PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — October 19th, 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 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: Before God, men, women, and children plead incessantly for justice in the face of rebellion and adversity. Those who know and confess Jesus bear the weight of guilt and need His Word of undeserved acquittal. God's Word is the solitary source of that promise. It teaches, corrects, declares righteousness, and equips us for every good work. Scripture is that living breathing, vibrant account of God continually striving by the side of His chosen people—delivering them from sin.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184

Service of the Word LSB p. 186-193

Introit *Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a*

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.
Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.
Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.
Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend your cause.
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.
Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

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 Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your 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 **Genesis 32:22-30**

22 The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants,
and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and
sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And Jacob was
left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When
the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and
Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me
go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless
me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then
he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have
striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked him,
"Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And
there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I
have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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 3:14-4:5**

14As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it 15and how from childhood you have been
acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for
salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is breathed out by God and
profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in
righteousness, 17that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every
good work. 4 1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to
judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2preach
the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort,
with complete patience and teaching. 3For the time is coming when people will
not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for
themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4and will turn away from
listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5As for you, always be sober-
minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

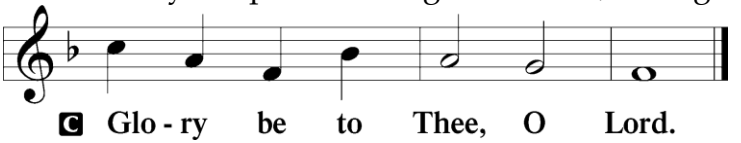
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse **LSB p. 190**

Holy Gospel

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



Holy Gospel Reading **Luke 18:1-8**

[1][Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. [2]He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. [3]And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' [4]For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, [5]yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" [6]And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. [7]And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? [8]I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Apostles' Creed **LSB p. 192**

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

P Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
What does this mean?

C **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also**.

P How does God's will done?

C **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **LSB 586 Preach You the Word**

Sermon **"Preach the Word"** (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

Offering *Special Music: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

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 523 O Word of God Incarnate
LSB 578 Thy Strong Word
LSB 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

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 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Words**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for October 19, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Russ & Sharie Brunk; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for October:* Barb Hinds, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: Song *Leader:* Holly Ford; Ushers*:* DeAnne & Randy Otto; *Money Counters*: Barb Alsobrooks, Chris Leis; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander & Elska Sheffer

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 47
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of October 12 Offering: $2,486.00

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

October 19 through October 26

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after .....Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am..... Sunday School
	after ..... Pick-A-Pumpkin at the Danielson's
Mon. Oct. 20	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service**
Oct. 20-Oct.22	*..... SWD Pastors' Conference, Pastor out*
Wed. Oct. 22	*Note: .....No Adult Bible Study*
	7:30 pm .....POP Choir Practice
Sat. Oct. 25	9:30 am .....Women's Bible Study (meets online)
	.....Pizza at Saxon Hall, Brownsville, MN
Sun. Oct. 26	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Pick-A-Pumpkin – Today! Rain or Shine

Hosted by the Danielson's! After Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
Kids come to pick a pumpkin! 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 #25 toward Melvina then south/right turn and travel about 8 miles.
Look on the left for the cream-colored house with blue doors.)

Let us not forget to gather! Some members of the congregation are planning to meet for pizza at **Saxon Hall in Brownsville MN, Saturday October 25th**.
Meet at church at 4:30 for car-pooling or meet at Saxon at 5.
See DeAnne or Randy Otto if you have questions.

WEST SALEM TRUNK-OR-TREAT **Friday, October 31st**, 3:00-5:00pm **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. Candy can be dropped off at church no later than **Sunday, October 26th**. Thanks for your support for this community event.

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: (Note: No Wednesday Morning study Oct. 22nd). 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.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus. Next date for meeting is 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, breakable items, used/damaged items, scary/war-related items like toy weapons. See Brooklynn Scholze if you have questions.

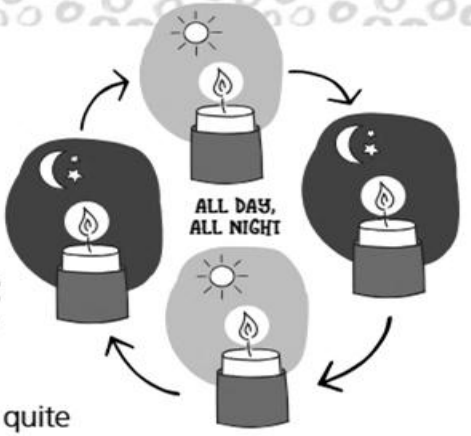
Prayer Chain – POP Prays! Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman at wstichman@charter.net. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances!

Community Volunteers Needed - The Aging & Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to 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. Ther is also openings at the meal sites to help serve and package the meals for the home bound. Interested? Call Kelly at the ADRC 608-785-5700.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - The world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God's Word and are not willing to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4), especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we can't force people to believe God's Word and value God's precious gift of life, we "lift up our eyes to the hills," trusting that *"… our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth"* (Psalm 121:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts, and He does so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)

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 candle in the sanctuary that stays lit all the time?

I'll bet you can count all of the candles in the church. There are quite a few. If you decide to try, don't forget to count the one that stays lit all the time. That's right, that little light in there is a candle! This particular candle is called an "eternal flame." This candle burns all the time. **Look close from where you are sitting. When you find it, maybe you can see it glowing.**

Why do we have a candle that stays lit all the time?

When we see the eternal flame we are reminded that God is always present in our lives, and He promises to never leave us. God is especially present in His sanctuary where we hear His living Word and receive his wonderful Sacraments. If the candle burns out, we re-light it or put another one in its place. In other words, we do our best to keep it lit 24 hours-a-day.

Parents: Before or after the service, direct your child's attention to the eternal flame hanging above the altar. Remind them that this candle stays lit all year. Allow them to walk up to the altar in order to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy place.

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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 121 - Martin Luther valued Psalm 121 as a resource for believers to express their trust in God's protection and to find comfort in their trials. The psalm was viewed as a testament to God's unchanging presence and constant care. Luther believed the psalm's emphasis on God as the "maker of heaven and earth" who neither slumbers nor sleeps offered powerful assurance of His all-sufficient help and the protection of the soul, even in the face of suffering.

DAILY READINGS

19 Oct	Deuteronomy 18:1–22	Matt 14:22–36	
20 Oct	Deuteronomy 19:1–20	Matt 15:1–20	
21 Oct	Deuteronomy 20:1–20	Matt 15:21–39	
22 Oct	Deuteronomy 21:1–23	Matt 16:1–12	Deuteronomy 22:1—24:9
23 Oct	Deuteronomy 24:10—25:10	Matt 16:13–28	
24 Oct	Deuteronomy 25:17—26:19	Matt 17:1–13	
25 Oct	Deuteronomy 27:1–26	Matt 17:14–27	

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: 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 18:8 *"I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

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 4:1-15, 2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 18:9-17