PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 20, 2025

One Thing is Necessary **(Luke 10:42a)**

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 yellow attendance 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
God's Word accomplishes miraculous change. God declares that the barren womb of Sarah shall be great with child. Jesus, inseparably the Word of God, declares those once hostile and alienated to be holy and blameless. The counsels of God, once couched in mystery, now declare the glory, wisdom, and hope of Jesus. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we should be still, listen, and believe God's life-changing Word.

Order of Service **Divine Service 4, p. 203 ff.**

Opening Hymn **LSB 855 For All the Faithful Women** (stanzas 1, 9, 3-4)

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

Service of the Word **LSB p.204-207**

Introit *Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Kyrie **LSB p. 204**

Hymn of Praise: Gloria In Excelsis **LSB p. 204**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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 **Genesis 18:1–14**

1 The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his
tent in the heat of the day. 2He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men
were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet
them and bowed himself to the earth 3and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your
sight, do not pass by your servant. 4Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet,
and rest yourselves under the tree, 5while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may
refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your
servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6And Abraham went quickly into the
tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes."
7And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a
young man, who prepared it quickly. 8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that
he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while
they ate. 9They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the
tent." 10The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and
Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind
him. 11Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had
ceased to be with Sarah. 12So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out,
and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did
Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14Is anything too
hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next
year, and Sarah shall have a son."
Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

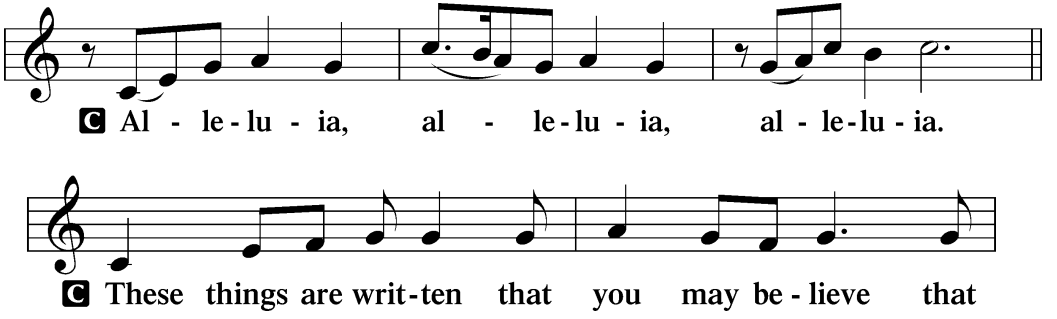
How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

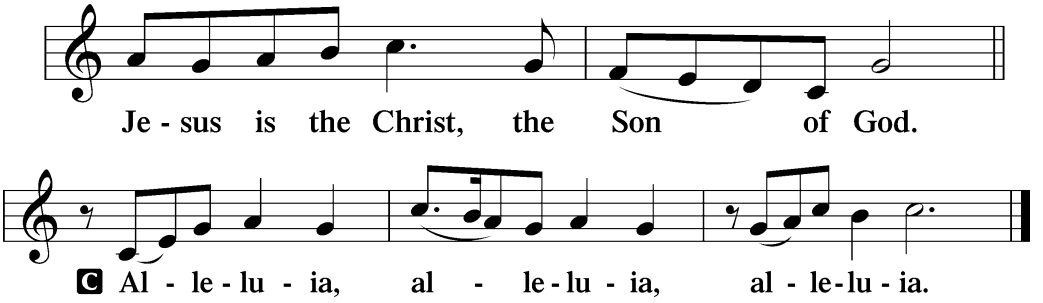
Epistle **Colossians 1:21–29**

21You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now
reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and
blameless and above reproach before him, 23if indeed you continue in the faith,
stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which
has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a
minister. 24Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling
up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,
25of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was
given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery hidden for
ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make
known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery,
which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28Him we proclaim, warning everyone and
teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
29For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

Alleluia and Verse





P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth Chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel **Luke 10:38-42**

