PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

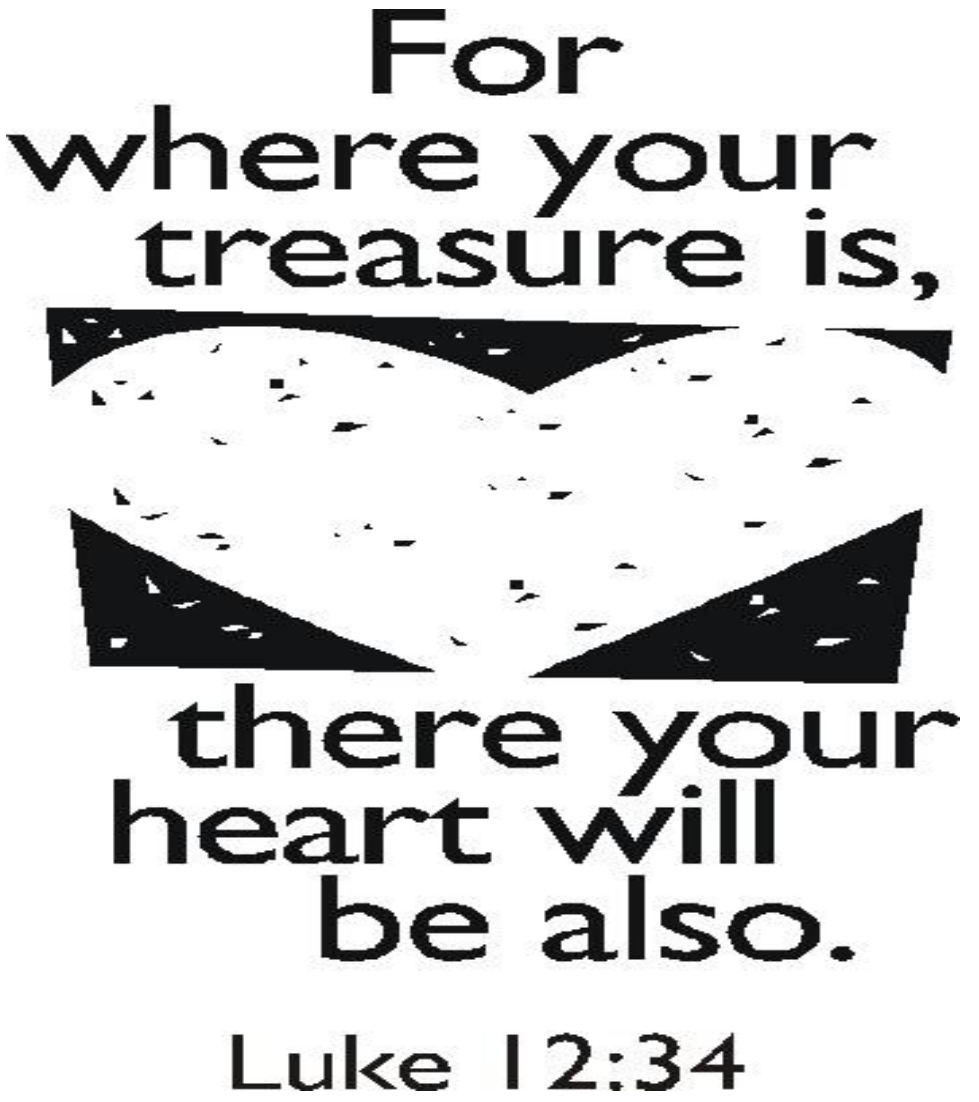
"A Disciple Making Community"

"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – August 10, 2025



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
True wisdom proceeds from God and embraces the riches of knowing and confessing Christ. Our minds need not be fixated on earthly wealth or possessions; our behaviors should oppose earthly immorality, selfishness, and desire. Constant fixation on our labor, accomplishments and assets is no more than vanity, leading to despair. Our image knowledge and actins ought to be shaped by Christ Jesus, for He alone is everything for those who believe in His name.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 669 Come, We That Love the Lord**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

