PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

The Third Sunday of Easter — April 19th, 2026

"That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them." John 20:13-15

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: A crooked generation instinctively clings to wealth and riches, grasps human logic, and understands ordinary facts. The baptized fervently cling to forgiveness and grace in Christ, believe divine mysteries, and confess Christ crucified. Jesus' death was necessary that we would know imperishable life. Without His death, the breaking of the bread would be empty ritual.

Order of Service **Divine Service 1, p. 151 ff.**

Hymn of Invocation: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Exhortation *LSB 151*

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

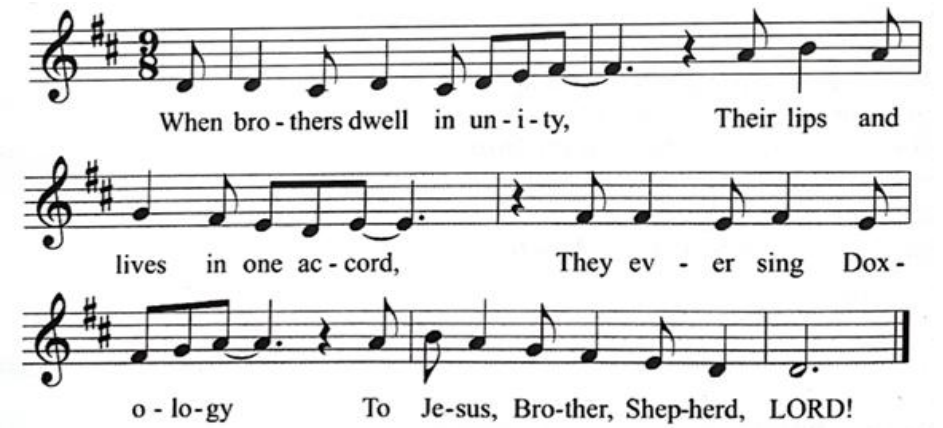
Absolution *LSB 151*

Service of the Word

Psalmody: When Brothers Dwell in Unity *Psalm 133*

Solo: *When brothers dwell in unity,*
Their lips and lives in one accord.
They ever sing Doxology to Jesus,
Brother, Shepherd, LORD!

All: ***Antiphon***



Solo: *As Aaron's robes, his beard and head,*
The Spirit's holy oil o'erflows
So Aaron's LORD, with arms outspread,
Streams love on us, His joy bestows.

All: Antiphon

Solo: *As quenching dew from Hermon's height,*
On Zion's holy mountain pours,
When through the Son, His sons unite,
The living LORD their life restores.

All: Antiphon

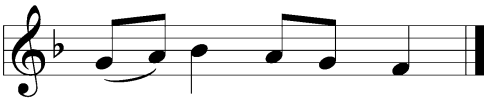
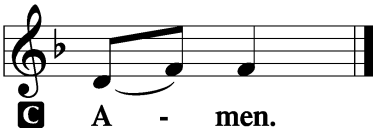
Solo: *This holy band, round Word and meal,*
In faith and love, share life as one.
They lift their voice and chant with zeal
To Father, Spirit, and the Son.

All: Antiphon!

Kyrie *LSB 152*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

14Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed
them, . . .
36Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made
him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
37Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter
and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38And Peter
said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you and for your children and
for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
40And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort
them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41So those
who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day
about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

17If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each
one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your
exile, 18knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited
from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish
or spot. 20He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was
made manifest in the last times for your sake, 21who through him are
believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so
that your faith and hope are in God.

22Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a
sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
23since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of
imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24for

> "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
> The grass withers, and the flower falls,
> 25but the word of the Lord remains forever."

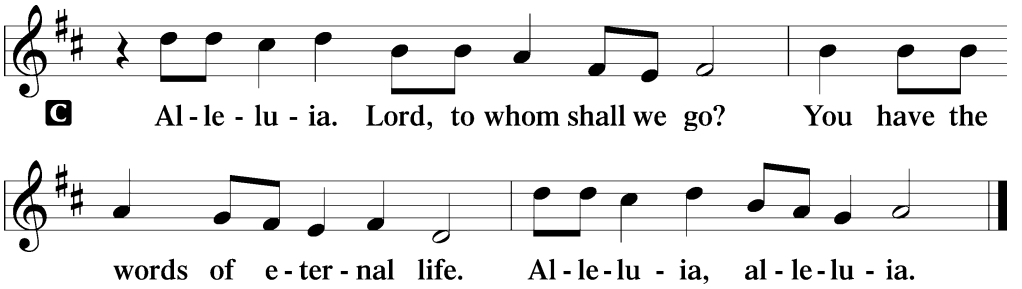
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

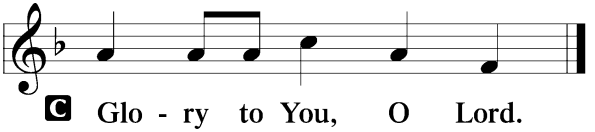
Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



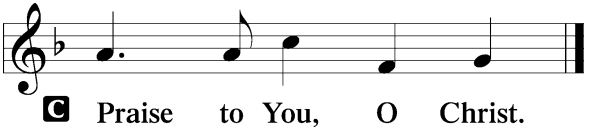
Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

