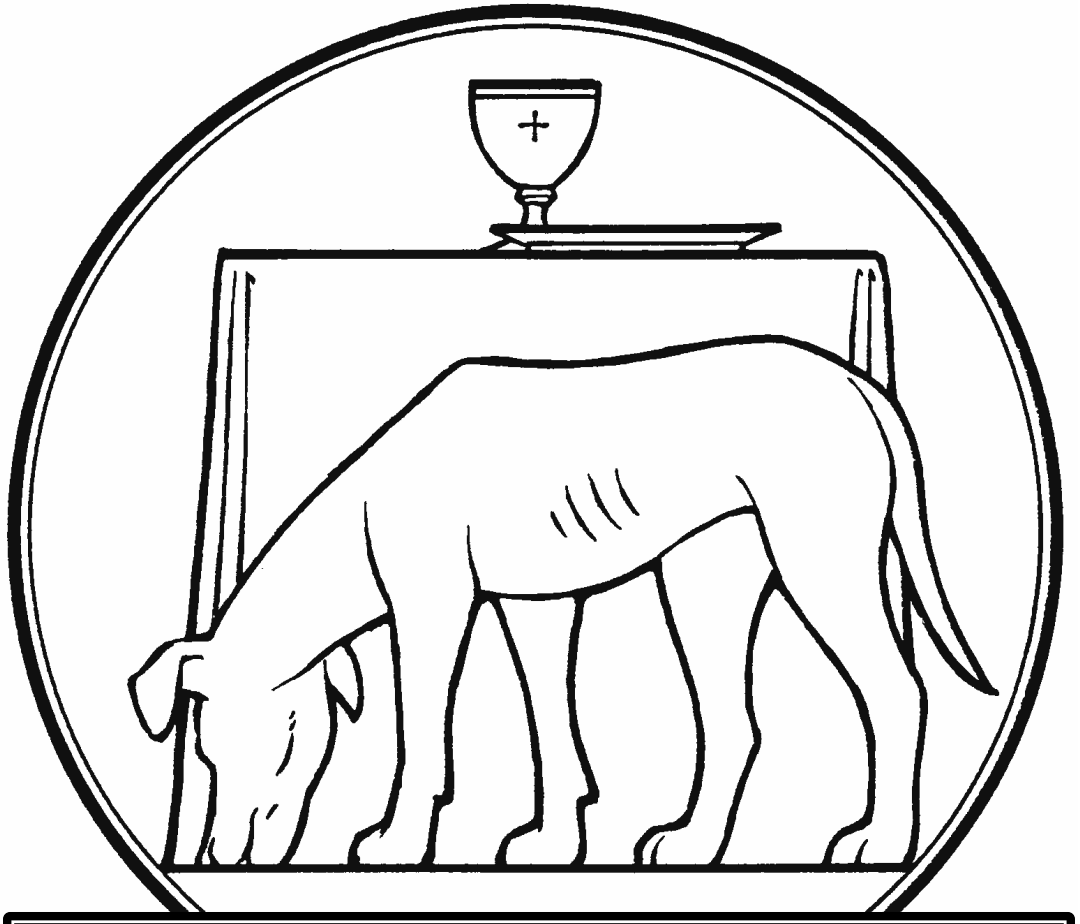
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost — August 16th, 2026



Matthew 15:27b
"...even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

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 about 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. *Thank you!*

Theme for Today's Service: God's righteousness overflows with promise and hope. All those who believe and love the Lord will know unending joy in His house of prayer. Israelites are still the chosen ones in the great lineage of prophets, priests, and kings. And yet, because they deny the Gospel, rejecting Jesus, they will not inherit eternity. But Jesus patiently waits, eager to embrace everyone who turns from disobedience and rebellion and cries out, "O Lord, have mercy." And He does.

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Confession of Sins & Absolution *LSB 184,185*

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

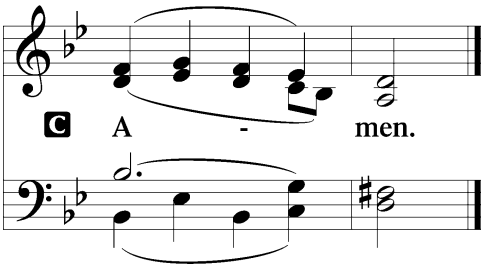
The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
Blessèd | be the LORD!*
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
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.
The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

[1]Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . .

6"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to
him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone
who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my
covenant—7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them
joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples." 8The Lord GOD,who gathers the
outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides
those already gathered."

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

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

1I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I
myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the
tribe of Benjamin. 2God has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew. . . .

13Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an
apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14in order somehow
to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15For
if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
28As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But
as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their
forefathers. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have
received mercy because of their disobedience, 31so they too have
now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they
also may now receive mercy. 32For God has consigned all to
disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

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

21 Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre
and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came
out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my
daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not
answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying,
“Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I
was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she
came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he
answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it
to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the
crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered
her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you
desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

Sermon "We Are All Beggars" *Matthew 15:21-28*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 194-202*

Distribution Hymn: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Distribution Hymn: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Distribution Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201*

Benediction *LSB 202*

Hymn to Depart: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O 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. 30
Song Leader	Sarah K.	Brooklynn S.	Holly F.
Ushers	Otto	Dosland	Emmons
Counters	D. Dunnum B. Hinds	C. Leis O. Childs	O. Childs B. Hinds
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: 53
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46
Week of Aug. 9th Offering: $4,358.00
(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
	after	**Potluck** then VBS
Mon. Aug. 17	**7:00 pm**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. Aug. 19	*Note:*	*No Adult Bible Study*
Sat. Aug. 22	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug. 23	**9:00 am**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**

*Special Note—Pastor on Vacation: Pastor Adelsen will be **on vacation from August 18-31**. Pastor Bert Thompson will be leading our Sunday Divine Services for August 23 and 30. For any pastoral emergencies during the next couple weeks, please contact an elder (their contact information is on page 2 of this bulletin).*

*Monday Nighters— There will be **no Monday evening Divine Service for August 24 and 31**. If you are able, please come to the Sunday Divine Service. Monday Divine Services will resume on September 7 at 7 p.m.*

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 16th, 2026

Today!