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

Introit *Psalm 147:8–11*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
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.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

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.
Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 15:1-6**

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not,
Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord
God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring,
and a member of my household will be my heir." 4And behold, the word of the Lord
came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your
heir." 5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the
stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring
be." 6And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9,19*

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 **Hebrew 11:1-16**

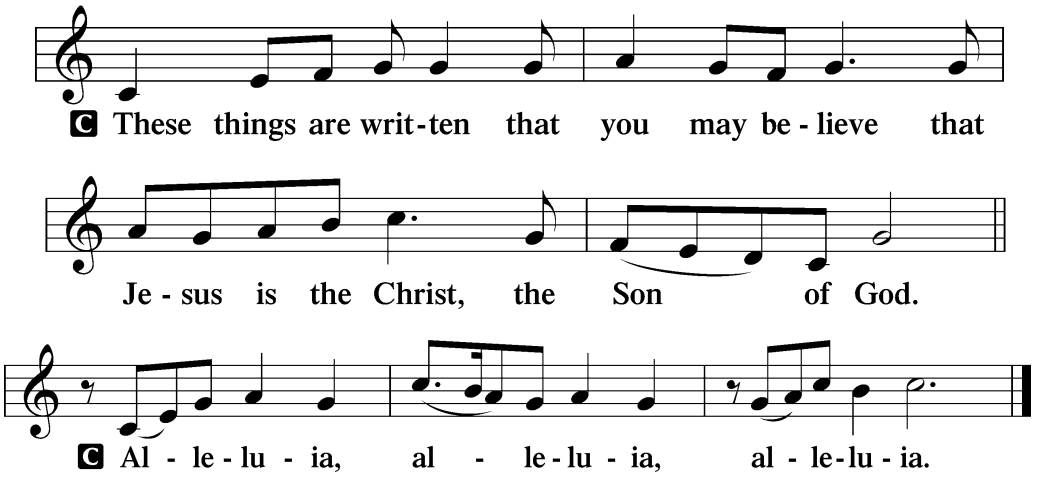
1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
2For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3By faith we understand
that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made
out of things that are visible. 4By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable

sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. 13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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 twelfth Chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel **Luke 12:22-34**

22[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,
what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23For life is more than
food, and the body more than clothing. 24Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor
reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much
more value are you than the birds! 25And which of you by being anxious can add a
single hour to his span of life? 26If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that,
why are you anxious about the rest? 27Consider the lilies, how they grow: they
neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like
one of these. 28But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little
faith! 29And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be
worried. 30For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father
knows that you need them. 31Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be
added to you. 32"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you
the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with
moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail,
where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed **LSB p. 207**

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

P You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

Hymn of the Day **LSB 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

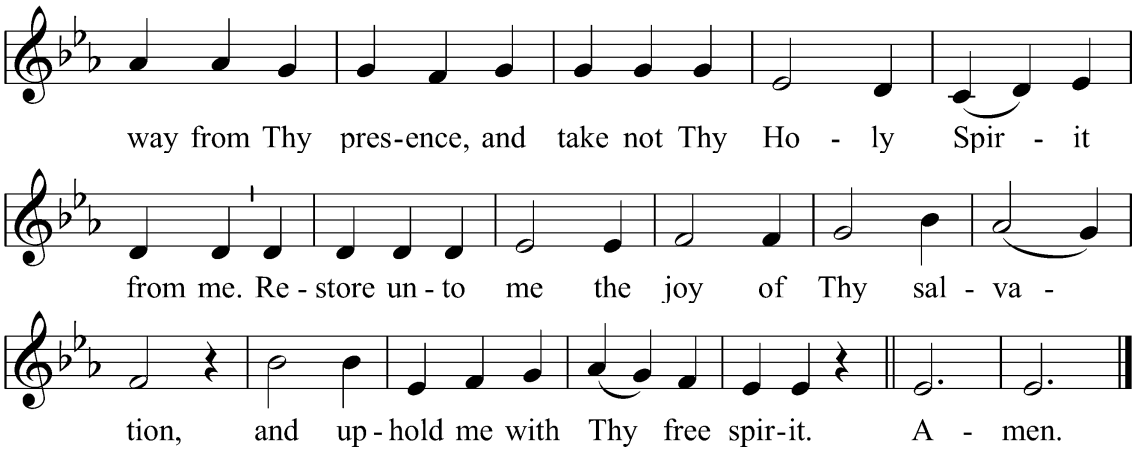
Sermon **"The Way That Leads to Eternal Life" (Luke 12:22-34)**

