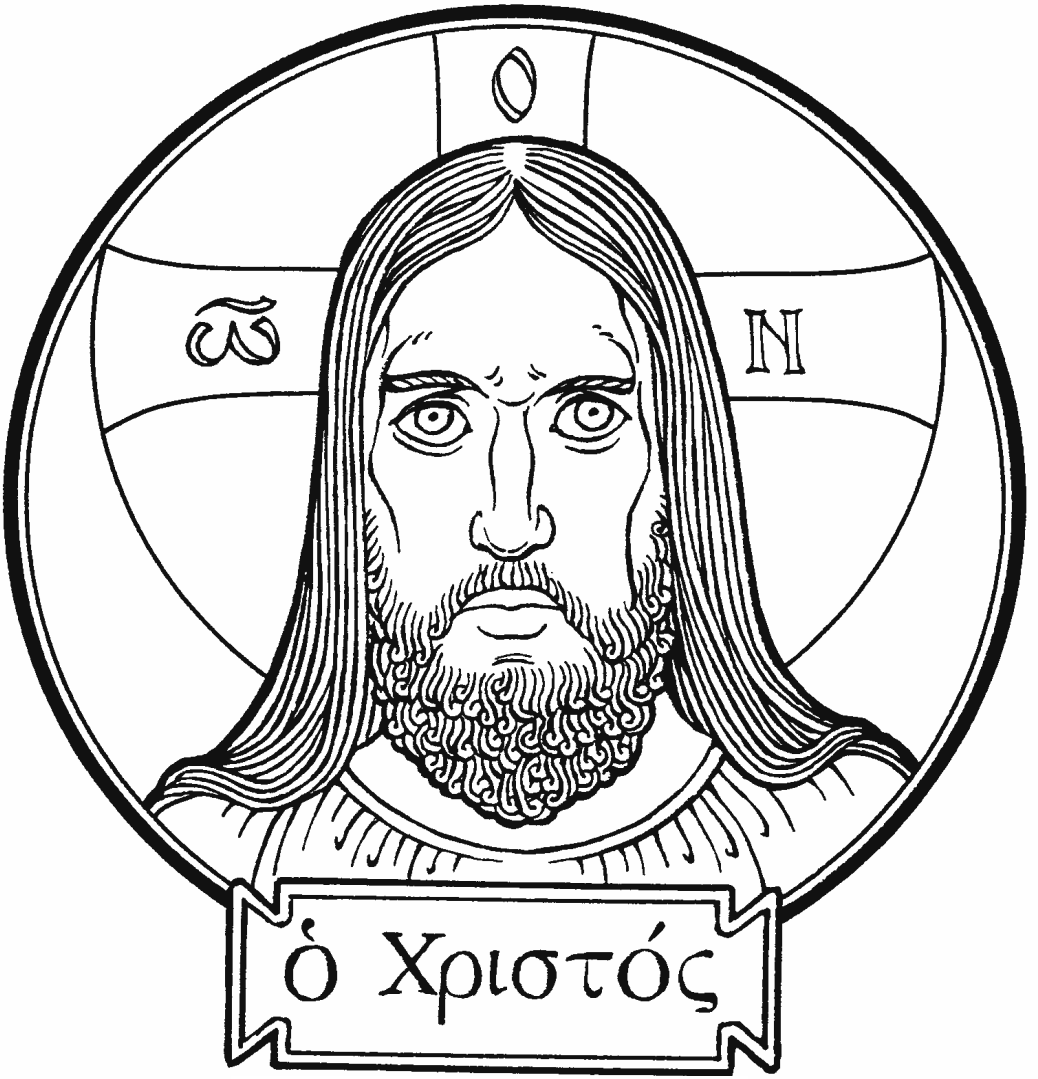
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 23rd, 2026



The Christ

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: The counsels of God are permanent—impeccable exhortations from His mind, His will, His heart and His actions in Christ. Everything that proceeds from God's wisdom is congruent. Barren wombs are filled with offspring. Desolate wastelands are restored. God's Word resurrects what once was decimated. These astonishing interventions transform our lives all to the glory of God!

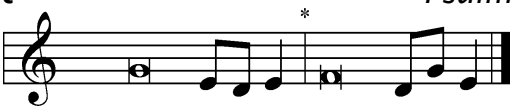
Order of Service: Divine Service 3, pp. 184 ff.

Welcome *Guest Pastor, Rev. Bert Thompson*

Hymn of Invocation: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Confession and Absolution *LSB 184, 185*

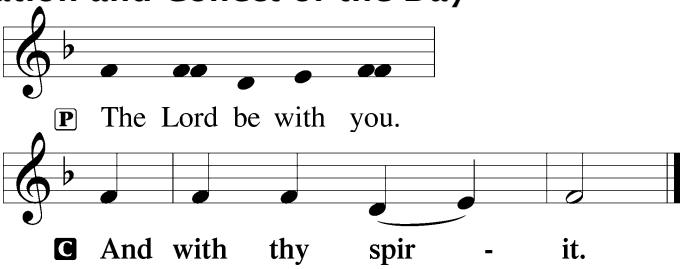
Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.
I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!
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.
But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

