PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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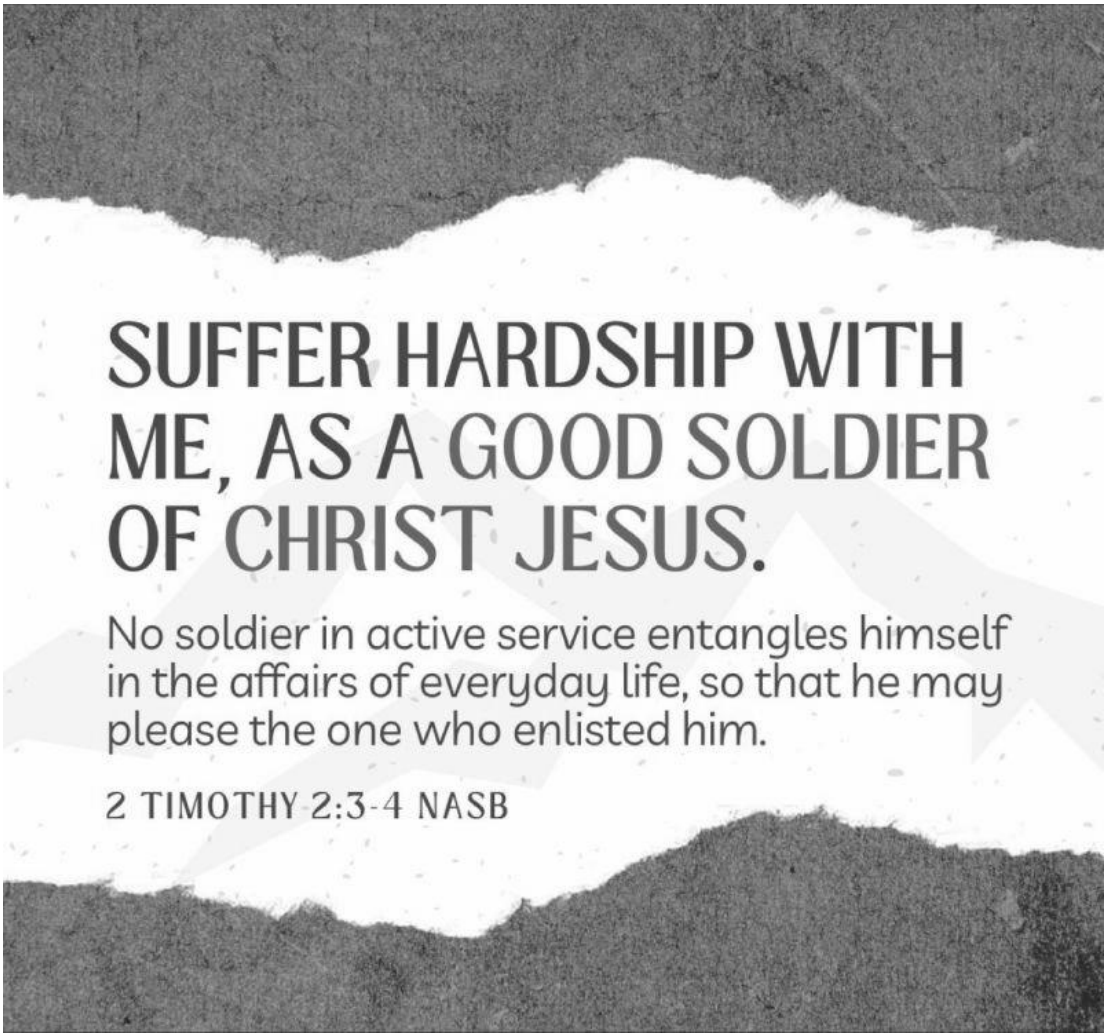

Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

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: Witnesses in the presence of Christ are unequivocally blessed! Christians are heartened by Jesus' words to persevere in suffering and labor. Even in Jesus' own earthly ministry, chains could not bind Him; the tomb could not contain Him. So also, His Word is not bound, but commands all things in living, suffering, and dying. Even lepers plead for mercy, and Jesus' Word heals. Yet only one leper dares to return, ardently believing and confessing Jesus' profound act of divine mercy.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine**

Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184

Service of the Word LSB p. 186-193

Introit *Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
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.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Kyrie **LSB p. 186**

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

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

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 **Ruth 1:1-19a**

1In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of
Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and
his two sons. 2The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife
Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were
Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and
remained there. 3But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left
with her two sons. 4These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah
and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, 5and both
Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and
her husband. 6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the
country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had
visited his people and given them food. 7So she set out from the place where she
was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the
land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of
you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt
with the dead and with me. 9The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you
in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their
voices and wept. 10And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your
people." 11But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me?
Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back,
my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I
have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,
13would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain
from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake

that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." 14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. 19So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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 **2 Timothy 2:1-13**

1You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 8Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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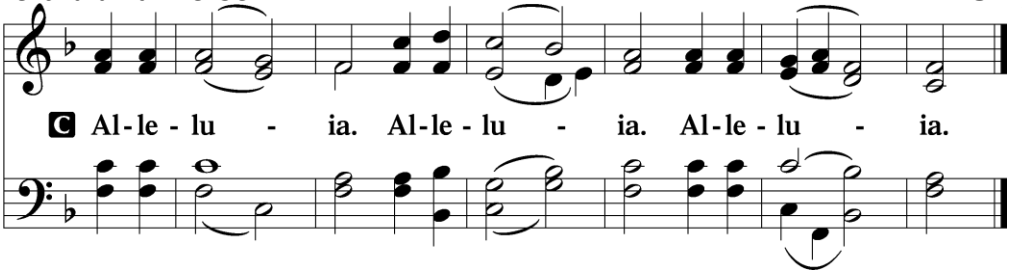
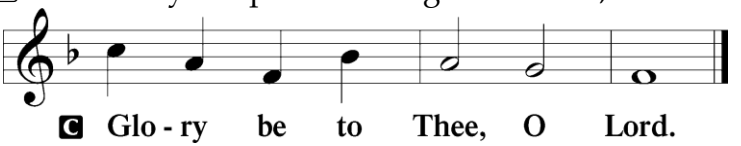
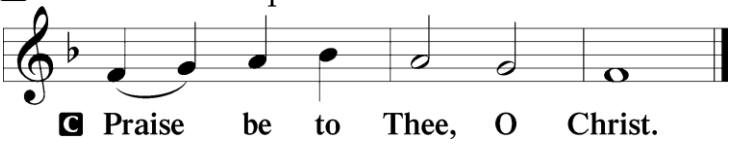
Alleluia and Verse **LSB p. 190**

Holy Gospel

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



Holy Gospel Reading **Luke 17:11-19**

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and
Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a
distance 13and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."
14When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he
was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face
at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus
answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to
return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19And he said to him, "Rise
and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed **LSB p. 191**

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

P Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

C **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

P How does God's kingdom come?

C **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

Children's Message

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

Sermon **"In Christ, We Suffer … and Endure"** (2 Timothy 2:1-13)

Offering

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 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old
LSB 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
LSB 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for October 12, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Elaine Schmidt, Barb Hinds; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus; *Altar Guild for October:* Barb Hinds, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Sharie & Russ Brunk; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 53
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of October 5 Offering: $2,769.40

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

October 12 through October 19

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after .....Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am..... Sunday School
	11:30 ..... Church Council Meeting
	12:30 pm ..... Catechesis Class
Mon. Oct. 13	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Oct. 14	5:00 pm ..... Men's Bible Study at Feature's
Wed. Oct. 15	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	7:30 pm .....POP Choir Practice
Sat. Oct. 18	9:30 am .....Women's Bible Study (meets online)
Sun. Oct. 19	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Pick-A-Pumpkin, Next Sunday - the 19th

Hosted by the Danielson's!
After Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
Kids come to pick a pumpkin! All invited for Sloppy Joe lunch too!
Head on out to Willie and Leatta's property: 23838 State Highway 27, Cashton
(From Prince of Peace, head to Interstate 90 and drive East 12 miles. Take Exit number 25 toward Melvina then south/right turn and travel about 8 miles. Look on the left for the cream-colored house with blue doors.)
Please come rain or shine, pumpkins will be ready!
Let Willie or Leatta know by this Wed. (the 15th) if you plan on coming.

