PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 30th, 2026

Let Him Take Up His Cross and Follow Me

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 plan for His people is deliverance and redemption. Wicked persecutors and ruthless naysayers will not prevail against those who remain steadfast in God's word. These are the ones who, by God would be equipped to love, rejoice, contribute, bless and live! All His goodness trounces evil and its deception. Jesus loves, bleeds carries the cross and prevails! All because He loves, blesses, delivers, and redeems His people!

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

Welcome *Guest Pastor, Rev. Bert Thompson*

Hymn of Invocation: 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Confession and Absolution of Sins *LSB 184,185*

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

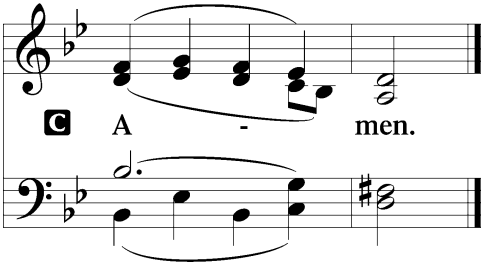
Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!
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.
Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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 *Jeremiah 15:15–21*

15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words
became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
[17]I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
[18]Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
[19]Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
[20]And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
[21]I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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 12:9–21*

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is
good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one
another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in
spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be
constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek
to show hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live
in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate
with the lowly. Never be conceited. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but
give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If
possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is
thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap
burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

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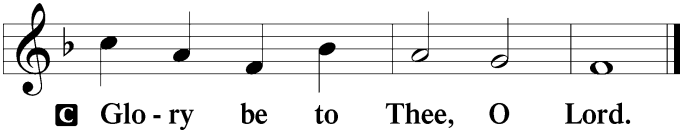
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 16:21–28*

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

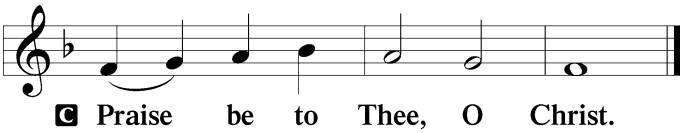


21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must
go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far
be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he

turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

[24]Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25]For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. [26]For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? [27]For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. [28]Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Hymn of the Day: 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon *Guest Pastor: Rev. Bert Thompson*

Prayer of the Church

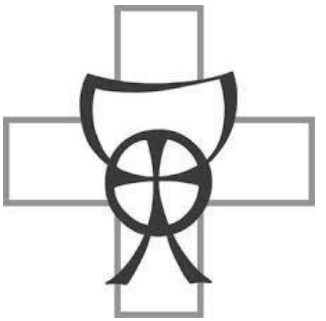
Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 194-202*

Distribution Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Distribution Hymn: 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201*

Benediction *LSB 202*

Hymn to Depart: 861 Christ Be My Leader

Announcements

Go in peace and serve the Lord, thanks be to God!

The monthly newsletter was distributed via email last week.
Paper copies can always be requested.
Didn't get one? Email the office at: OFFICE@WSPOP.org

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Week	Sept. 13th
Song Leader	Holly F.	Sarah K.	Brooklynn S.
Ushers	Emmons	Moen	Brunk
Counters	O. Childs B. Hinds	B. Alsobrooks E. Schmidt	D. Dunnum C. Leis
Acolyte	Sheffer	Greydanus	Kolander
Altar Guild for September: Barb Hinds & Ginny Emmons			

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 46
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46
Week of Aug. 23rd Offering: $2,412.37
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Note: Aug. 18–31 .....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. 31	Note:	No Monday Evening Divine Service
Tues. Sept. 1		*Pastor Adelsen returns to the office.*
Wed. Sep. 2	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Sat. Sep. 5	9:00 am	LWML at Prince of Peace
Sun. Sep 6	**9:00 am**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Special Note—For any pastoral emergencies today or tomorrow, please contact an Elder, (their contact information is on page 2 of this bulletin).

Monday Divine Services will resume on September 7th at 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 30th, 2026

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

LWML AT PRINCE OF PEACE: Saturday, September 5th – 9:00am, regular meeting.

STARTING NEXT WEEK, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Catechesis at Prince of Peace, Early Communion and Youth Confirmation will resume meeting 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 this week: 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. **Meets again on Tues. Sept. 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.

PRINCE OF PEACE PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE: If you have prayer requests for the prayer chain, email them to Pastor at Pastor@WSPOP.org as the previous email address is currently not available.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." August is a crazy time. Kids are going back to school, with all the activities and bustle. Parents are trying to make sure that their kids have all the things that they need to succeed in this new school year. In the midst of this time of new beginnings and transitions, it can be a challenge for a family to have meaningful connections with each other. Eating meals together can be a wonderful way to spend time together. In the midst of all the bustle and busyness, it is helpful to be intentional about having time as a family where you can connect. At the beginning of each week, plan what meals you will eat together as a family. Make the most of them by having a family devotion, encouraging each other, building one another up, or having a time of prayer. www.LCMS.org

This Week's Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: *At the end of earthly life, we might cry out: "Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?" (Jeremiah 15:18). Don't take your life, or anyone else's, into your own hands. Receive St. Paul's encouragement for all your for-life conversations: "Love one another with brotherly affection … associate with the lowly … live peaceably with all … do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:9-21). Even though many of us may "taste death" before the Son of Man returns, we set our minds on the things of God—life! —and not the things of man (Matthew 16:23, 28).*

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 26 – Luther uses Psalm 26 to teach that when the church is under attack or the truth is compromised, believers have no human remedy. He explicitly notes that the psalm teaches that "there is no other or better action than zealous prayer to God and earnest petition to Him to guard the pure teaching of His Word Himself". For Luther, vindication belongs to God alone, and the survival of true doctrine relies entirely on divine protection.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

30 Aug	1 King 12:20—13:5, 33–34	2 Cor 8:1–24	1 King 14:1—16:28
31 Aug	1 King 16:29—17:24	2 Cor 9:1–15	2 Cor 10:1—13:13
1 Sept	1 King 18:1–19	Eph 1:1–23	
2 Sept	1 King 18:20–40	Eph 2:1–22	
3 Sept	1 King 19:1–21	Eph 3:1–21 1	King 20:1—22:53
4 Sept	2 King 2:1–18	Eph 4:1–24	
5 Sept	2 King 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Eph 4:25—5:14	

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 Matthew 16:25 – "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 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: Ezekial 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20