PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Second Sunday after Pentecost — June 7th, 2026

"As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him." Matthew 9:9

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: God desires steadfast love and mercy—not sacrifice—as Jesus echoes the prophet Hosea to the Pharisees and reminds us today. Our worship is hollow if we trust our own works and self-righteousness rather than living a life that overflows with the love and mercy that God provides to those who follow Him. Our Lord calls us to repentance and promises to heal and bind up those who come to Him with contrite hearts.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4, pp. 203 ff.

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare *Stanzas 1, 25, 3*

Confession and Absolution *LSB 203*

Service of the Word *LSB 204*

Introit *Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
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.
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from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Hosea 5:15—6:6*

15 I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt
and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

1 "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal
us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him. 3 Let us know; let us press on to know
the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the
showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." 4 What shall I do
with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love
is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by
the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

13The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of
the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of
faith. 14For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is
null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath, but where there
is no law there is no transgression.

16That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on
grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of
the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the
father of us all, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many
nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life
to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18In hope
he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many
nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." 19He did not
weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as
dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the
barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning
the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to
God, 21fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.
22That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." 23But the
words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, 24but
for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from
the dead Jesus our Lord, 25who was delivered up for our trespasses and
raised for our justification.

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

Alleluia & Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:9–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

9As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at
the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed
him.
10And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors
and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11And
when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your
teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12But when he heard it, he
said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are
sick. 13Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.'
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day: 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Sermon: "God's Desire: Mercy for Sinners" (Matthew 9:9-13)

Prayer of the Church
Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond "Hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-212*

Distribution Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Distribution Hymn: 566 By Grace I'm Saved
Distribution Hymn: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus & Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

Announcements

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

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Sunday	June 21
Song Leader	H. Ford	L. Danielson	S. Kolander
Ushers	Emmons	Dosland	Brunk
Counters	O. Childs L. Peters	C. Leis B. Alsobrooks	D. Dunnum E. Schmidt
Acolyte	E. Sheffer	B. Greydanus	C. Kolander
Altar Guild for June: L. Danielson and C. Leis			

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 36

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of May 31st Offering: $2,250.00

(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
	11:15 am..... Elders' Meeting
Mon. June 8	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tue. June 9	5:00 pm .....Men's Bible Study @Features
Wed. June 10	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sun. June 14	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for June 7th, 2026

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH: All welcome! Ordination and installation of Joshua Bieri into the Office of Holy Ministry as a Church Planter for the SWD of the LCMS. Sunday the 14th at 4:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church on Main St. in La Crosse. A catered dinner will be provided by Hill Country Lutheran Church of Viroqua so an RSVP recommended for good planning. Send an email to: Pastor@faithonmain.com

SUNDAY JUNE 28TH: The semi-annual Congregational Voters' Meeting will be held after worship service. Reports by Council members and committees will be heard. Please plan on staying for important business of the church. If you have follow-up questions, see Kurt Childs or Pastor Adelsen.

WE ARE COVERED! THANK YOU! We have coverage for building cleaning through November. Thank you to families that have taken on this chore. It greatly helps!

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.

SCRIP PROGRAM AT PRINCE OF PEACE – is a fundraising method where you purchase from us, prepaid gift cards for everyday shopping or gifts (groceries, gas, dining, travel) at face value, and we receive a percentage of the card value. Hundreds of retail vendors participate in this program. (A complete list is posted on the kiosk in the narthex.) Every Sunday, cards are available for purchase. Stop by in the fellowship hall right after worship service and talk to Barb or Chris.

SERMONS ONLINE: Going away for the 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 POP cast on Spotify & Apple Podcast
- Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS
- Our website at WSPOP.org

Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

•**Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30am) THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS** The Abrahamic religions monotheistic faiths that recognize a shared spiritual patriarch, Abraham. But how alike are Christianity, Judaism and Islam? What do they really teach about God?

•**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. 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 again June 9th. 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 *- Sin is the cause of all our woes in this life. God says so. Does it mean we can pick out particular sins as being the cause of particular woes? Quite often not. But we do know the cure to all our woes: the death of Jesus. His death paid for all our sins. His death gives us eternal life, no matter what sins we carry and no matter what woes we suffer. Jesus is greater than them all, and Jesus has paid the price for them all. So, as St. Peter says, "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. For 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" (Acts 2:38-39). Repent of your sins and let Him cure all your woes.*

PRAYER CHAIN POP PRAYS! - Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or would be willing 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!

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 119:65-72 – This psalm is a primarily to be counted as a psalm of comfort. Mainly, its concern is that we have God's Word in its purity and hear it gladly especially in time of affliction. [From Reading the Psalms with Luther]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

7 June	Prov 4:1–27	John 12:1–19 1	
8 June	Prov 5:1–23	John 12:20–36a	
9 June	Prov 8:1–21	John 12:36b–50	
10 June	Prov 8:22–36	John 13:1–20	
11 June	Prov 9:1–18	John 13:21–38	
12 June	Prov 10:1–23	John 14:1–17	Prov 11:1—12:28
13 June	Prov 13:1–25	John 14:18–31	

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.
- Shepherd of the Hills, in calling a faithful Pastor
- Rev. Jacob Eichers of Faith Lutheran Church, as he deliberates a Divine Call to Zion Lutheran, Menomonee Falls
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt, Scott Roscovious, Jeramy Schaub, Anna Wachholz (niece of the Kolanders)

LEARN BY HEART *Matthew 9:13b: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."*

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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: Exodus 19:2-8; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8