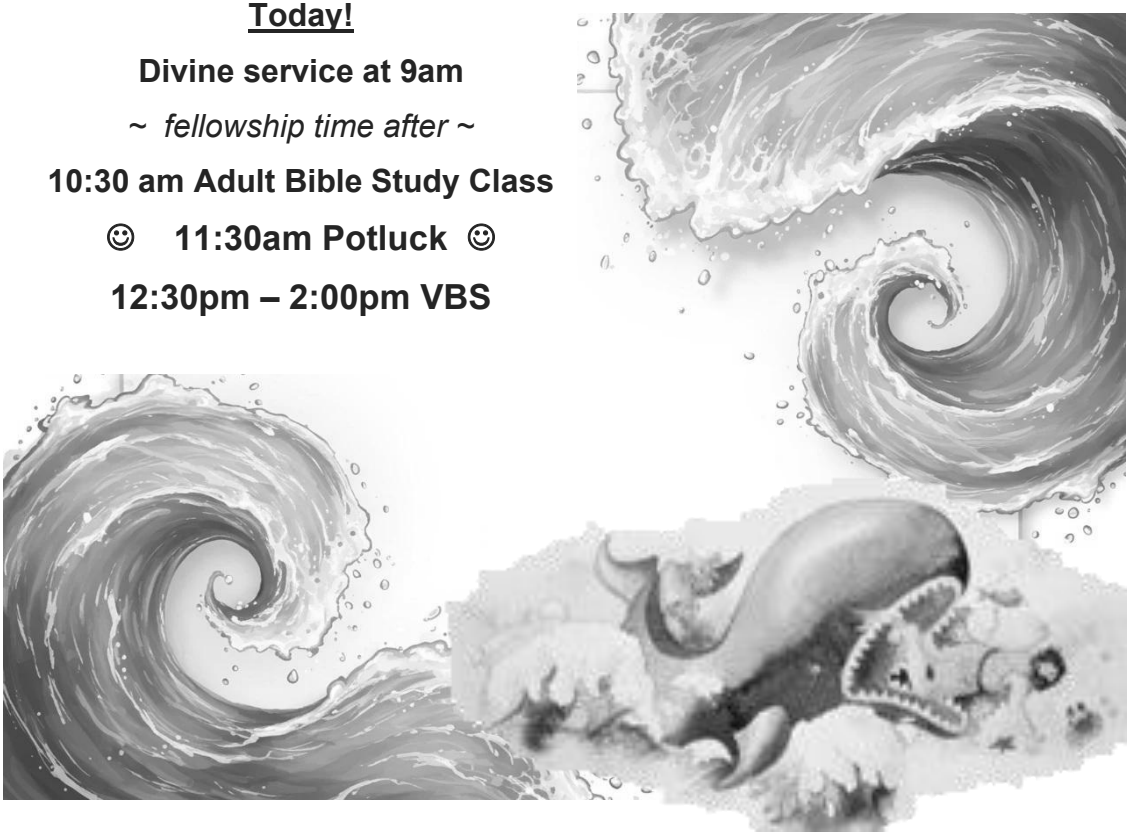
Divine service at 9am

~ fellowship time after ~

10:30 am Adult Bible Study Class

☺ 11:30am Potluck ☺

12:30pm – 2:00pm VBS



TOMORROW: Concordia Publishing House Order Due – 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 Mon., Aug. 17th.

PRINCE OF PEACE PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE: If you have prayer requests for the POP prayer chain, email them to Pastor at Pastor@WSPOP.org as our previous email address for receiving your prayer requests is temporarily unavailable.

Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Today: Adult Bible Study (10:30am) GOD IN THE JUKEBOX
Have you ever listened to a pop song that mentioned Jesus or other Christian themes? Have you ever wondered what the song was truly about? Sometimes it's obvious, other times not so much. What is being taught? We will listen to some pop songs and find out what is truly being taught.
Sunday Mornings, beginning in September: Augsburg Confession: The Augsburg Confession remains the basic confession not just for Lutherans, but for every Christian.

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.

2 Timothy 3:16-17: *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

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: *"Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness …" (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.*

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 67 – See in this psalm a prophesy of Christ, that He shall be king the whole world over and rule the people rightly, that is, rule them with the Gospel, that they may be freed from sin to live for Him in righteousness and thank Him with joy. Be thankful to God, be joyful, and fear Him, that is, worship Him. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

16 Aug	2 Sam 6:1–19	1 Cor 9:1–23	
17 Aug	2 Sam 7:1–17	1 Cor 9:24—10:22	
18 Aug	2 Sam 7:18–29	1 Cor 10:23—11:16	
19 Aug	2 Sam 11:1–27	1 Cor 11:17–34	
20 Aug	2 Sam 12:1–25	1 Cor 12:1–13	2 Sam 13:1—19:43
21 Aug	1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35	1 Cor 12:14–31	
22 Aug	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Cor 13:1–13	1 Cor 14:1—16:23

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, Jeramy Schaub, Anna Wachholz (niece of the Kolanders); Deb Dunnum

LEARN BY HEART Psalm 147:2–3; Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 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 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20