Some members of the congregation are planning to get together at **Saxon Hall in Brownsville MN** for delicious pizza and socializing on **Saturday October 25th**. For the latest details, listen during the announcement time at the end of service today. Or talk to Randy or DeAnne Otto.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT **Friday, October 31st** 3:00 p.m-5:00 p.m. **downtown West Salem & Village Park** The POP Evangelism Committee will be there, handing out treats! We would much appreciate your candy donations for the event. Cancy can be dropped off at POP by **Sunday, October 26th**. Thanks!

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. Upcoming dates: Tues. Oct 14th, and Tues. Oct. 28th at 5:00pm at Features.

Women's Bible Study – Soon the study of the Sharla Fritz book "Measured By Grace" will be wrapping up. Stay tuned for announcement of the next topic! It's a great time to join in! ***Note, this group meets by video online on Saturdays.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to join.

Operation Christmas Child – The donation collection box is out! Thank you for your past support Prince of Peace congregation! Donations of fun gifts including toys, school supplies, clothing, and a "WOW" item are best. Note too, no candy, food, liquids, medications, aerosols, batteries, or breakable items, used/damaged items, or scary/war-related items like toy weapons. The goal is to fill the box with new, quality items to delight a child and show God's love, See Brooklynn Scholze if you have questions.

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!

Community Volunteers Needed - The Aging & Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to our home bound participants in ***West Salem***. Time is from 10:15am to 11:15pm and routes average about 6 miles. By becoming a volunteer, you deliver more than just a hot meal. You help the elderly stay healthy, safe and independent in their own homes. We also have openings at the meal sites to help serve and package the meals for the home bound. For more information call Kelly at the ADRC 608-785-5700.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - Nearly all of Jesus' contemporaries would have been taught that lepers justly suffered the consequences of their own sinful decisions and were unworthy of God's compassion. Jesus, whose works are always "faithful and just" (Psalm 111:7), shows us that there is no one who is unworthy of His care and compassion. Every single person, regardless of their size, condition, or past decisions, is loved by God, precious in His sight, and covered by His redeeming grace.

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 & Apple Podcast
- Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS
- Our Website at WSPOP.org

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "baptismal font"?

In church, the baptismal font is a place where we see the Holy Spirit do His stuff! As St. Paul says in Titus: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5–7). This all happens at the baptismal font.

Why do we use a baptismal font?

Baptism is important in the lives of God's people. In Baptism you were given the forgiveness of sins, rescued from death and the devil, and given salvation. All of this comes to you through God's Word with the water in Baptism. The font reminds us of the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. It also reminds us that our old sinful self has been drowned, and a new person arises to live in faith!

Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the baptismal font to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the sign of the cross is made on the congregation, remind your child that the sign of the cross was made on them at their Baptism. It was there that they were marked as one redeemed by Christ.

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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 111 -Martin Luther saw Psalm 111 as a manual for Christian life and prayer, particularly emphasizing the importance of remembering God's "wondrous works," His gracious and merciful nature, and His enduring covenant. He believed the psalm was composed for the Passover festival to encourage believers to contemplate Christ and give thanks for His deliverance and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

DAILY READINGS

12 Oct	Deuteronomy 11:1–25	Matt 12:1–21
13 Oct	Deuteronomy 11:26—12:12	Matt 12:22–37
14 Oct	Deuteronomy 12:13–32	Matt 12:38–50
15 Oct	Deuteronomy 13:1–18	Matt 13:1–23
16 Oct	Deuteronomy 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28—15:15	Matt 13:24–43
17 Oct	Deuteronomy 15:19—16:22	Matt 13:44–58
18 Oct	Deuteronomy 17:1–20	Matt 14:1–21

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: Kim & Debbie (Dunnum) Steenberg, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Lyle Anderson, Bill & Sal Stichman, Bryana & Corey Fravel (daughter and son-in-law of Linda Williams) for the passing of their infant daughter Amanda Jean
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship together.

LEARN BY HEART Luke 5:15 *"Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses."*

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: Genesis 32:22-30, 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-18