PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

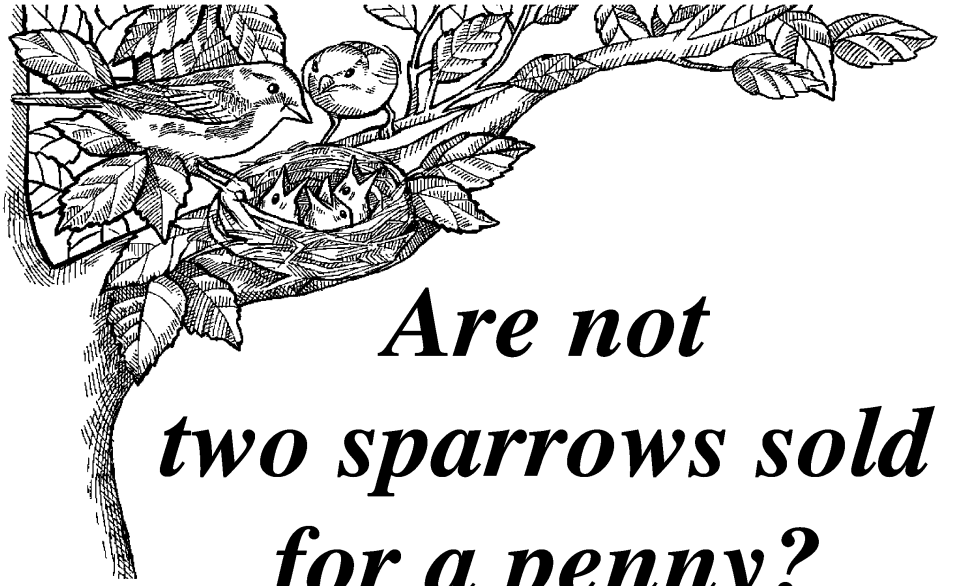
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — June 21st, 2026



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

Matthew 10:29

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: Violence and destruction snuff out life! Mourning crescendos as cruelty erupts. But the Lord remains strong as our warrior—our Deliverer from evildoers. And as we battle sin and its consequences to our body and soul, we cling to Christ, who is obedience, justification and righteousness. In Him, we claim all these blessed attributes and live, fearing not those things that seek to destroy but, in all circumstances, acknowledging and confessing Christ before all men!

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

Welcome *Guest Pastor: Rev. Bert Thompson*

Hymn of Invocation: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.
When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?
In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
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.
For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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 *Jeremiah 20:7–13*

7 O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger
than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the
day; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout,
"Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for
me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention
him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a
burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends,
watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can
overcome him and take our revenge on him." 11 But the LORD is with
me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they
will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not
succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O LORD of
hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let
me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my
cause. 13 Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the
life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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 6:12–23*

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey
their passions. 13Do not present your members to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been
brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for
righteousness. 14For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not
under law but under grace. 15What then? Are we to sin because we are not
under law but under grace? By no means! 16Do you not know that if you
present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one
whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience,
which leads to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God, that you who were
once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of
teaching to which you were committed, 18and, having been set free from
sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19I am speaking in human terms,
because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your
members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more
lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness
leading to sanctification. 20When you were slaves of sin, you were free in
regard to righteousness. 21But what fruit were you getting at that time
from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is
death. 22But now that you have been set free from sin and have become
slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal
life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

