PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost — July 19th, 2026

The Parable of the Weeds

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: The Lord of hosts is the indisputable Redeemer—there is no other! All creation awaits the revelation of the sons of god, who by grace become God's adopted heirs. We are the redeemed, the hope-filled, the ones for whom the Spirit cries out that our weaknesses may not devastate, suffocate, or strangle us. In Christ, we are forgiven and known as the children of His kingdom, because we hear His Word and believe.

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Confession and Absolution
Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
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.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

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 8:18–27*

18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19For the creation
waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the
creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who
subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its
bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in
the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we
ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this
hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes
for what he sees? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it
with patience.

26Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know
what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with
groanings too deep for words. 27And he who searches hearts knows what
is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

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

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

24 [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,
25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds
among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore
grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of
the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in
your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy
has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go
and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root
up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest,
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind
them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."
37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The
field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The
weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is
the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.
40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the
close of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will
gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and
throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

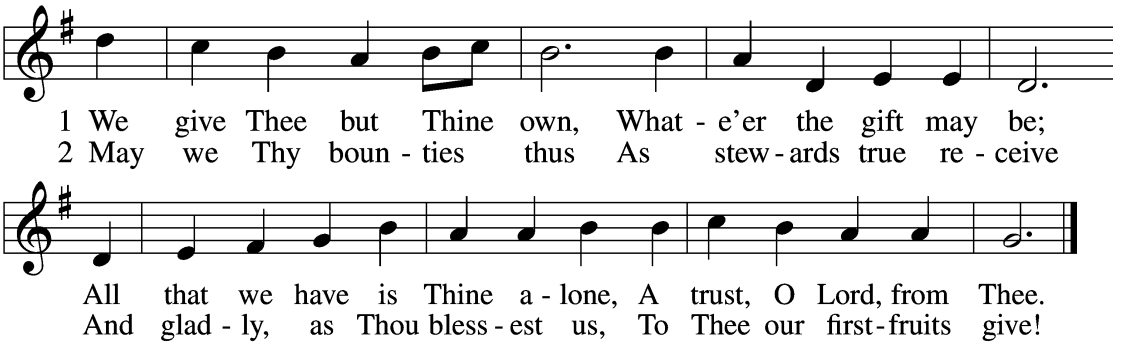
Sermon: "Hear the Parable of the Weeds" *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

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. 1-2*



Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-210*

Distribution Hymn: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown
Distribution Hymn: 772 In Holy Conversation
Distribution Hymn: 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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	Aug. 2nd
Song Leader	S. Kolander	B. Scholze	Holly Ford
Ushers	Emmons	Brunk	Moen
Counters	D. Dunnum B. Hinds	C. Leis O. Childs	L. Peters B. Alsobrooks
Acolyte	E. Sheffer	Greydanus	Kolander
Altar Guild for July:	E. Schmidt and C. Dosland		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 43

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of July 12th Offering: $2,167.15

(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

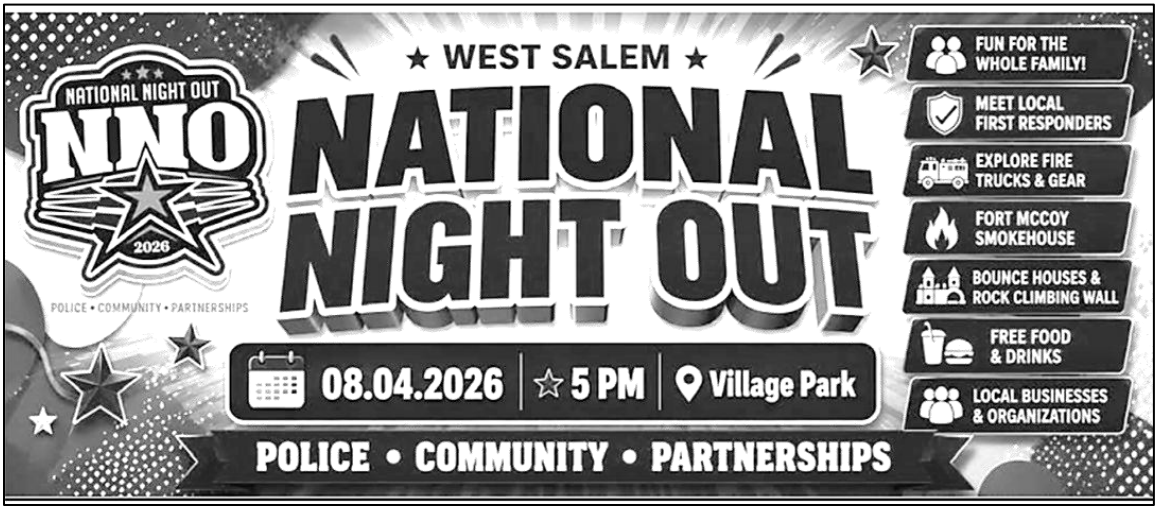
THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship time
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Mon. July 20	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tue. July 21	*9:30am-12:30pm .....@Our Savior's, West Salem, Feed Our Children*
	5:00 pm .....Men's Bible Study @ Feature's
Wed. July 22	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Thur. July 23	*9:30am-12:30pm .....@Our Savior's, West Salem, Feed Our Children*
Sat. July 25	9:00 am.....Online: Women's Bible Study
Sun. July 26	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 19th, 2026

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 this week on Tuesday and Thursday 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.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4TH The **Evangelism Committee** will be participating in the annual **National Night Out** community event being hosted by the Village of West Salem. This event provides an opportunity to meet your local police and other West Salem businesses. The Evangelism Committee and Pastor will staff a table providing information about POP and a game/candy for the children. All are invited to attend and enjoy free food, beverages, music and games. Join us on that evening from 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 P.M. in Village Park West Salem.



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? Join us as we dig deeper.

•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.

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 collection 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.

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

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: *The devil sowed his evil seed of suffering and death into the world by convincing Adam to doubt and disobey God's Word (Matthew 13:39). The sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:38) would convince us that we could avoid the sufferings of this present time (Romans 8:18) by embracing death through abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. But, God, who is our Rock (Isaiah 44:8), promises us true redemption from suffering through the blood of Christ, in whom we are adopted as God's children and have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23).*

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**

STILL CELEBRATING! AMERICA 250

A Prayer: Almighty God, for two and-a-half centuries, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Source: LCMS.org/Free-to-Be-Faithful Newsletter-Summer 2026

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 119:57–64 A psalm to be counted among the psalms of comfort. It's primary concern is that we have God's Word in its purity and hear it gladly. Notice the praise of God's Word throughout the psalm and read of the warnings to us against both false teachers and contempt for the Word. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

19 July	1 Sam 2:18–36	Acts 15:22–41	
20 July	1 Sam 3:1–21	Acts 16:1–22	
21 July	1 Sam 4:1–22	Acts 16:23–40	Acts 17:1–34
22 July	1 Sam 5:1—6:3, 10–16	Acts 18:1–11, 23–28	
23 July	1 Sam 6:19—7:17	Acts 19:1–22	Acts 19:23—21:14
24 July	1 Sam 8:1–22	Acts 21:15–36	
25 July	1 Sam 9:1–27	Acts 21:37—22:16	

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 13:35b Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. 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: Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39; Matt. 13:44-52