PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — October 4th, 2026

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Matthew 21:33-46

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 mightily delivered Israel to the Promised Land, but the Israelites were also indicted for their profound rebellion. Resolute confidence as God's elect is laid to waste in the wake of overwhelming sin. Paul's confidence was not in his genealogy but rather grounded in his resolute faith in Christ, through whom we receive every bit of righteousness and grace. Jesus is God's own Son, sent amid conspirators and murderers to face death that we may inherit life.

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

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Confession and Absolution *LSB 184, LSB 185*

Service of the Word

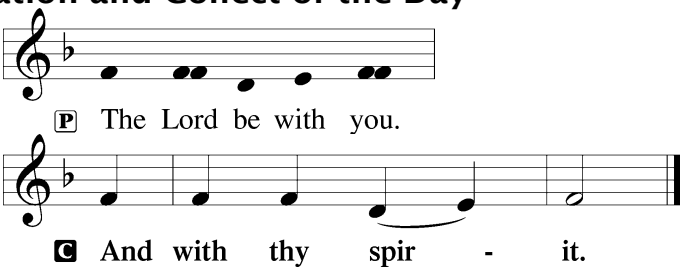
Introit *Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.
This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
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, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

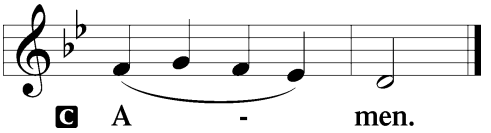
Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1–7*

[1]Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
[2]He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
[3]And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
[4]What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?
[5]And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
[6]I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
[7]For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

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

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5]circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. [7]But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8]Indeed, I count everything

as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— [10]that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11]that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12]Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13]Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

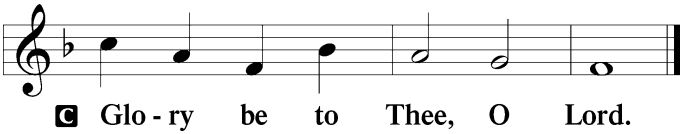
Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



[33][Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. [34]When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. [35]And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36]Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. [37]Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38]But when the tenants saw the son, they said to

themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ [39]And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. [40]When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” [41]They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

[42]Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

[43]Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. [44]And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

[45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. [46]And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day: 544 O Love, How Deep

Sermon: "Love Unknown" *Matthew 21:23-32*

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Special Music: "My Song is Love Unknown"
In Honor of the Women of the LWML on LWML Sunday

Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 194-202*

Distribution Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Distribution Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

Distribution Hymn: 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201*

Benediction *LSB 202*

Hymn to Depart: 644 The Church's One Foundation

Announcements

Go in peace, Service the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Special Note: Next Sunday (10/11) — Pastor Cumming will be leading our Divine Service as Pastor Adelsen will be preaching at First Evangelical Luthera in Glencoe, MN for their 150th Anniversary Celebration Year. Pastor Adelsen will lead the Monday evening (10/12) Divine Service at POP at 7:00pm.

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Week	October 19th
Song Leader	Brooklynn S.	Leatta D.	Holly F.
Ushers	Women of the LWML	Emmons	Moen
Counters	O Childs D. Dunnum	B. Alsobrooks B. Hinds	E. Schmidt O. Childs
Acolyte	Kolander	Sheffer	Greydanus

Altar Guild for October: DeAnne Otto, Melissa Adelsen

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sunday's Attendance: 48
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46
Week of Sep. 27th Offering: $2,568.37
(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 & Sunday School
	11:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	12:00 pm	Catechesis Youth Class
Mon. Oct. 5	**7:00 pm**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. Oct. 7	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Committee for POP Anniversary Planning
	7:30 pm	POP Choir
Sat. Oct. 10	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Oct. 11	**9:00 am**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for October 4th, 2026

A committee for the POP Anniversary planning will be meeting on Wed. October 7th at 11:00 am. If interested in helping with this, please join us!

The Evangelism Committee is planning to participate in **TRUNK-OR-TREAT** **Friday, October 30th** from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. downtown West Salem and the Village Park. The Committee is asking the congregation for help providing candy for the children attending. Donations can be dropped off at POP by Sunday, October 25th. Thank You!

