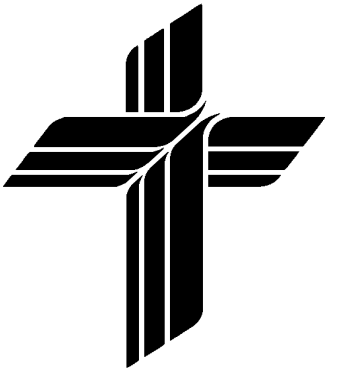
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025



Our Mission:
"Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ"

Our Message:
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices "Close Communion" as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body's doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body's teachings. Therefore, our practice of "Close Communion" admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against "unworthy" reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God's judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice "Close Communion". We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39), and humbly strive to "Continue in His Word." (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Theme for Today's Service

The Lord perceives every degree of subtle and overt indignation, transgression, and deception. Apart from Christ, our flesh pulsates in corruption. But Christ is in-corruptible. His death on the cross forges for us a path abounding in peace, mercy, and grace. Self-centered spirits decay. But Christ-centered spirits flourish in Word and Sacrament. In these good things, God inaugurates the mission of the church—to send out laborers into the harvest who are confident only in the righteousness of Christ.

Order of Service **Divine Service 4, p. 203 ff.**

Opening Hymn **LSB 586 Preach You the Word**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

Service of the Word — LSB p.204-207

Introit — *Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
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 heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Kyrie — LSB p. 204

Hymn of Praise: Gloria In Excelsis — LSB p. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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 **Isaiah 66:10–14**

10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
11 that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance."
12 For thus says the Lord:
"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.
13 As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle **Galatians 6:1-10; 14-8**

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in

his neighbor. [5]For each will have to bear his own load. [6]One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. [7]Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. [8]For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. [9]And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. [10]So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . . [14]But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. [15]For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. [16]And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. [17]From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. [18]The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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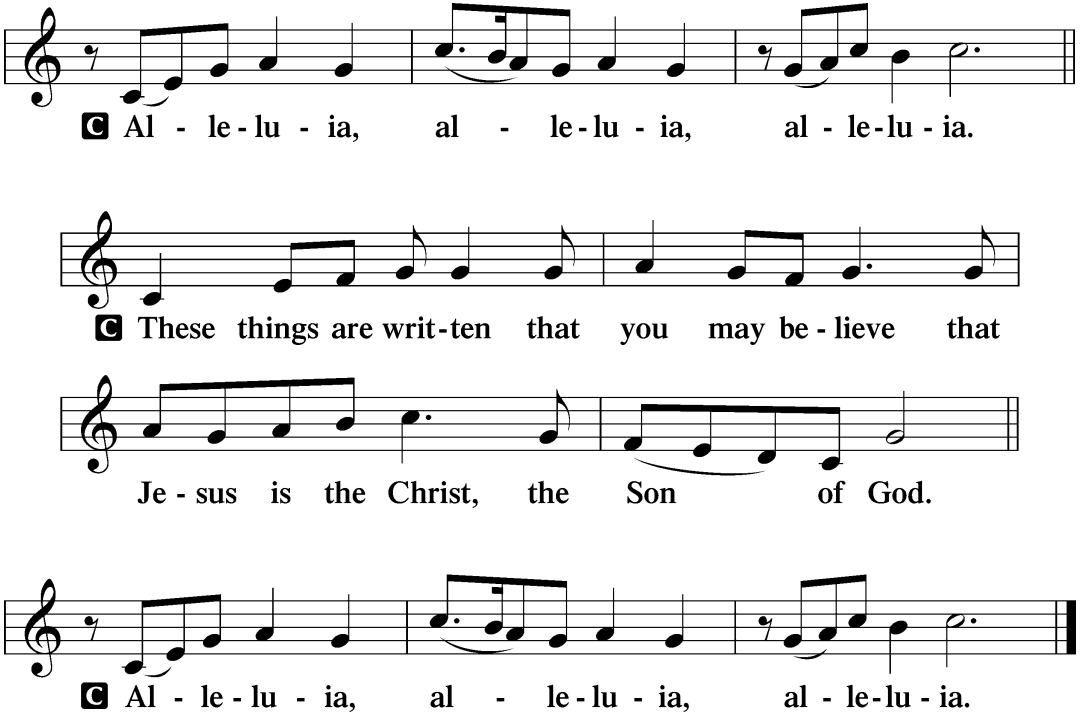
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel **Luke 10:1-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him,
two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2And he
said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray
earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3Go your
way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4Carry no
moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house
you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' 6And if a son of peace is there, your
peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7And remain in the same
house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do
not go from house to house. 8Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat
what is set before you. 9Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has
come near to you.' 10But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go
into its streets and say, 11'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe
off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' 12I
tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. 13"Woe to
you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been
done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and
ashes. 14But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for
you. 15And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought
down to Hades. 16"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you
rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17The seventy-two
returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"
18And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19Behold, I have
given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of
the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the
spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Nicene Creed **LSB p. 206**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism: The Fifth Commandment

