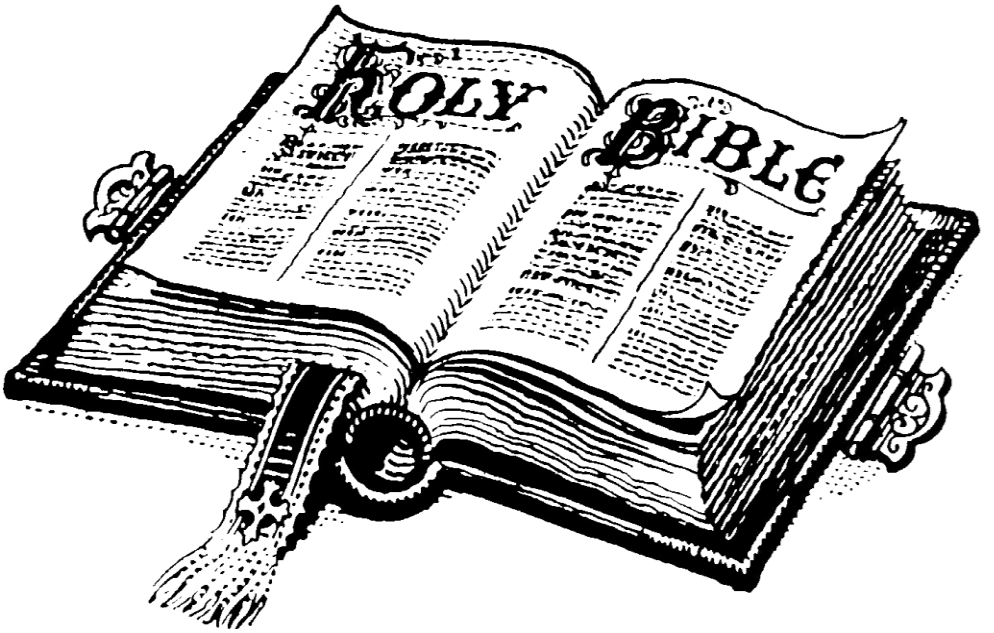
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost — July 5th, 2026



For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self.

Romans 7:22

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: Zechariah prophesies the coming of King Jesus, whose reign is about mercy, grace, life, and goodness, not about wrath, power, anger, or violence. Sometimes we mistakenly think that unyielding wrath guarantees change, self-condemnation begets correction, and power deserves respect. But for Christians, it is only the gracious, gentle, merciful Jesus who delivers us from our body of death. He is our divine respite in whom we know kindness, goodness, and forgiveness.

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
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.
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

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.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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 *Zechariah 9:9–12*

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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 7:14–25a*

14We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.
15I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I
do the very thing I hate. 16Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the
law, that it is good. 17So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells
within me. 18For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my
flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it
out. 19For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I
keep on doing. 20Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do
it, but sin that dwells within me.
21So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at
hand. 22For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23but I see in my
members another law waging war against the law of my mind and
making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
24Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
25Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:25–30*

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

25At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding
and revealed them to little children; 26yes, Father, for such was your

gracious will. [27]All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28]Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

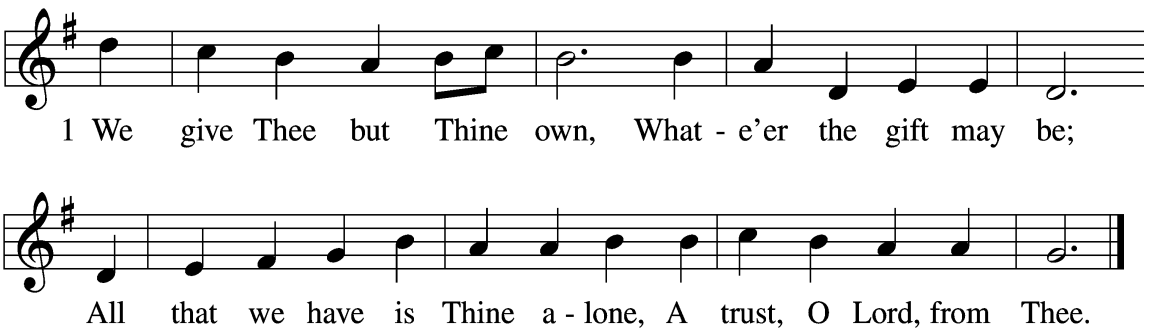
Sermon: "Wrestling with Sin, Resting in Christ" *Romans 7:14-25*

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, St. 1*



Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-212*

Distribution Hymn: 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Distribution Hymn: 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Distribution Hymn: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 965 God Bless Our Native Land

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 19th
Song Leader	H. Ford	L. Danielson	S. Kolander
Ushers	Otto	Dosland	Emmons
Counters	B. Alsobrooks C. Leis	L. Peters E. Schmidt	D. Dunnum B. Hinds
Acolyte	B. Greydanus	C. Kolander	E. Sheffer

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

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

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of June 28th Offering: $3,310.10

(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
Mon. July 6	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tue. July 7	*Note:.....No Men's Bible Study*
Wed. July 8	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sun. July 12	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Monthly Newsletters were distributed via email recently.
Missed it in your email inbox? Let us know! If you prefer a paper copy, let us know!
Have something to publish in the newsletter?
Let us know at: Office@WSPOP.org

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 5th, 2026

JULY 11TH – Walk For Life a family friendly walk benefitting the life- saving work of Alliance Family Services in the La Crosse region. Saturday, July 11, 9:00am – 1:00pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church, Onalaska. Pastor Adelsen has organized a "Team" for Prince of Peace! If you are interested in walking and/or donating, use the QR code to see the "Team" invite. Hint: Go to the dropdown "My Team" and then "join". See Pastor for follow up questions. What a great cause!