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named
Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at
the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much
serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has
left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is
necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from
her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed **LSB p. 206**

Teaching the Faith from the Catechism: Seventh Commandment **(LSB p. 321)**

P You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day **LSB 536 One Thing's Needful**

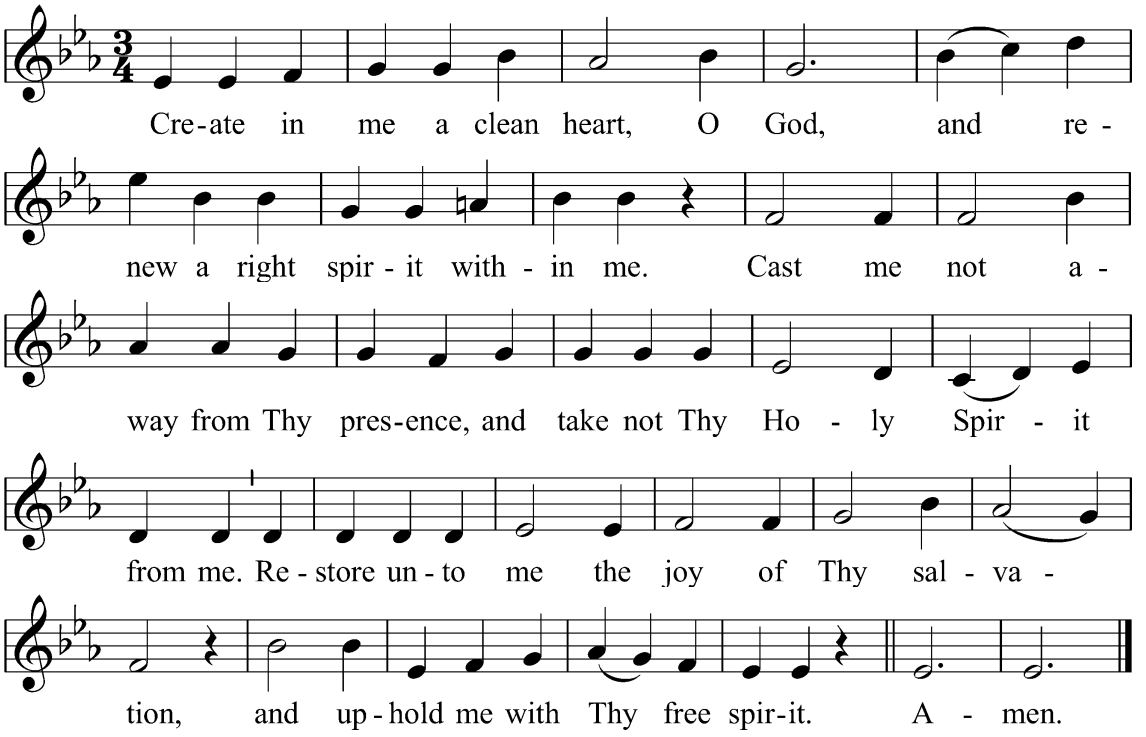
Sermon **"One Thing is Needful" (Luke 10:38-42)**

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Offertory **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Service of the Sacrament **LSB p. 208-212**