Sunday, November 1st, at 3:00pm, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1407 Main Street, La Crosse - Celebrate with song! Led by the choirs from the LCMS Churches in the Coulee Region: Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, Gift of Grace Lutheran Church in Holmen, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska.
We look forward to remembering our loved ones who are now with Jesus and encouraging others as we journey on together.

The Leyh Family at CTSFW – A recent update from Josh has been posted on has been posted on the bulletin board on the way into the Fellowship Hall. Take the time to read and continue to pray for Josh, Faith and their preschool son Peter!

Prayer Chain – POP Prays! Did you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman at wstichman@charter.net. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances!

Going away for a weekend? Or 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 POPcast on Spotify & Apple
•Facebook.com/WSPOPLCMS
•Our website at WSPOP.org

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

POP LWML is hosting this year's **Zone Fall Rally** on Saturday, October 17th with the theme *"Harvest of Blessings"*. All women from the congregation are invited to attend. Registration begins at 8:30am, and the program will be at 9:00am.

Pastor Adelsen will be leading a Bible study on gratitude, and lunch will be served. Our guest speaker will be from Alliance Family Services.

We need your help in support of this event!

Donations Appreciated: *In support of our guest speaker, we're collecting baby items such as diapers and wipes. If you would like to donate, but aren't able to attend that day, bring your items to church.*

Donations Appreciated: *We will need breakfast items like muffins, breads and fresh fruit. We will also need items for lunch such as salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen if you would like to bring food items for our guests that day.*

The Zone Rally is a big regional event hosted by the Prince of Peace women of the LWML anticipating an attendance of about 40-50 people.

See Deb Dunnum or Sharie Brunk for follow-up questions.

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

EMPOWERING, EQUIPPING, AND SUPPORTING LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

We believe it is when we reach out to each woman by:

- ♥ Assisting her in affirming her relationship with the Triune God by getting into the Word.
- ♥ Praying that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word to inspire and enable her to use her gifts.
- ♥ Inviting her to observe and experience the opportunities LWML offers as ways for her to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

SEEK • PRAY
SERVE

Small Group Bible Studies and Christian Education at Prince of Peace

It is vital for Christians to read the living and active Word of God. It can be especially important to do in groups where reading and discussion can lead to a deeper understanding of God and all God has done for us!
One way many churches do this is to bring small groups together around shared experience and interest. Please join in!

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Augsburg Confession - The Augsburg Confession remains the basic confession not just for Lutherans, but for every Christian. Join us!

Wednesday Mornings (9:30 a.m.) The Book of Isaiah: In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope in the coming of the Savior.