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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 downtown La Crosse. No RSVP necessary. See Deb D. for 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

THE LEYH FAMILY AT CTSFW - Josh Leyh, a member of Prince of Peace, has just wrapped up his first-year studying for the Office of the Holy Ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne IN. As he, along with his wife Faith and pre-school age son Peter, take up this task, we, as Christ's flock at Prince of Peace, are encouraged to support the Leyh's in every possible way through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Prince of Peace has placed out a special offering box for the Leyh family in the narthex. Personal updates from Josh printed and posted on the bulletin board here at church on bulletin board on the way into the Fellowship Hall.

Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

•**Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30am) THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS** *Today*
Learn about the 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** In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

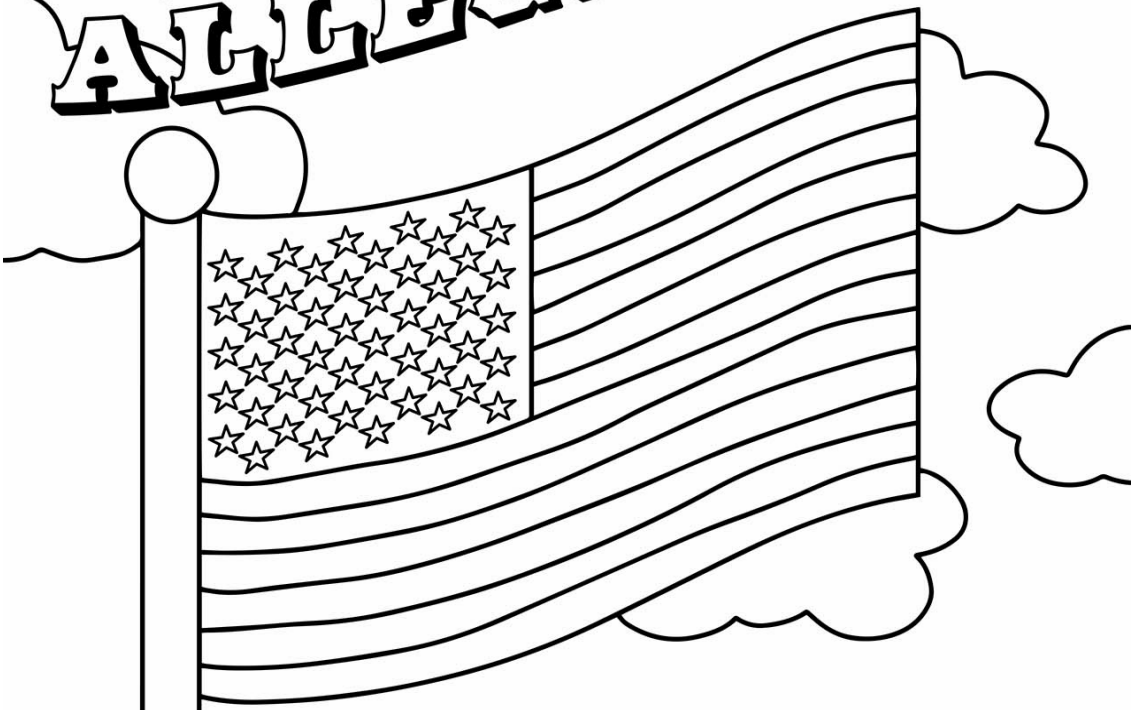
•**Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men's Bible Study** *Meets again July 21*
Focusing on: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania The people of Assyria were notoriously brutal. They believed that their kingdom would last forever. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord 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. See Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life *Sin dwells in each one of us so that even when we desire to do what is right, we are seldom able to do it without stain (Romans 7:18). Therefore, even Christians fall into sins which dehumanize our neighbors. We treat others differently or harbor hatred toward them because of their race, political views, past sins, etc. Thanks be to God that He is pleased to reveal His salvation to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, forgiving our sins, delivering us from the power of sin, and considering us as His own beloved children (Matthew 11:25-27; Romans 7:25).*

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!

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
United States of America, and to the
Republic for which it stands, one nation
UNDER GOD
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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 145 (v.1-14) – This psalm is of thanks for the kingdom of Christ. In it, look for the strong urging to exalt God and glorify His power and kingdom. Christ's kingdom and power are hidden under the cross. If the cross were not extolled through preaching, teaching and confession, who could have ever thought of it, to say nothing of knowing it? [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

5 July	Josh 23:1–16	Acts 12:1–25	
6 July	Josh 24:1–31	Acts 13:1–12	Judg 1:1–36
7 July	Judg 2:6–23	Acts 13:13–41	
8 July	Judg 3:7–31	Acts 13:42–52	
9 July	Judg 4:1–24	Acts 14:1–18	Judg 5:1–31
10 July	Judg 6:1–24	Acts 14:19—15:5	
11 July	Judg 6:25–40	Acts 15:6–21	

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 11:28: Alleluia. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.*

COLLECT Page 4

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: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matt. 13:1-9;18-23