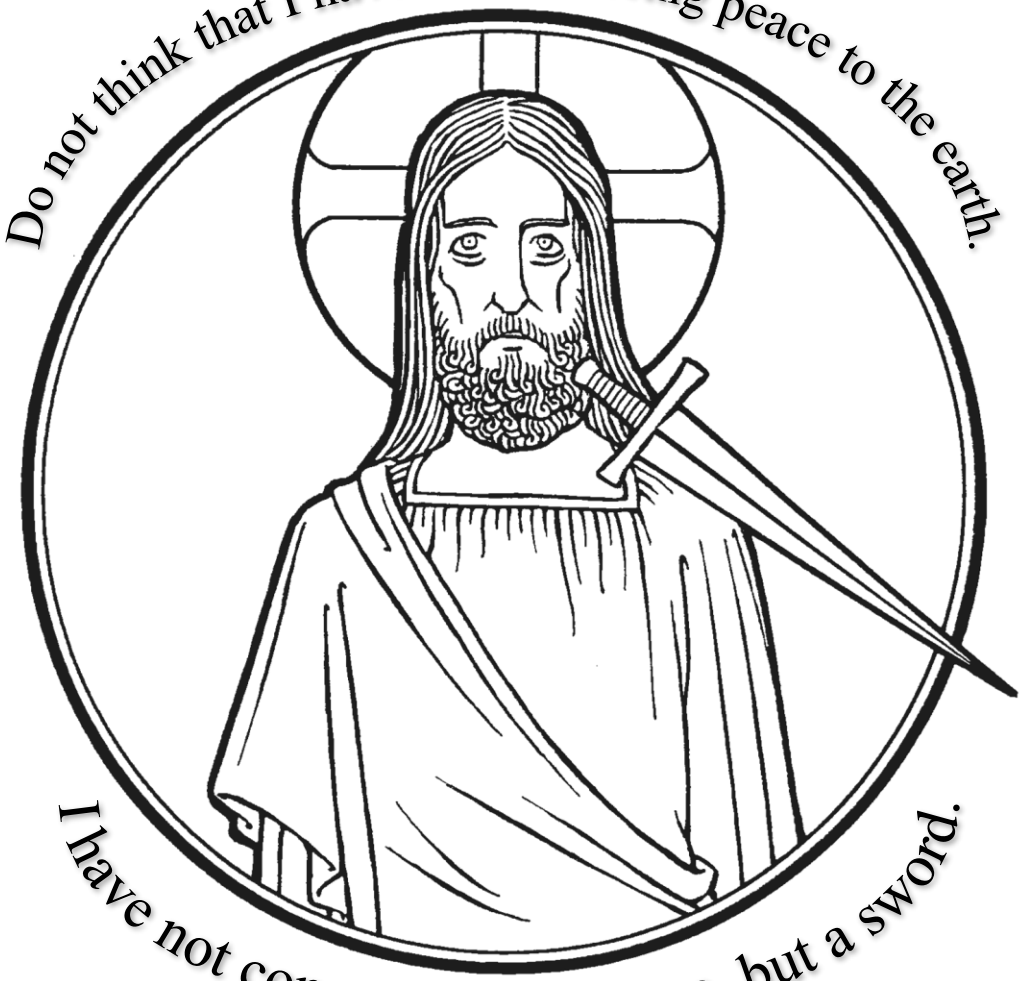
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — June 28th, 2026



Matthew 10:34

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's Holy Law binds, condemns and kills! Those under the law are terrorized by sin. Prophets recount the transgressions of people that have provoked wars, famines, pestilence, and death. Only peace produces life. But the Lord unsheathes the sword of division between those who vehemently deny and those who humbly confess Christ as Lord. Nothing dismisses the authority of the Law, but thanks be to god that Christ fulfilled its every letter—so we shall inherit eternal peace!

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Confession and Absolution *LSB 203*

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
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 the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

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 God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 28:5–9*

5Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the
presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house
of the LORD, 6and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so;
may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and
bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD,
and all the exiles. 7Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing
and in the hearing of all the people. 8The prophets who preceded you and
me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against
many countries and great kingdoms. 9As for the prophet who prophesies
peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known
that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle *Romans 7:1–13*

1Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know
the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?
2Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives,
but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.
3Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another
man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from
that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body
of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised
from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5For while we
were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at
work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6But now we are released
from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve
not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

7What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had
not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have
known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."
8But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in
me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9I was
once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin
came alive and I died. 10The very commandment that promised life
proved to be death to me. 11For sin, seizing an opportunity through the
commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12So the law is
holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was
sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might
be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful
beyond measure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 10:34–42*

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

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

34[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth.
I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to set a
man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36And a person's enemies will
be those of his own household. 37Whoever loves father or mother more
than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more
than me is not worthy of me. 38And whoever does not take his cross and
follow me is not worthy of me. 39Whoever finds his life will lose it, and
whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

