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Parents: Before or after worship, allow your child to get a closer look at the paraments in the sanctuary. (Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places.) Instruct them that the colors might be different than what they would expect at certain times in the Church Year. For example, the paraments are red on Reformation Day even though it falls during the season of Pentecost.

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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 146 - Martin Luther viewed Psalm 146 as a profound statement on placing one's trust in God rather than in human leaders, highlighting the fallibility of "princes" and affirming God's eternal nature as a trustworthy Creator who acts with steadfast love to support the needy and oppressed. The psalm's message encourages believers to find blessedness in placing their hope in God's everlasting faithfulness.

DAILY READINGS

28 Sept	Deut 1:1–18	Matt 5:1–20
29 Sept	Deut 1:19–36	Matt 5:21–48
30 Sept	Deut 1:37—2:15	Matt 6:1–15
1 Oct	Deut 2:16–37	Matt 6:16–34
2 Oct	Deut 3:1–29	Matt 7:1–12
3 Oct	Deut 4:1–20	Matt 7:13–29
4 Oct	Deut 4:21–40	Matt 8:1–17

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: Brian & Kim Schockey, 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 together.

LEARN BY HEART Luke 16:31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'".

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: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4; 2 Tim. 1:1–14; Luke 17:1–10