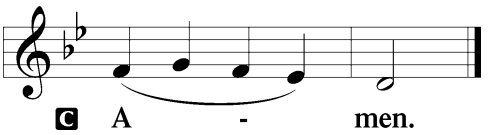
Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 51:1–6*

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

[5]My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
[6]Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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 11:33—12:8

[33]Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
[34]"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his
counselor?" [35]"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be
repaid?" [36]For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this
world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by
testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and
acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to
think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think

with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5]so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6]Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7]if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8]the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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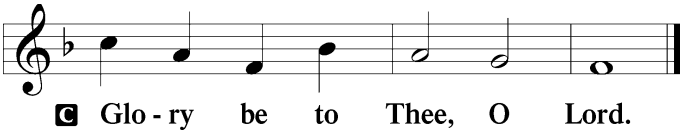
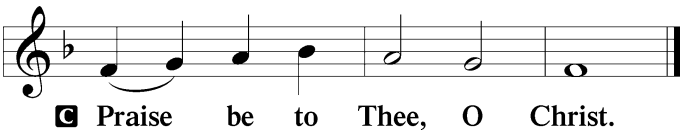
Alleluia *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 16:13–20*

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



[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16]Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18]And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19]I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." [20]Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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Hymn of the Day: 645 Built on the Rock

Sermon *Guest Pastor: Rev. Bert Thompson*

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering & Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 194-202*

Distribution Hymn: 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers
Distribution Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Distribution Hymn: 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Salutation and Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 201, 202*

Hymn to Depart: 644 The Church's One Foundation

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	Sept. 6th
Song Leader	Brooklynn S.	Holly F.	Sarah K.
Ushers	Dosland	Emmons	Moen
Counters	C. Leis O. Childs	O. Childs B. Hinds	B. Alsobrooks E. Schmidt
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: 53
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46
Week of Aug. 16th Offering: $2,936.80
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Aug. 18th–31st	*.....Pastor Adelsen is on vacation.*
Today	**9:00 am .....Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship time
	10:30 am .....Adult Bible Study
Mon. Aug. 24	*Note: ..... No Monday Evening Divine Service*
Wed. Aug. 26	*Note: ..... No Adult Bible Study*
Sat. Aug. 29	9:00 am ..... Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug. 30	**9:00 am .....Divine Service with Holy Communion**

*Monday Nighters— There will be no Monday evening Divine Service for **August 24 and 31**. Monday Divine Services will resume on September 7th at 7 p.m.*

Special Note—For any pastoral emergencies during this week and next, please contact an elder (their contact information is on page 2 of this bulletin).

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 23rd, 2026

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY TODAY - Rev. Thompson will be having an Adult Bible Study group class today after fellowship time. Please stay!

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH – Small Group **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** Topic: Augsburg Confession - The Augsburg Confession remains the basic confession not just for Lutherans, but for every Christian. Join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Catechesis at Prince of Peace, Early Communion and Youth Confirmation will resume in September. Please see Pastor Adelsen for more information!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Adult Information/New Member Class - for any adults interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church or would like to seek membership to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Adelsen. Pastor is planning on a new member class beginning in September! Watch the September POP Newsletter for more information. (There are no obligations on membership.)

Other Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Wednesday Morning's (9:30 a.m.) ** Resumes: Weds. Sept. 2nd **
ISAIAH In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope as he describes the coming Savior.

Selected Tuesday Evenings, 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. Scheduled to meet again on September 15th.

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, is about to start his second 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. Through the seasons, we prepare this gift and mail it to him directly. 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: *Do you remember the day you were born? No? Your Father in heaven does! So do your earthly mother and father. "Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him" (Isaiah 51:2). Every human life has a divine plan and purpose: "The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me" (Psalm 138:8)! "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Romans 11:36)! Blessed are all whom God our Father in heaven forgives, saves, and justifies by faith (Matthew 16:17).*

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

MANAGE YOUR TIME WELL!
LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP STARTS TODAY!

THE 1% SOLUTION

Will you dedicate just 1% of your time to the

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

In the Word & Prayer ... 1% of Every Day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: **1,440 minutes.**

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray?

In Worship ... 1% of Every Week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves **112 waking hours** per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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 138 – A general psalm of thanks for a variety of deliverances from enemies. See how the psalmist calls on Christ's kingdom to come so that kings would receive His Word and doctrine, give thanks for it, and worship Him aright. The psalm closes with the prayer that God would not abandon His kingdom and the work begun and bring it to fulfillment. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

23 Aug	1 Kng 3:1–15	2 Cor 1:1–22	1 Kng 3:16—4:34
24 Aug	1 Kng 5:1–18	2 Cor 1:23—2:17	1 Kng 6:1—7:50
25 Aug	1 Kng 7:51—8:21	2 Cor 3:1–18	
26 Aug	1 Kng 8:22–30, 46–63	2 Cor 4:1–18	
27 Aug	1 Kng 9:1–9; 10:1–13	2 Cor 5:1–21	
28 Aug	1 Kng 11:1–26	2 Cor 6:1–18	
29 Aug	1 Kng 11:42—12:19	2 Cor 7:1–16	

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

LEARN BY HEART Eph. 2:19b–20 "You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone."

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28