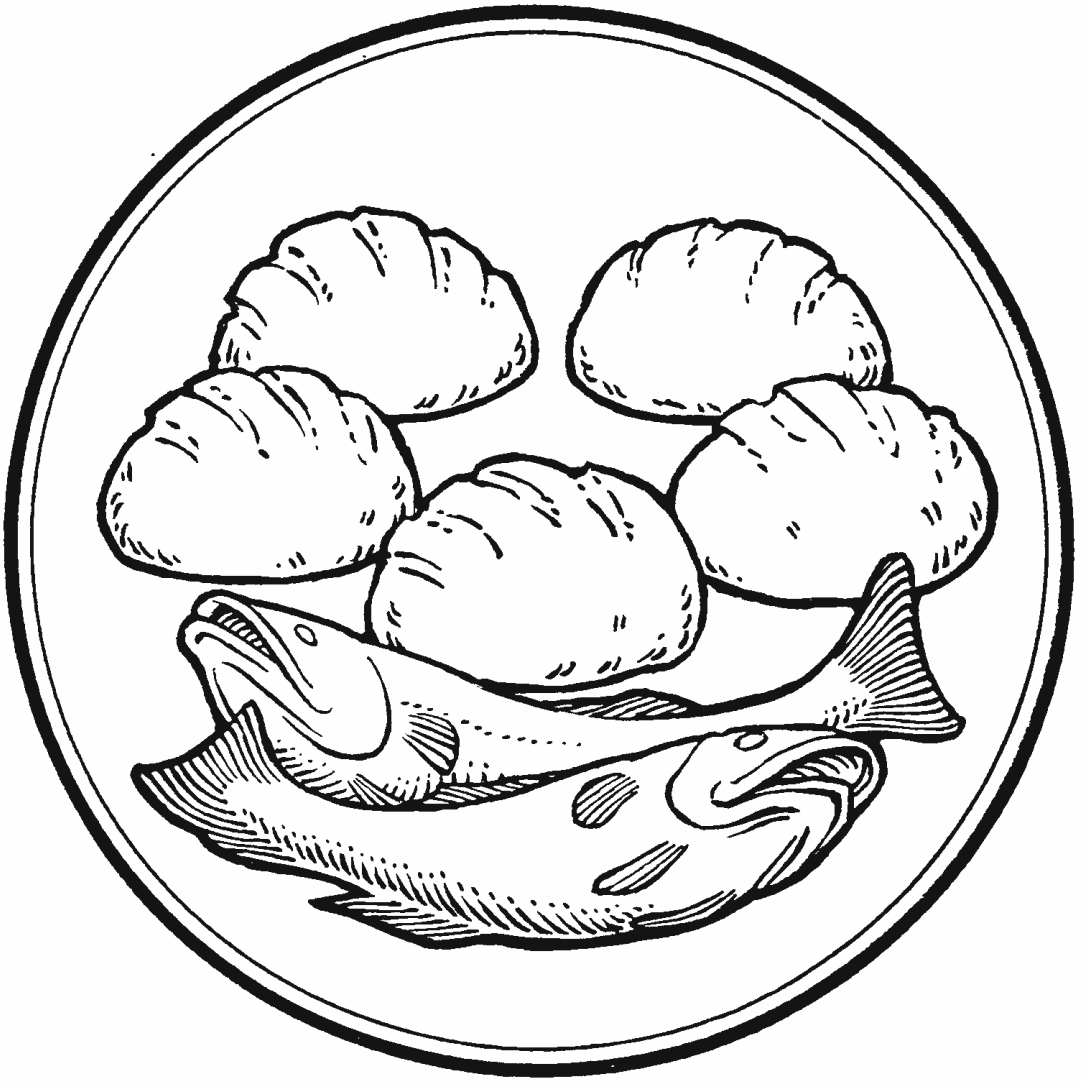
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 2nd, 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 Lord's Word quenches thirst, satisfies hunger, and conveys and everlasting covenant between God and His people. Israel is the rightful nation to receive God's adoption, glory, covenant, worship and promise. But their lineage is no guarantee! Only those who believe the promise of Jesus are claimed by Him. So also every man, woman and child who hears His Word is completely satisfied with the truth, righteousness and compassion of Christ.

Order of Service: Divine Service 3, pp. 184 ff.

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
He spread a cloud for a | covering,*
and fire to give | light by night.
They asked, and he | brought quail,*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;*
it flowed through the desert like a | river.
For he remembered his holy | promise,*
and Abraham, his | servant.
So he brought his people | out with joy,*
his chosen ones with | singing.
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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1–5*

1 "Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

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 9:1–13*

1I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears
me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the
flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the
covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5To them
belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the
Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are
descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7and not all are children of
Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your
offspring be named." 8This means that it is not the children of the flesh
who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted
as offspring. 9For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year
I will return and Sarah shall have a son." 10And not only so, but also when
Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,
11though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or
bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because
of works but because of his call— 12she was told, "The older will serve the
younger." 13As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13–21*

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

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

13Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from
there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard
it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore he
saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
15Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a
desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into
the villages and buy food for themselves." 16But Jesus said, "They need
not go away; you give them something to eat." 17They said to him, "We
have only five loaves here and two fish." 18And he said, "Bring them here
to me." 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a
blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the
disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And they all ate and were satisfied.
And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21And
those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and
children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

