PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — July 26th, 2026

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 people of God are treasured possessions, chosen and loved for all eternity. God's divine, amazing grace embraces the predestined, the justified, the glorified. God's divine deliverance rescues from tribulation, persecution, danger, and death. Anything that would separate us from the love of God in Christ is rendered completely powerless! God's people, made righteous by Him, will live forever as citizens in the kingdom of heaven.

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

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 and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

6"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has
chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the
peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7It was not because you were
more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you
and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8but it is because the
LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that
the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you
from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know
therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps
covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his
commandments, to a thousand generations."

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 8:28–39*

28We know that for those who love God all things work together for
good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29For those whom
he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those
whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also
justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be
against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us
all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33Who
shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is
to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was
raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or
distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
36As it is written,

> "For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
> we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who
loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love
of God 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 13:44–52*

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

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

44[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all
that he has and buys that field.
45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine
pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that
he had and bought it.
47“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the
sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48When it was full, men drew it
ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away
the bad. 49So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and
separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery
furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.”
52And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for
the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his
treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

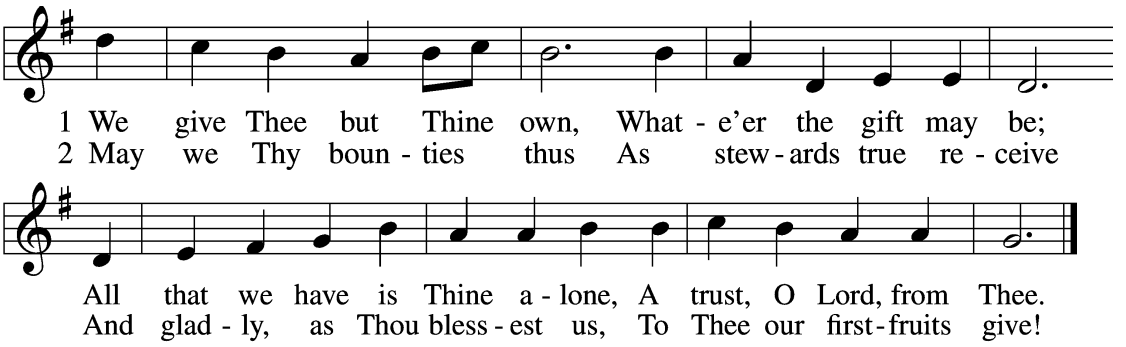
Sermon: "The Joy of the Kingdom of Heaven" *Matthew 13:44-52*

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: 818 In Thee Is Gladness
Distribution Hymn: 644 The Church's One Foundation
Distribution Hymn: 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

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. 9th
Song Leader	B. Scholze	Holly Ford	L. Danielson
Ushers	Moen	B. Hinds C. Leis	Brunk
Counters	C. Leis O. Childs	L. Peters B. Alsobrooks	E. Schmidt O. Childs
Acolyte	Greydanus	Kolander	Sheffer

Altar Guild for August: O. Childs and J. Soto

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 46

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of July 19th Offering: $3,621.00

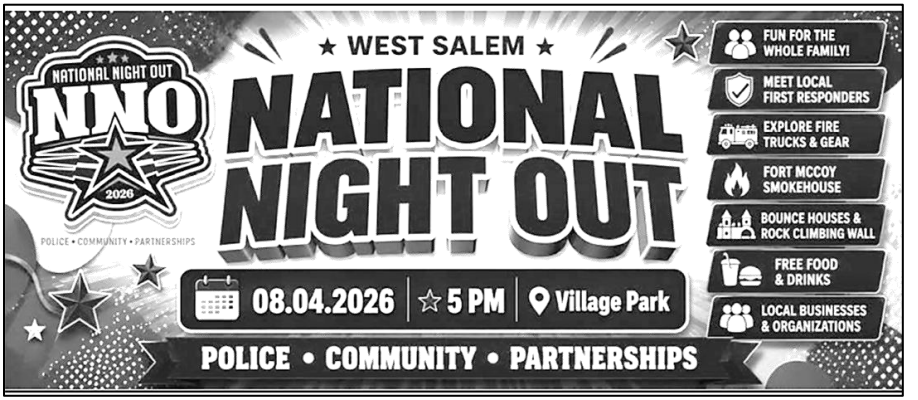
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

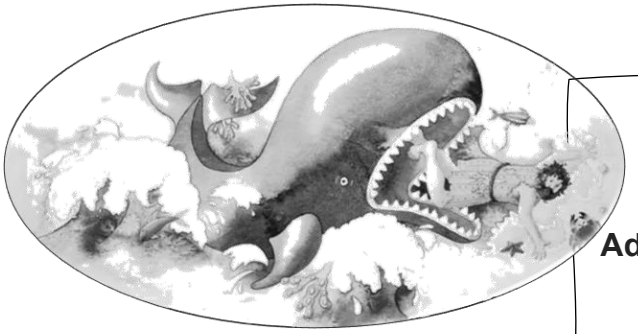
Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after..... Fellowship time
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Mon. July 27	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. July 29	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 1	9:00 am..... LWML Meeting at POP
Sun. Aug. 2	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 26th, 2026

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.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH **Vacation Bible School – August 16th** Join us for Vacation Bible School on **Sunday, August 16**, following church and Adult Bible study. A **potluck meal** to follow Bible study with VBS running from approximately **12:30–2:00 p.m.** This year's theme is **the story of Jonah**. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy an afternoon of Bible story, crafts, games, music, and fun! Anyone interested in volunteering talk to Brooklynn.



Sunday August 16th
Divine service at 9am
~ fellowship time after ~
Adult Bible Study Class 10:30am
☺ **Potluck 11:30am** ☺
VBS 12:30pm-2:00pm

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
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: *God does not love us because of any quality in us, such as our age, physical ability, potential, wisdom, race, etc. (Deuteronomy 7:6-7). God chose to love us from His own good grace and mercy and gave all He had, His own dear Son, to purchase the world from sin and have us as His own possession (Matthew 13:44). In doing so, God reveals that every person—regardless of their age, size, or condition—is a precious treasure to Him and is worthy of our love and protection.).*

PRAYER CHAIN POP PRAYS! -We believe in the power of a praying community. We invite you to join our active Prayer Chain ministry. People connected and taking time to lift up needs, big or small, spoken or unspoken. If you have a prayer request or would be willing to be on the email prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman at **wstichman@charter.net**

GET PLUGGED IN - SUMMER LISTENING: www.lcms.org click on 'Multimedia' tab and the dropdown listing under 'podcast directory'. Many more topics!

Podcast: 5 Minutes with a Missionary

It's a window into missionary life. As our missionaries talk about their experiences, savor the uniqueness of the places in which God has called them to serve — while finding...

Podcast: God's Mission Here

God's Mission Here spotlights the work that God is doing through His people... and this work is closer to home than you might expect!

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 125 – Read of the thankfulness for teachers and officials who truly believe. The Christian need not be weary and for that reason does not fall away from the Word, but give all blessings to those who hope in Him. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

26 July	1 Sam 10:1–27	Acts 22:17–29
27 July	1 Sam 12:1–25	Acts 22:30—23:11
28 July	1 Sam 13:1–18	Acts 23:12–35
29 July	1 Sam 14:47—15:9	Acts 24:1–23
30 July	1 Sam 15:10–35	Acts 24:24—25:12
31 July	1 Sam 16:1–23	Acts 25:13–27
1 Aug	1 Sam 17:1–19	Acts 26:1–23

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
- Faith Lutheran Church, in calling a faithful pastor
- 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); Deb Dunnum

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: Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21