PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Seventh Sunday of Easter — May 17th, 2026

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: Christians endure insults, trial sufferings, and temptations. Living in an unbelieving world is tumultuous, as we are always struggling to stand firm against persecutors of Jesus. Judas succumbed to temptation and met destruction. Those who remain steadfast in Christ will be restored, confirmed, strengthened, and established. Jesus remains the fulcrum between God the Father and his people. He loves believers who treasure, uphold and regard His Word as truth. For us, Jesus prays that we endure the strife and yet believe.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1, pp. 151ff

Hymn of Invocation: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
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.
I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading *Acts 1:12–26*

12 Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called
Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And
when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were
staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the
Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were
devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the
mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of
persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be

fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."
18(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)
20"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and

"'Let another take his office.'

21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.
24And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."
26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

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 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

12Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But

rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18And

> "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

19Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

6Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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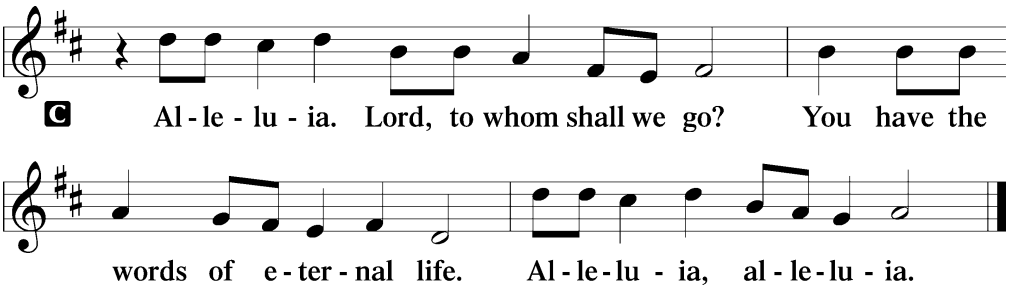
Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel *John 17:1–11*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

1When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven,
and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may
glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give
eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that
they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
4I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me
to do. 5And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory
that I had with you before the world existed.

6"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of
the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept
your word. 7Now they know that everything that you have given me is
from you. 8For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they
have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am praying for them. I am not
praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are
yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in
them. 11And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have
given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed *LSB 158*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Sermon: "When Trials and Persecutions Come" *1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

Prayer of the Church

Offering
Offertory *LSB 159*

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

Distribution Hymn: 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Distribution Hymn: 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

Distribution Hymn: 730 What is the World to Me

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

Hymn to Depart: 728 How Firm a Foundation

Announcements

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

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Song Leader	S. Kolander	B. Scholze	H. Ford	H. Ford
Ushers	Dosland	Moen	Otto	Emmons
Counters	C. Leis L. Peters	B. Alsobrooks E. Schmidt	B. Hinds D. Dunnum	Ona Childs Lori Peters
Acolyte	E. Sheffer	B. Greydanus	C. Kolander	E. Sheffer
Altar Guild for May	Barb Hinds, Carolyn Dosland			

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 64

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of May 10th Offering: $5,005.00

(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
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am..... Sunday School (last session until fall)
	11:30 am..... Catechesis Class (last session until fall)
Mon. May 18	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service**
May 18–20	.....*Pastor Adelsen at SWD Pastors' Conference, Milwaukee*
Wed. May 20	Note: ..... No Bible Study
Sat. May 23	9:00 am..... Women's Bible Study/online
Sun. May 24	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for May 17th, 2026

SUNDAY MAY 31ST : Holy Trinity Sunday is also a Fifth Sunday! Weather permitting, the Divine Service will be held outside on the church lawn followed by a **church picnic**. Please bring your favorite lawn chair, and if you forget, POP will have some chairs available.

***A sign-up for food and drink is on the table in the Narthex. ***

SATURDAY JUNE 6TH: Prince of Peace will once again participate in the **JUNE DAIRY DAY PARADE** on Saturday June 6th at noon downtown West Salem. This is a great way for our church to be visible in our community. If you are interested in walking with our parade group or have questions, reach out to any of the Evangelism Committee members: Sharie Brunk, Elaine Schmidt or Patty Horstmann.

CLEANING OUR BUILDING: Coverage for **June is still needed**. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. It takes about 2 hours a week to clean and can be broken into smaller jobs through the week. Thanks!

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to provide altar flowers for a Divine Service, there is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board. Flowers can be in honor of someone in memory or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone. 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.

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Update: A few more people would be a nice addition for this team!

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

Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

•**Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m.),** ***THE APOCRYPHA topic of study concludes today.*** Next week, we begin a study on Judaism.

•**Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.), ISAIAH** Note: Not meeting 5/20. 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. 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** Meets 5/26. 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** – Come 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.

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life *- "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!" (Ps. 68:4). What a wonderful picture of Christ, God-in-the-flesh, who entered the desert wilderness of this world to bring light into the darkness and life to the dead! In a world that fosters a culture of death, Jesus came to give us eternal life. What hope this brings to those who are suffering, facing an unexpected pregnancy, or have lost their mooring in life! Christ brings forgiveness and restoration. Although we endure fiery trials (1 Pt. 4:12), and the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour (1 Pt. 5:8-9), yet by the power of God's Word, we resist him, firm in the faith. We are blessed as we follow Jesus, who suffered once for all on the cross, accomplishing the work that the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4). Risen, ascended, and glorified, Jesus restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us in the true faith (1 Peter 5:10).*

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.

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 68 – Luther viewed this psalm as a deeply Christocentric hymn celebrating God's triumph, ascension, and the gift of the Holy Spirit and His victory! Also note how the psalm's portrayal of God as a "father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows," focusing on God's protection of the helpless and needy. Luther applied the psalm to his own struggles at the time in the church to emphasize grace over reason.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Num 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34	
Monday	Num 14:26–45	Luke 18:35—19:10	Num 15:1–41
Tuesday	Num 16:1–22	Luke 19:11–28	
Wednesday	Num 16:23–40	Luke 19:29–48	
Thursday	Num 16:41—17:13	Luke 20:1–18	Num 18:1—19:22
Friday	Num 20:1–21	Luke 20:19–44	
Saturday	Num 20:22—21:9	Luke 20:45—21:19 17	

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, Carl Ingle (Melissa Adelsen's uncle), Scott Roscovious, Jeramy Schaub

LEARN BY HEART *Romans 6:9; John 14:18; Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him… I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.!*

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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: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39