PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 12th, 2026

The Parable of the Sower

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 nourishes the whole earth with refreshing water, yielding a bountiful harvest. His Word does the same—nourishing faith, refreshing souls, and increasing joy. We dare not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit, who magnifies and sheds all kinds of God's goodness upon us and makes us heirs of an incomparable wealth in the Gospel of Christ, recipients of His life-giving Word, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

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

Welcome

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

Confession and Absolution *LSB p. 203*

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
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.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 *Isaiah 55:10–13*

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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 8:12–17*

12So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to
the flesh. 13For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the
Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who
are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15For you did not receive the
spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of
adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16The Spirit himself
bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children,
then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer
with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

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

1That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2And
great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down.
And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many things
in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some
seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5Other
seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and
immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6but when
the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they
withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up

and choked them. [8]Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9]He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

[18]"Hear then the parable of the sower: [19]When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. [20]As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, [21]yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. [22]As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. [23]As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 586 Preach You the Word

Sermon: "Hear the Parable of the Sower" *Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23*

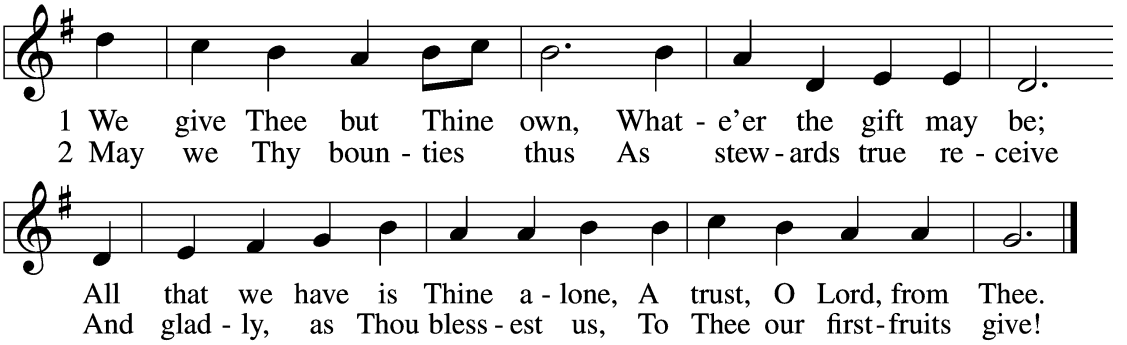
Prayer of the Church

Prayer

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. 1-2*



Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-212*

Distribution Hymn: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Distribution Hymn: 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

Distribution Hymn: 577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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 26th
Song Leader	L. Danielson	S. Kolander	B. Scholze
Ushers	Dosland	Emmons	Brunk
Counters	L. Peters E. Schmidt	D. Dunnum B. Hinds	C. Leis O. Childs
Acolyte	C. Kolander	E. Sheffer	Greydanus

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 59

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of July 5th Offering: $2,026.00

(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
Mon. July 13	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. July 15	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. July 18	9:00 am.....POP LWML at Hollandberry Restaurant in La Crosse
Sun. July 19	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 12th, 2026

THIS WEEK: JULY 14TH – 16TH Evening Vacation Bible School at Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska – Tues.- Weds. - Thurs. from 5pm-7:30pm. 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 for sign-up.*

SATURDAY, 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST AND THURSDAY, JULY 23RD Children's Summer Lunch Program 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 *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 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.

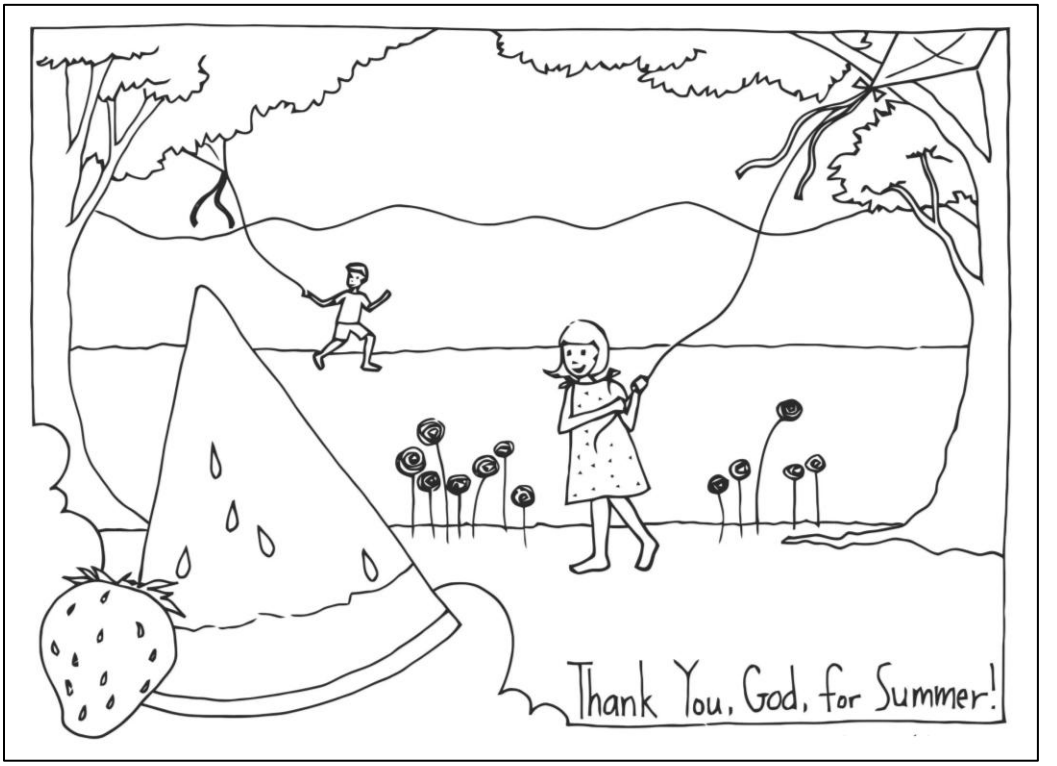
•Saturday's Online, Women's Bible Study (9:00am), OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE (workbook/video lessons) With focus on Jesus' feeding of the five thousand, dig deep into Scripture to see a compelling picture of our compassionate Savior. Sometimes, in seasons of stress and brokenness, we keep our eyes down never looking up to see our Provider. See Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life *Oh, how many sins against life occur because the devil has snatched the Word of God from peoples' hearts and because the cares of this earthly life choke out the Word (Matthew 13:19-22)! We are often tempted to withhold preaching the Word to some, thinking that we know which people will believe and bear fruit. However, God calls us to continue casting out His Word onto every type of soil, knowing that His Word never returns to Him empty and will accomplish His purpose (Isaiah 55:11), sometimes in the most unlikely of places.*

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**

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.

SCRIP AND KWIK TRIP 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.



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 65 – A psalm of thanks in which the psalmist praised God that He gives His Word and worship, as well as temporal peace. God regulates the fury of the enemy and the wars in the land, which break out and storm like the sea, and He blesses the fields, so everything turns out well, produces well, grows well. Oh, how rare this praise is among the rabble. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

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	
14 June	Prov 14:1–27	John 15:1–11	
15 June	Prov 15:1–29	John 15:12–27	
16 June	Prov 16:1–24	John 16:1–16	
17 June	Prov 17:1–28	John 16:17–33	Prov 18:1—20:4
18 June	Prov 20:5–25	John 17:1–26	

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 *Isaiah 40:8 Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 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 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43