13That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and they were talking with each other
about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and
discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16But
their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What
is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"
And they stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, named Cleopas,
answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have happened there in these days?" 19And he said to
them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of
Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God
and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him
up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that
he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the
third day since these things happened. 22Moreover, some women of our
company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23and
when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had
even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24Some of those
who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had
said, but him they did not see." 25And he said to them, "O foolish ones,
and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26Was it not
necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his
glory?" 27And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted
to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as
if he were going farther, 29but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with
us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to
stay with them. 30When he was at table with them, he took the bread and
blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31And their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32They said to

each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Sermon: "Dwelling in Christian Unity" *Luke 24:13-35*

Reception of New Members

Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory *LSB 159*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB p. 160 ff.*

Distribution Hymn: 480 He’s Risen, He’s Risen

Distribution Hymn: 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Distribution Hymn: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

Hymn to Depart: 464 The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for April 19th, 2026

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum, *Song Leaders:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Money Counters*: Lori Peters, Deb Dunnum; *Acolyte:* Caleb Kolander; *Altar Guild for April:* Elaine Schmidt, Ginny Emmons

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leaders:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Money Counters*: Barb Alsobrooks, Ona Childs; *Acolyte:* Bella Greydanus

Our Response to God's Gifts

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 49

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of April 12th Offering: $2,302.75

(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after.....Fellowship Time – New Member Reception
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am.....Sunday School
	11:30 pm .....Catechesis Class
Mon. Apr. 20	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. Apr. 22	**9:30 am.....Adult Bible Study**
Sat. Apr. 25	9:00 am.....Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Apr. 26	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

PRINCE OF PEACE will once again be a partner with the local Pro-Life Wisconsin chapter by taking part in the annual ***Mother's Day Rose Sale*** on Mother's Day, Sun., May 10th. Single stem roses will be available for purchase at a suggested price of $3 each. All proceeds go directly back to Pro-Life Wisconsin to support moms and families in need.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN APRIL - Saturday, April 25th from 2-4pm, Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703, A joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. The overturning of Roe v. Wade was the beginning of the end of abortion. We must continue to make our voices heard until all women and children are protected from abortion and all families have the support they need to thrive. Go to the website MarchforLifeWisconsin.org Or Use QR scan to register for the tickets for the bus leaving from Onalaska Walmart.

SCAN ME

NEW ALTAR FLOWER SIGNUP NEW AGAIN! If you would like to provide altar flowers, (no flowers during Lent), for a Divine Service, there is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board. Flowers are a wonderful way to beautify sanctuary in the name of our Lord or even dedication in honor of someone (in death, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or even in thanksgiving for friends or family). Fresh flowers only please. You may bring in your own purchased florist bouquet or cut flowers of your own in vases. If you leave a note in the church office, your dedication can be printed in the worship bulletin. Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias are available for dedication through a special congregation-wide collection that will be available during that season.

ANNIVERSARY 25 YEARS
PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY – On Jan. 20, 2027, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will celebrate 25 years of receiving God's Means of Grace at 1901 Church Road East! Prince of Peace was later officially dedicated on Feb. 10, 2002 (Transfiguration Sunday). Over these many years, the Prince of Peace – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – has displayed His love and care to His flock in this place! This is an anniversary certainly worth celebrating!

If you are interested in serving Prince of Peace in the planning for this 25th year celebration, please contact Pastor Adelsen, Kurt Childs, or an elder.

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

•**Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m.), THE APOCRYPHA** As Lutherans, how should we regard the Apocrypha? You know, those "books not held equal to the Scriptures but useful and good to read," as Martin Luther says.

•**Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.), ISAIAH** Like Israel of old, we, too, sometimes look to other "gods" for help in time of need. We obey God's Law – when it's convenient and when we're afraid of getting caught. Our love is halfhearted, and our other sins, many. In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

•**Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men's Bible Study** Three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania is our focus. The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people.

•**Saturday's Online, Women's Bible Study (9:00am), PROMISED HOPE** – Participants will discover what eight different names and characteristics of God say about who He is and the hope He promises. See Deb Dunnum or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life - *The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are "for you and your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the "precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.*

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. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. wstichman@charter.net

POP WEBSITE - About *our Website:* While it's a work in progress, we are taking steps to keep our Church Calendar under the "Happenings" tab up to date. Events do more accurately reflect what is going on at Prince of Peace now and coming up.

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 116 –Martin Luther viewed Psalm 116 as a profound expression of faith, focusing on God as the deliverer from the "death" of sin and despair. With also emphasis on its themes of free grace, thanksgiving, and calling on the Lord, particularly as a Hallel psalm. The Hallel Psalms, Psalms 113–118, are a collection of six Hebrew hymns, literally meaning "praise".

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Gen 27:30–45; 28:10–22	Mark 9:1–13	
Monday	Gen 29:1–30	Mark 9:14–32	Gen 29:31—34:31
Tuesday	Gen 35:1–29	Mark 9:33–50	
Wednesday	Gen 37:1–36	Mark 10:1–12	
Thursday	Gen 39:1–23	Mark 10:13–31	
Friday	Gen 40:1–23	Mark 10:32–52	
Saturday	Gen 41:1–27	Mark 11:1–19	

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- The Leyh family, Josh and Faith, and their pre-school age son Peter currently attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana.
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt, Olivia Gosset (Melissa Adelsen's cousin), Scott Roscovious, Jeramy Schaub

LEARN BY HEART Luke 24:32*: "We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"*

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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: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10