5These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

21"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

26"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

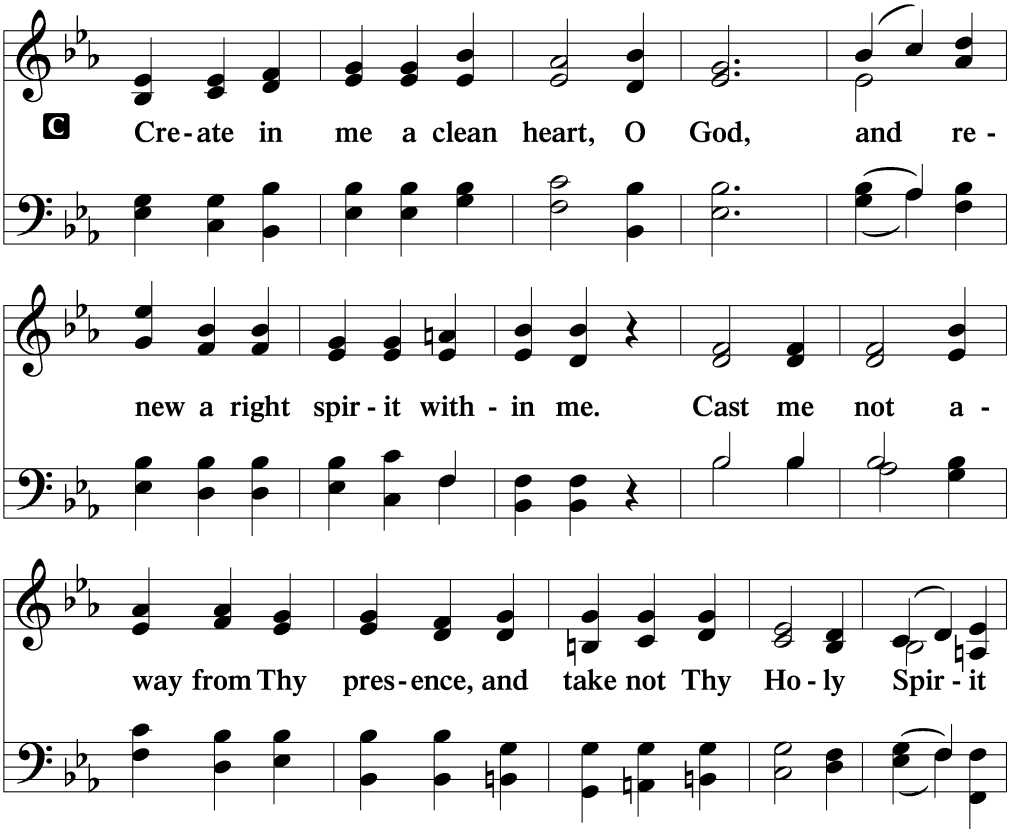
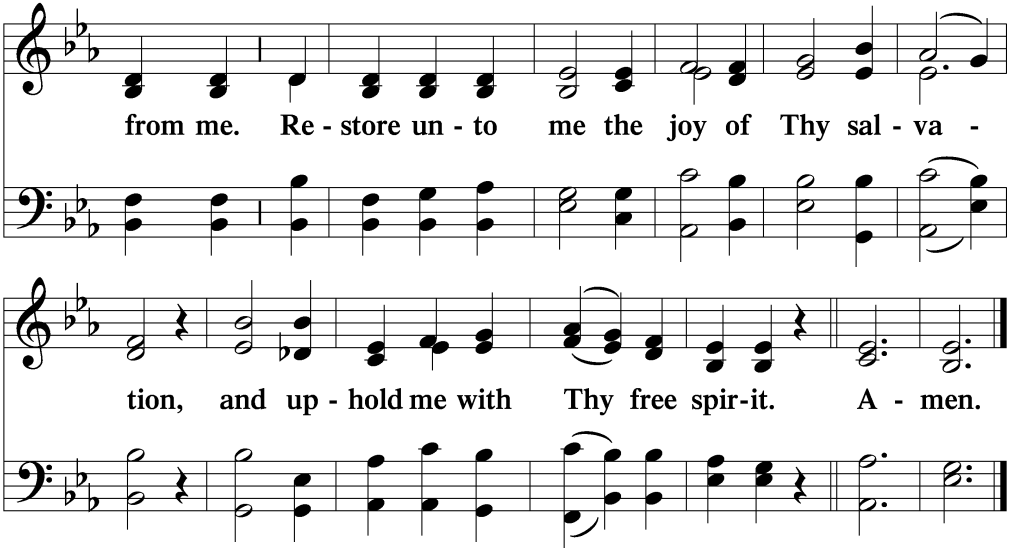
Hymn of the Day: 659 Lord of Our Life