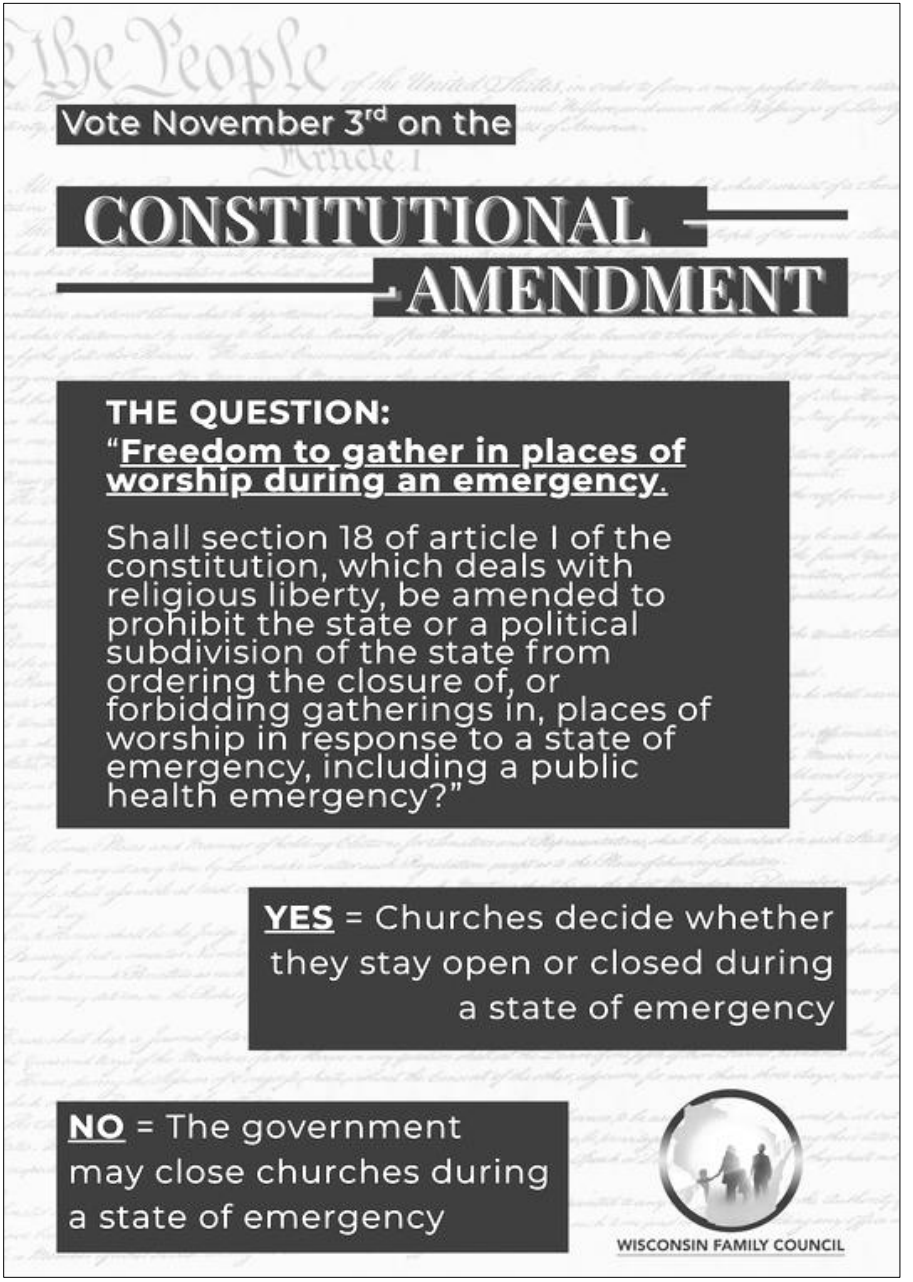
Selected Tuesday Evenings, at Features (5:00pm), Men's Bible Study Focusing on: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania The people of Assyria were notoriously brutal. They believed that their kingdom would last forever. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people. Watch the monthly calendar for dates.

Saturday's – Online, Women's Bible Study (9:00am) Ruth: More Than A Love Story. Embedded in the historical narrative of this short Old Testament book are connections to God's fulfilled promise of a Messiah and how God loves us and cares for us in Christ. See the wonderful picture of how God watches carefully over every little detail so His grace may come to fruition and fully abound. See Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

Catechesis Early Communion & Youth Confirmation classes have resumed. See Pastor for follow up and watch the calendar for dates.

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. (There are no obligations on membership.)

For Your Information: State Constitutional Amendment Regarding Worship During State of Emergency



Operation Christmas Child
Donation collection starting soon!
Packing boxes at Prince of Peace on Nov. 1st and Nov. 8th
Thank you!

Shoebox Gift Suggestions

"WOW" ITEM
- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical Instrument

TOYS
- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE

soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

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.

INTROIT Page 3

MEDITATION Psalm 25 V 1-10: The 25th psalm of prayer in which the righteous pray that God will make them godly, forgive their sins, guard them from sin and shame, and finally deliver them from all enemies and all evil. The psalm mocks the false, self-centered spirits and teachers.
[Reading the Psalms with Luther]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

4 Oct	Deut 4:21–40	Matt 8:1–17
5 Oct	Deut 5:1–21	Matt 8:18–34
6 Oct	Deut 5:22—6:9	Matt 9:1–17
7 Oct	Deut 6:10–25	Matt 9:18–38
8 Oct	Deut 7:1–19	Matt 10:1–23
9 Oct	Deut 8:1–20	Matt 10:24–42
10 Oct	Deut 9:1–22	Matt 11:1–19

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 21:42b The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia!

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: Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians: 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14