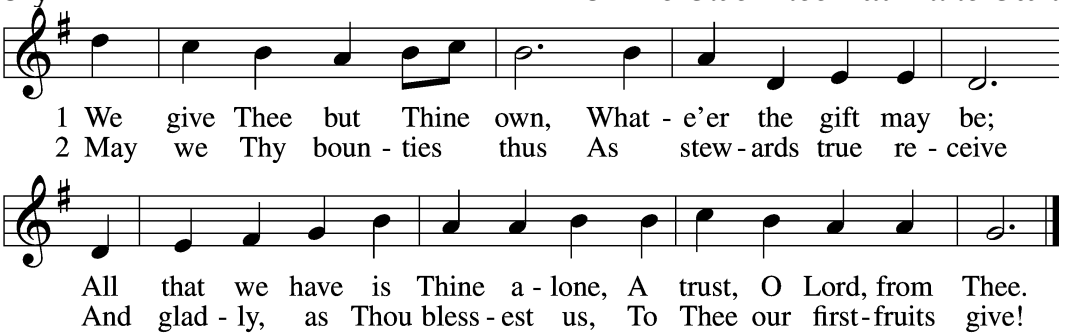
Sermon "The True Israelites" *Romans 9:1-13*

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Offertory *781 We Give Thee But Thine Own*



Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208-210*

Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Distribution Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

Hymn to Depart: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

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. 16th
Song Leader	Holly F.	Leatta D.	Sarah K.
Ushers	B. Hinds C. Leis	Brunk	Emmons
Counters	L. Peters B. Alsobrooks	E. Schmidt O. Childs	D. Dunnum B. Hinds
Acolyte	Kolander	Sheffer	Greydanus

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 47

Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46

Week of July 26th Offering: $2,127.95

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

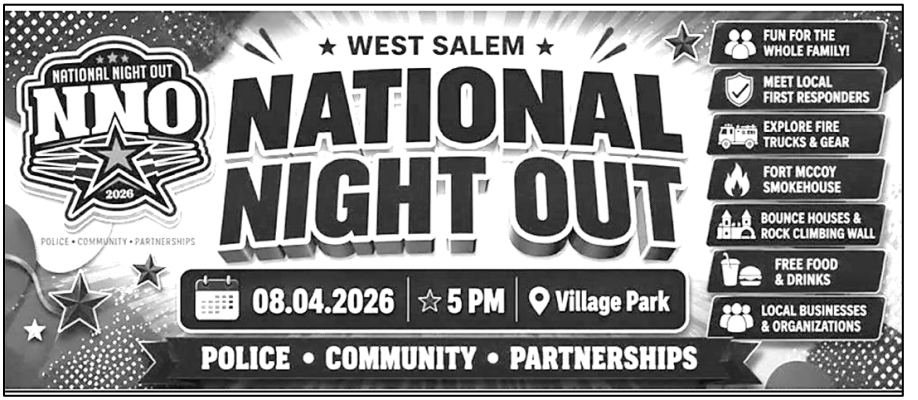
THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Today	**9:00 am..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship time
	10:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
	after ..... Elders' Meeting
Mon. Aug. 3	**7:00 pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Aug. 4	*5:00 pm .....National Night Out, Downtown West Salem*
Wed. Aug. 5	9:30 am..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 8	9:00 am..... Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug. 9	**9:00 am.....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**

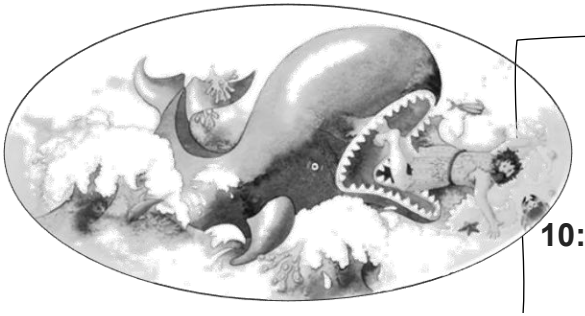
Monthly Newsletters were distributed via email recently.
Missed it in your email inbox? Let us know! If you prefer a paper copy, let us know!
Have something to publish in the newsletter?
Let us know at: Office@WSPOP.org

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 2nd, 2026

THIS WEEK! TUES., 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

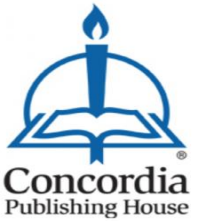
~ fellowship time after ~

10:30 am Adult Bible Study Class

☺ **11:30am Potluck** ☺

12:30pm-2:00pm VBS

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE ORDER - Are you looking for anything from Concordia Publishing House? The latest catalog is on the counter under the mailboxes. If you are interested in placing an order with CPH, please contact Pastor Adelsen. Deadline is **Monday, August 17.**



Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30am) THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS
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 *on 8/11*
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.

Updated Weekly, Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: *Our God is the Lord and Giver of life! "Come … incline your ear to me, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3)! "He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:25) also gives nourishment to every born and preborn life He knits together fearfully and wonderfully. Even while I "have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) over the spiritually lost and the violence of abortion and euthanasia, we continue to eat and be satisfied (Matthew 14:20) from Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.*

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**

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

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 136 – A psalm of thanks! Each verse the psalmist repeats the line "for His steadfast love endures forever". The text shows priests how they should sing and preach. Nothing but grace, not human works or doctrines, should be preached. For human works and words have done no wonder such as His. Gift! Gift! Gift the psalmist writes – free of charge! [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

2 Aug	1 Sam 17:20–47	Acts 26:24—27	
3 Aug	1 Sam 17:48—18:9	Acts 27:9–26	
4 Aug	1 Sam 18:10–30	Acts 27:27–44	
5 Aug	1 Sam 19:1–24	Acts 28:1–15	
6 Aug	1 Sam 20:1–23	Acts 28:16–31	
7 Aug	1 Sam 20:24–42	1 Cor 1:1–25	1 Sam 21:1—23:29
8 Aug	1 Sam 24:1–22	1 Cor 1:26—2:16	

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
- 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 *Psalm 78:25 Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. 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: Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14-22-33