Sermon "Fear Not!" *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

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: 727 On Eagles' Wings
Distribution Hymn: 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
Distribution Hymn: 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus & Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Announcements

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

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Week	July 5th
Song Leader	S. Kolander	B. Scholze	H. Ford
Ushers	Moen	Brunk	Otto
Counters	D. Dunnum E. Schmidt	B. Hinds O. Childs	B. Alsobrooks C. Leis
Acolyte	C. Kolander	E. Sheffer	B. Greydanus
Altar Guild for June:	L. Danielson and C. Leis		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 55

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of June 14th Offering: $4,649.85

(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 (topic to be announced)
Mon. June 22	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tue. June 23	5:00 pm ..... Men's Bible Study at Features
Wed. June 24	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sun. June 28	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
	after .....Congregational Voters' Meeting

Prince of Peace News and Notes for June 21st, 2026

Friendly Reminder…OUT OF THE OFFICE: Pastor Adelsen is attending the LWML South Wisconsin District Convention in Brookfield. He will return to the office on Monday, June 22.

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.

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH – **Walk For Life** - a family friendly walk benefitting the life-saving work of Alliance Family Services in the La Crosse region. Every step you take helps provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STI testing, parenting support, material resources, and compassionate care for women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Saturday, July 11, 9:00am – 1:00pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church, Onalaska. For more detailed information about how to register and pledge sheets see color flyer with the QR code on the kiosk.

TUES. JULY 21ST AND THUR. JULY 23RD: Once again the Evangelism Committee will be assisting the West Salem School District with **Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program**. This is a project that is requested by the West Salem School District, coordinated by Our Savior's Lutheran Church and supported by the other churches in West Salem. Prince of Peace has committed to making sack lunches on Tuesday, July 21st and Thursday, July 23rd from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are interested in assisting or would like more information, please speak with Sharie Brunk.

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** (resumes July 5th) are 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 23rd) 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), OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE** (workbook partnered with video lessons) Bible study on Jesus' feeding of the five thousand, we invite you to dig deep into Scripture to see a compelling picture of our compassionate Savior. Sometimes, in seasons of stress and brokenness, we keep our eyes down never looking up to see our Provider. Yet when Christ is present, the weary find rest and the hungry soul is satisfied. See Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions" (Romans 6:12). Our world has been a culture of death since sin entered through Adam. We seek to make our passions our gods. We make our hobbies, careers, lifestyles, plans, and happiness all gods. But what happens when God throws us an unexpected gift? Will we rejoice, or will we destroy? That gift may be a spouse, it may be a child, it may be a friend in need, or it may be time with a dying family member. But will we stop and enjoy the time God gives, or will we hurry the "inevitable" and seek to destroy what God has given? Seek God's gift of Life so that He may bless you with His grace and mercy and you may live with Him eternally.*

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 91 – The 91st psalm is a psalm of comfort that exhorts us to trust in God in all distress and affliction. It is full of abundant promises flowing from and spun from the First Commandment. It is the second psalm in which the dear angels are proclaimed to bour guards and protectors. [From Reading the Psalms with Luther]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

21 June	Prov 24:1–22	John 19:1–22	
22 June	Prov 25:1–22	John 19:23–42	Prov 26:1–28
23 June	Prov 27:1–24	John 20:1–18	Prov 28:1—29:27
24 June	Prov 30:1–9, 18–33	John 20:19–31	
25 June	Prov 31:10–31	John 21:1–25	
26 June	Josh 1:1–18	Acts 8:1–25	
27 June	Josh 2:1–24	Acts 8:26–40	

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 has accepted the 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 10:32: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. 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: Jeremiah: 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matt. 10:34-42