P You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

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Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **LSB 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal**

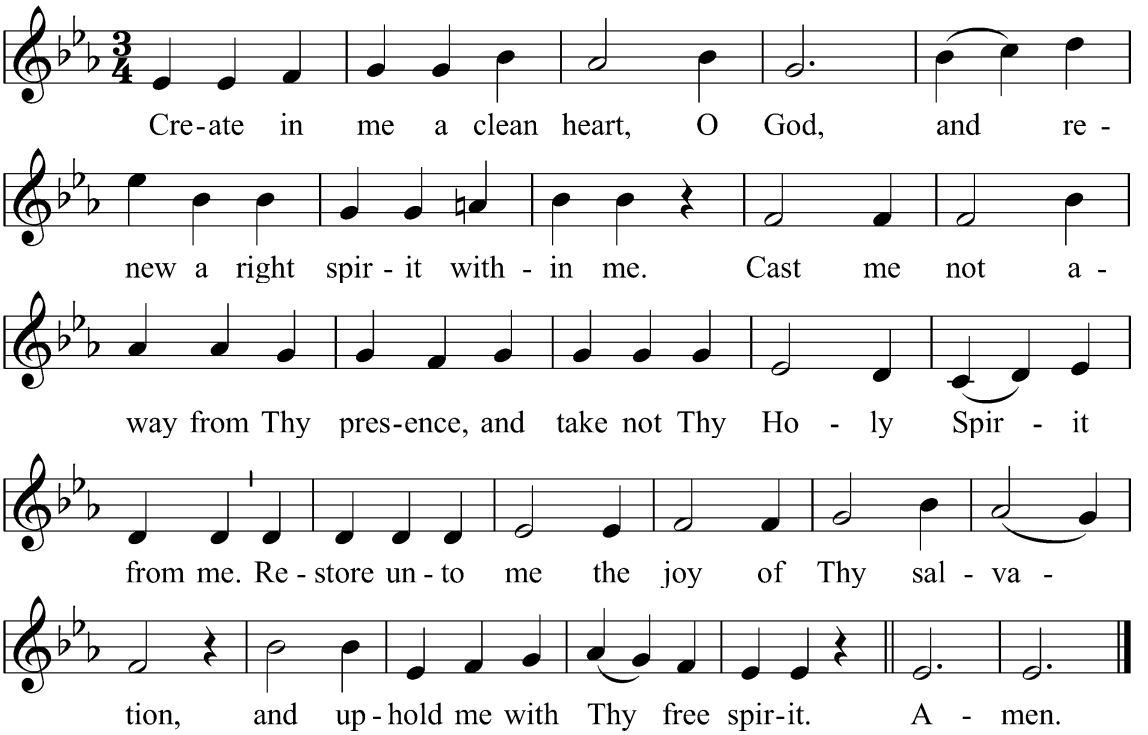
Sermon **"The Kingdom of God Has Come Near" Luke 10:1-20**

Prayer of the Church

Following each prayer read aloud ending "Let us pray to the Lord," the congregation may respond "Lord have Mercy."

Offering

Offertory **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Service of the Sacrament **LSB p. 208-212**

Distribution Hymns

LSB 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis **LSB p. 211**

Post-Communion Collect **LSB p. 212**

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 6, 2025

Please fill out a yellow attendance card today to let us know you were here today! You may leave it on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or put it in the offering plate. Or place it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. *Thank you!*

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leaders:* Nancy & Patty Horstmann; *Ushers:* Ginny & Roger Emmons; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Elaine Schmidt & Chris Leis;
Altar Guild for July: Sharie Brunk, Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader: Sarah Kolander*; *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters & Deb Dunnum

Our Response to God's Gifts
Attendance last Sunday & Monday: 62
Weekly Budget Need: $3,868.38 Week of June 29 Offering: $3,403.40

***** Note: Green Sheet Inserts are printed in limited quantities. If you would like one, please see an Usher or help yourself from the table in the back of the sanctuary. *****

Calendar Correction: — Prince of Peace Outdoor Worship and picnic postponed until August tentatively. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is grateful for the time and talents of Debbie Dunnum over her decades of service to our Lord through our congregation! With great sadness, Debbie's gift as our secretary will be concluding on July 15. ***Next Sunday, July 13,*** Prince of Peace will appreciate all that Debbie has done here through her secretarial work and will continue to do here through music and the LWML. Following the Sunday Divine Service, **you are invited to an appreciation potluck** in honor of Debbie's service at Prince of Peace!
"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23a).