Distribution Hymns

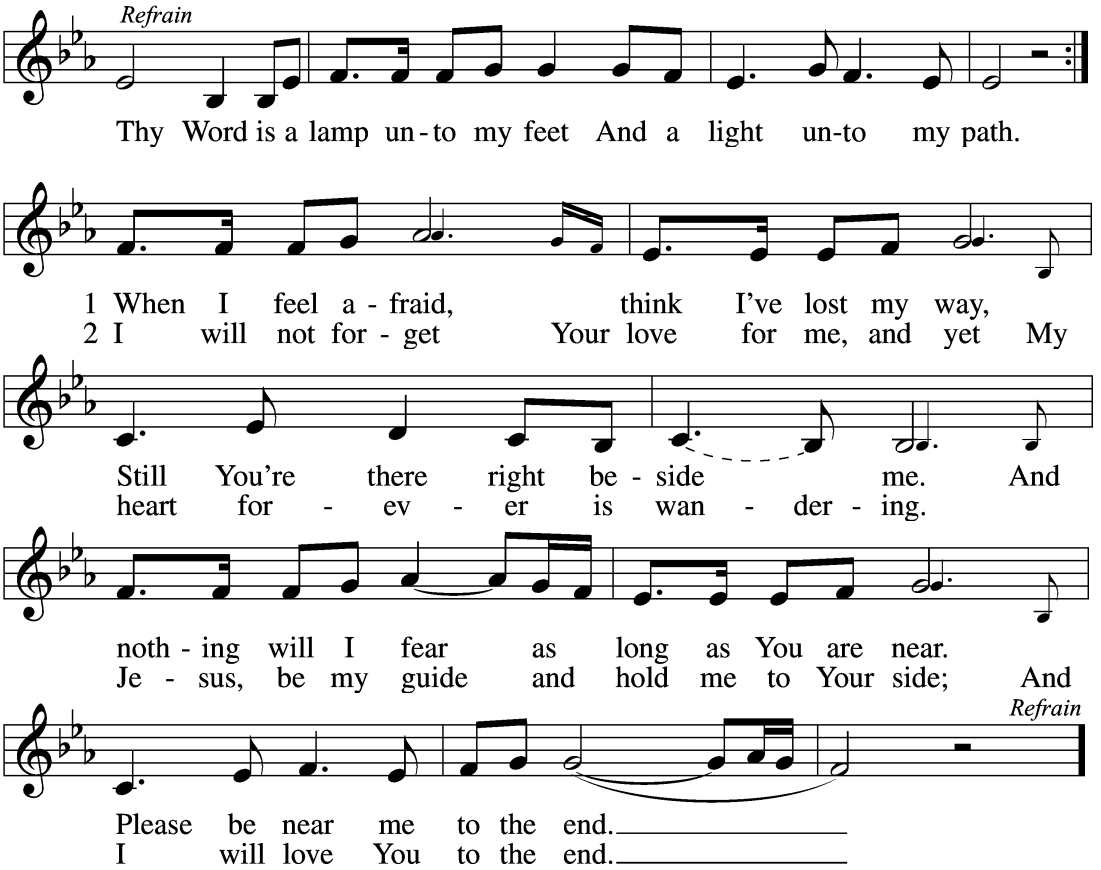
LSB 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
LSB 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord
LSB 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis **LSB p. 211**

Post-Communion Collect **LSB p. 212**

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet**



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Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 20, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Dan & Kari Moen; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Ona Childs, Elaine Schmidt; *Altar Guild for July:* Sharie Brunk, Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Money Counters*: Deb Dunnum, Chris Leis

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday & Monday: 51
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of July 13 Offering: $4,114.65

New! The Green Sheet insert for during mid-week study and worship has been renamed and reformatted. It is printed on the back cover of the Service Bulletin. We encourage you to take your bulletin home for calendar information and quiet time of study in the Word and pray for each other.

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

July 20 – 27, 2025

Sun. July 20	**9:00 am**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	After	**Fellowship**
	10:30 am	**Adult Bible Study**
Mon. July 21	**7:00 pm**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. July 22	5:00 pm	Men's Bible Study *at Features*
Wed. July 23	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Sat. July 26	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study*(online)*
Sun. July 27	**9:00 am**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	After	**Fellowship**
	10:30 am	**Adult Bible Study**

Thank you!

Prince of Peace Family: Thank you all so much for last Sunday. I am grateful to all of you! -Debbie

Quilts in Our Sanctuary…are for sale through this month.
There is a suggested donation of minimum of $25.
See Leatta Danielson for payment to take a quilt home today.
Quilts that go unsold will be sent to those in need.
Thank you LWML members for your time and talents!