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 801 How Great Thou Art
LSB 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock
LSB 711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

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

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 771 Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 10, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Elaine Schmidt, Chris Leis; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Barb Hinds, Lori Peters; *Altar Guild for August:* Elaine Schmidt, Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Money Counters*: Deb Dunnum, Elaine Shmidt

Our Response to God's Gifts
Attendance last Sunday: 63
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of Aug. 3 Offering: $3,062.83

(The Green Sheet insert for mid-week home 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 prayer time.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

August 10 – August 17

Today	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Mon. Aug. 11	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. Aug. 12	9:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 16	9:00 am ..... Women's Bible Study (online)
Sun. Aug 17	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	Note: ..... No Adult Bible Study

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: Join us today after fellowship time this morning as we continue our study on Proverbs!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join us this **Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m.** as we continue our study on the Gospel of John. 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 planned for **Tuesday, Aug. 26th** at 5:00pm at Features in West Salem but watch the bulletin for potential changes or updates about this.

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 on Saturdays.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to join in online.

Save the Date!
Outdoor Worship and Potluck Fellowship
Sunday, August 31st (weather permitting)
Sign-up sheet for a dish to pass
is on the table in the narthex.
A few chairs are provided,
but please bring your own seating.

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!

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life -The Heavenly Father hopes for human offspring as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5) and countless as grains of sand (Hebrews 11:12). So, Christians encourage our communities to share our joy in regarding children – no matter what size, skills, or circumstances – as more precious than any amount of income, possessions, or pets (Luke 12:22-24).

Woof Woof! Our neighbors at Marcie's Pet Spa has offered some discounts for their services to members of Prince of Peace. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board and the kiosk in the narthex.

It's time for a Scrip Refresher
It's gift cards that give back to us!

RaiseRight GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Use these pre-purchased cards anytime without restrictions, no activation fee or expiration dates for special events and everyday purchases. You're shopping and dining spending can help Prince of Peace fundraise. We earn a percentage of the face-value of the gift card.

Hundreds of brands, so there's something for everyone!
See the complete list posted on the kiosk in the narthex.
Sales are every Sunday during Fellowship.
We can also order a certain vendor (card only) for you.
See Barb Hinds or Chris Leis for follow-up questions.

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.

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! Or use the Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q8mm3cj36dzuvyszFQQvK1KEaGh0yTxDrSzuKhtq4Mg/viewform?edit_requested=true

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 Read Psalm 33:12-22 True blessedness for a nation lies not in military might or earthly power, but in acknowledging God as Lord and placing trust in His steadfast love and faithfulness. This psalm highlights that God's watchful care extends to all, but He particularly favors and protects those who trust in Him.

DAILY READINGS

11 Aug	1 Sam 26:1–25	1 Cor 5:1–13	1 Sam 27:1—28:2
12 Aug	1 Sam 28:3–25	1 Cor 6:1–20	1 Sam 29:1—30:30
13 Aug	1 Sam 31:1–13	1 Cor 7:1–24	
14 Aug	2 Sam 1:1–27	1 Cor 7:25–40	
15 Aug	2 Sam 5:1–25	1 Cor 8:1–13	
16 Aug	2 Sam 6:1–19	1 Cor 9:1–23	

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
- Josh Leyh and family at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN
- Pray for our members: Elaine Schmidt, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART Luke 12:32 *"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."*

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: Jer. 23:16–29, Heb. 11:17–31; 12:1–3, Luke 12:49–56