LWML -Prince of Peace next LWML meeting is **Saturday, July 12** and we're meeting at Features Restaurant in West Salem at 10 a.m. for a time of food and fellowship. Bring your Bible. We'll share a meal together and Chris Leis will lead our Bible study.

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: All Welcome! Join us this **Wednesday** as we continue our study on the Gospel of John at 9:30 a.m.. Martin Luther regarded the Gospel of John as a cornerstone of Christian faith, placing it among the most important books of the New Testament. He particularly valued its clear presentation of Christ's divinity and its emphasis on faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the one and only way to salvation.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 22 at Features in West Salem.

Women's Bible Study – There is a new study starting this month, a great time to join in! It's by Sharla Fritz and it's called "Measured By Grace." In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. Yet, we don't think of these people as failures. Rather, we see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you. ***Note, this group meets online.*** We would love to have you join us! Interested? Talk to Carrie Horstman, Sarah Kolander, Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum.

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 as we rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus!

Altar Flowers – Help beautify our altar on Sunday morning and special services. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring fresh flowers.

New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member at Prince of Peace? If you haven't reached out to Pastor Adelsen yet, POP will be starting a new member class in the near future.

Update for the **Trustees Update:**

1. Storage Building Project

The church storage building is being painted and is partially completed. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the painting of the elevated ends of the building. If you are able to assist with the ladder work, please contact Roger Emmons or Kurt Childs. The goal is to organize a group to plan and set up a common worktime to complete the painting.

2. Furnace Replacement Project

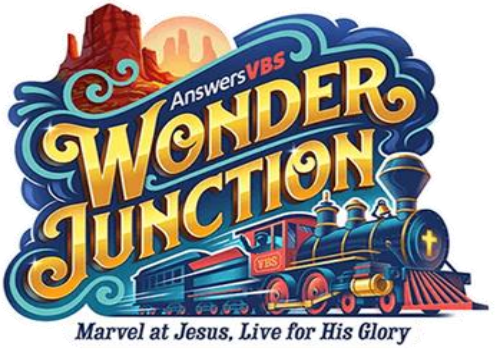
The TRUSTEES plan to replace one of the aging church furnaces this fall. This a project that is intended to prevent catastrophic furnace failure during winter months and anticipates the staged replacement of all the 25 YEAR OLD furnaces over several years. Fund raising efforts for that project continues. Please consider offering a contribution to fund this project.

Church Cleaning: We are covered for in-house cleaning teams through January 2026!! *Thank you!* … Except for December, understandably, busy time of year but also a time to make the building spiffy, right? Maybe two families could share this month? Please see the monthly sign-up sheet. Instructions are on a clipboard on the janitorial cart. It only takes an hour or two (give or take) a week.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Our Lord Jesus Christ has the courage to speak warning to His country's culture and communities (Luke 10:13-15). He whose eyes keep watch on national happenings (Psalm 66:7) knows no other way to restore ones He loves. Only abandoning evil allows anyone to embrace the Gospel's comfort (Isaiah 66:13, 15-16!) and joy (Luke 10:19-20). May our sanctity of life witness follow His lead!

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to Office@wspop.org by the end of the day on Tuesday and it will be printed in this week's bulletin. You can also publish key information in the newsletter by submitting it the same way. Newsletter information is due by the end of the day on the Wednesday before the last Sunday.

It's VBS Time!



Send your Kids and Grandkids!

Saturday, August 2nd
at Faith Lutheran
our sister Church in La Crosse
1407 Main Street

9:00 – Noon with Lunch to follow.

With an Old West-theme this program gets kids to explore the wonders of Jesus, focusing on his birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection, and return.

Bring your talents and time! In order to make this a success, volunteers are needed from both churches to staff the groups (Bible leader, Crafts, Kitchen help etc.) See the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Or contact Brooklynn Scholze.

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