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: All Welcome! Join us this **Wednesday** as we continue our study on the Gospel of John at 9:30 a.m. Martin Luther regarded the Gospel of John as a cornerstone of Christian faith, placing it among the most important books of the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to our study on Timothy and Titus. The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 22 at 5:00pm Features in West Salem.

Women's Bible Study – The focus of the study is writings by Sharla Fritz and it's called "Measured By Grace." In the Bible, you'll find people with no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and brokenness. They can be marked with failure. Explore instead how they are transformed. ***Note, this group meets online.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to drop in online.

Prayer Chain – POP Prays! Do 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- for this is the will of God!

Trustees Update - The plan to replace one of the aging church furnaces this fall. This a project that is intended to prevent catastrophic furnace failure during winter months and anticipates the staged replacement of all the 25 YEAR OLD furnaces over several years. Fund raising efforts for that project continues. Please consider designated offering as a contribution to fund this project.

Church Cleaning: The sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex shows we have coverage for cleaning teams for July, August, September, October and November of 2025. *Thank you!* However, December 2025 is still unplanned. This is understandable, a busy time of year but also a time to make our building extra presentable. For this month only, we have broken it down into weekly assignments rather than the whole month. Instructions are on a clipboard on the janitorial cart. It only takes an hour or two (give or take) depending on how many people on the "team".

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Affirming the sanctity of every life means more than just ending abortion or opposing physician-assisted suicide. Sometimes it includes Gospel hospitality that sits and listens to neighbors about the crosses they carry (Luke 10:39). Bringing about death to dismiss and silence suffering may feel like a human right, but sharing one another's sorrows represents the better portion (Luke 10:42).

New Member Class - Are you interested in becoming a member at Prince of Peace? If you haven't reached out to Pastor Adelsen yet, POP will be starting a new member class in the near future.

It's VBS Time! Send your Kids and Grandkids or join them! **Saturday, August 2nd** 9:00 – Noon with Lunch to follow at Faith Lutheran our sister Church in La Crosse 1407 Main Street, LaCrosse. With an Old West-theme this program gets kids to explore the wonders of Jesus, focusing on his birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection, and return. Bring your talents and time! In order to make this a success, volunteers are needed from both churches to staff the groups (Bible leader, Crafts, Kitchen help etc.) See the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Or contact Brooklynn Scholze.

POP Communications: Open your phone camera and scan the code above and follow the link to share your updated contact information with POP!
You need not be a member to stay interested in the announcements here at Prince of Peace. Let us know your information! Link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q8mm3cj36dzuvyszFQQvK1KEaGh0yTxDrSzuKhtq4Mg/viewform?edit_requested=true

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to Office@wspop.org email. Monthly newsletter information can be submitted the same way. We'll do our best to get it printed in a timely manner.

ONE THING'S NEEDFUL

INVOCATION In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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MEDITATION Psalm 27:1-14 This is a psalm of thanks. It also prays much and gives us comfort against the false witness, blaspheming without any hesitation. For only entirely foolhardy saints would give a witness, boldly before God—from whom they have no command! Yet we see it daily: the more foolish the people are, the bolder and more audacious they are to preach and to teach the whole world. Not one knows anything; they alone know all. They prepare themselves to make war and revolt against the true saints and God -fearers. (Excerpt from Reading the Psalms with Luther)

DAILY READINGS	20 June	Prov 22:22—23:12	John 18:15–40
	21 June	Prov 24:1–22	John 19:1–22
	22 June	Prov 25:1–22; 26:1-28	John 19:23–42
	23 June	Prov 27:1–24; 28:1-29	
	24 June	Prov 30:1–9, 18–33	John 20:19–31
	25 June	Prov 31:10–31	John 21:1–25
	26 June	Joshua 1:1–18	Acts 8:1–25

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

•Pray for all who are suffering from the disasters in Texas

•that those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His gifts of grace and mercy

•Pray for our members: Wally & Beth Roush, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman

•Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART Colossians 2:6b–7a: *"..continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught…"*

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 Genesis 18:17-33, Psalm 138, Colo. 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13