40"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives
him who sent me. 41The one who receives a prophet because he is a
prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a
righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous
person's reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup
of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no
means lose his reward."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

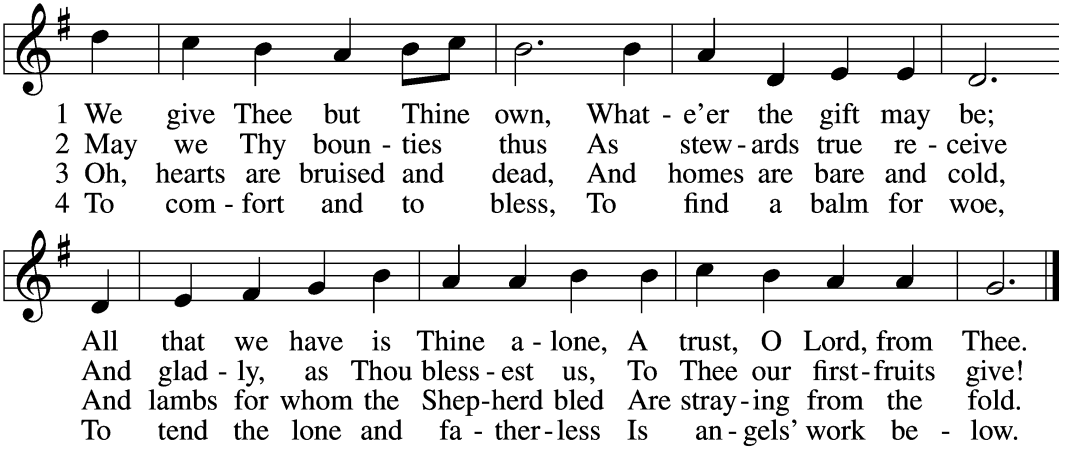
Sermon: "The Peace of Christ" **Matthew 10:34-42**

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781*



5 The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, it is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-212*

Distribution Hymn: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
Distribution Hymn: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Distribution Hymn: 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus & Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Announcements

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

TODAY! is our semi-annual Congregational Voters' Meeting.
Reports by Council members and committees will be heard.
Please plan on staying for important business of the church.

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Week	July 12th
Song Leader	B. Scholze	H. Ford	L. Danielson
Ushers	Brunk	Otto	Emmons
Counters	B. Hinds O. Childs	B. Alsobrooks C. Leis	L. Peters E. Schmidt
Acolyte	E. Sheffer	B. Greydanus	C. Kolander

Altar Guild for July: E. Schmidt and C. Dosland

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 53

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of June 21st Offering: $1,855.00

(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..... Congregational Voters' Meeting
Mon. June 29	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. July 1	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sun. July 5	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for June 28th, 2026

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 to scan.*

JULY 14TH – 16TH Vacation Bible School at Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska – This is an evening program from 5pm-7:30 pm. Themed: Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Palm 23". For visitors and members alike, please register all children (age 3 through sixth grade) who will be attending. A light supper will be served each night. *see color flyer with the QR code on the kiosk to scan.*

JULY 18TH – Prince of Peace LWML The group will be meeting at 9:00am at the Hollandberry Pannekoeken Restaurant (Dutch ancestry cooking style) in La Crosse. No RSVP necessary. See Deb D. if you need more information.

JULY 21ST AND 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**
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/video lessons) With focus on Jesus' feeding of the five thousand, 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 *Jesus said: "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). God does not demand from us that we have success with everyone to whom we proclaim the Word of God. God knows the hearts of men. He knows that many have turned their hearts from hearing God's Word and desire death and not life. They desire to stay in their sins and not hear God's mercy and love for them. They will still kill their children, murder their elders, and seek to destroy life at every step because of who their father is. But we as God's children are to speak the truth even when it is received with hostility and even when it seems meager and worthless. For God says if we even give a cup of cold water, God will bless us. If we seek to save the life of a human being according to God's Word, He will bless us.*

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 (v.153-160) – Look for the urgent cries of lament. Luther taught that when we face suffering and distress, we should plead directly with God. Later in this section, the psalmist expresses deep devotion to God's law despite being surrounded by persecutors and "the treacherous". Luther reminds us to not merely read, but actively take God's words to heart especially when they appear foolish to the world.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

28 June	Josh 3:1–17	Acts 9:1–22 2	
29 June	Josh 4:1–24	Acts 9:23–43	
30 June	Josh 5:1—6:5	Acts 10:1–17	
1 July	Josh 6:6–27	Acts 10:18–33	
2 July	Josh 7:1–26	Acts 10:34–48	
3 July	Josh 8:1–28	Acts 11:1–18	
4 July	Josh 10:1–25	Acts 11:19–30	Josh 10:28—22:34

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- 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 10:39: Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 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: Zechariah 9:9-12; Rom. 7:14-25; Matt. 11:25-30