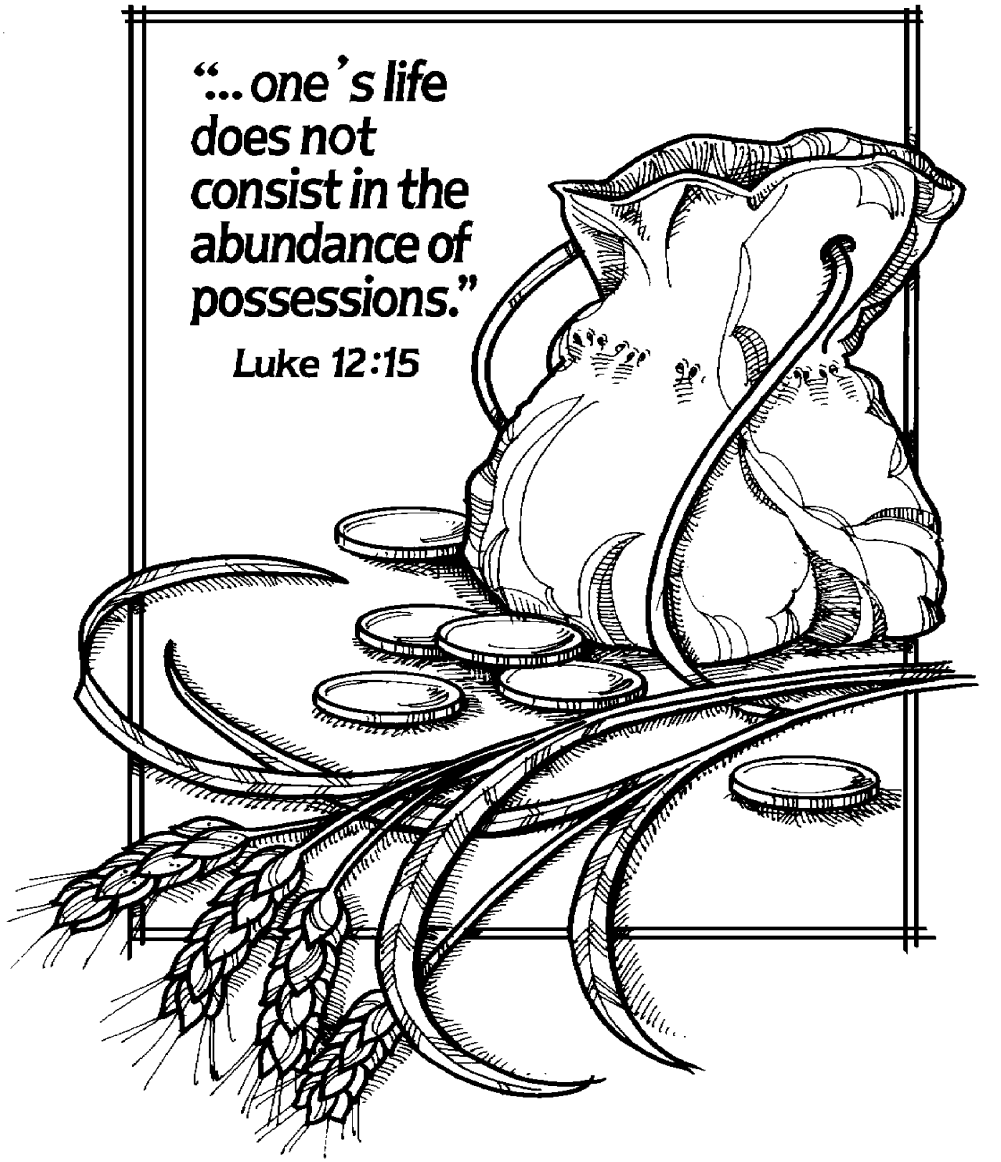
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – August 3, 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 732 All Depends on Our Possessing**

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

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

Introit *Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Hear this, all peoples!
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!
Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice.
This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.
Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd.
But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.
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.
Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!

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 wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26**

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 14 I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . 18 I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? 23 For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. 24 There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, 25 for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? 26 For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

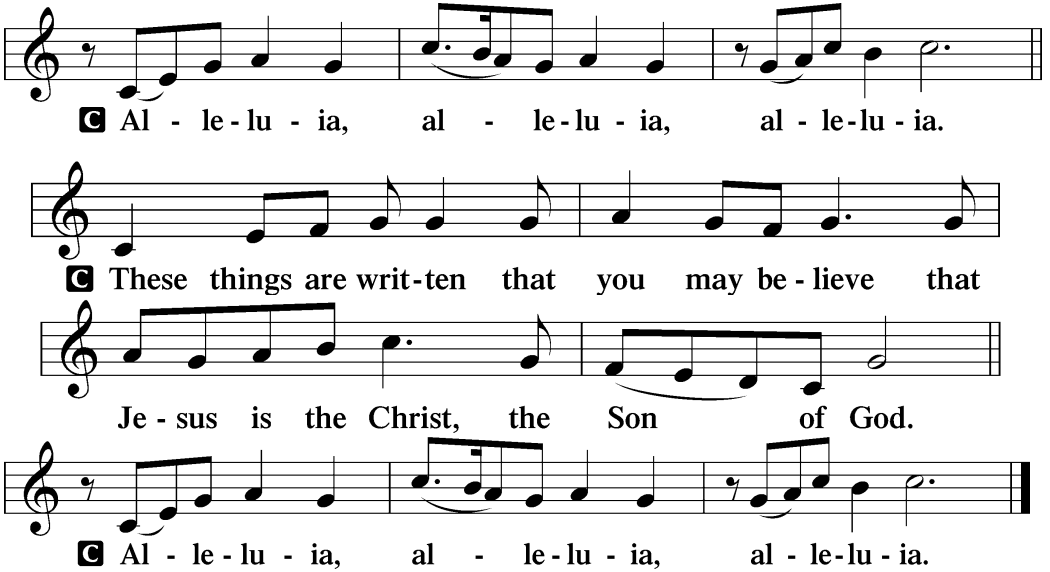
How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle **Colossians 3:1–11**

1If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on earth. 3For you have died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear
with him in glory. 5Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6On account of
these the wrath of God is coming. 7In these you too once walked, when you were
living in them. 8But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander,
and obscene talk from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have
put off the old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being
renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11Here there is not Greek and
Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all,
and in all.

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 12:13-21**

13Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide
the inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or
arbitrator over you?" 15And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard
against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his
possessions." 16And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced
plentifully, 17and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store
my crops?' 18And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger
ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul,
Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20But
God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you
have prepared, whose will they be?' 21So is the one who lays up treasure for himself
and is not rich toward God."

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: Ninth Commandment **(LSB p. 321)**

P You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

Hymn of the Day **LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

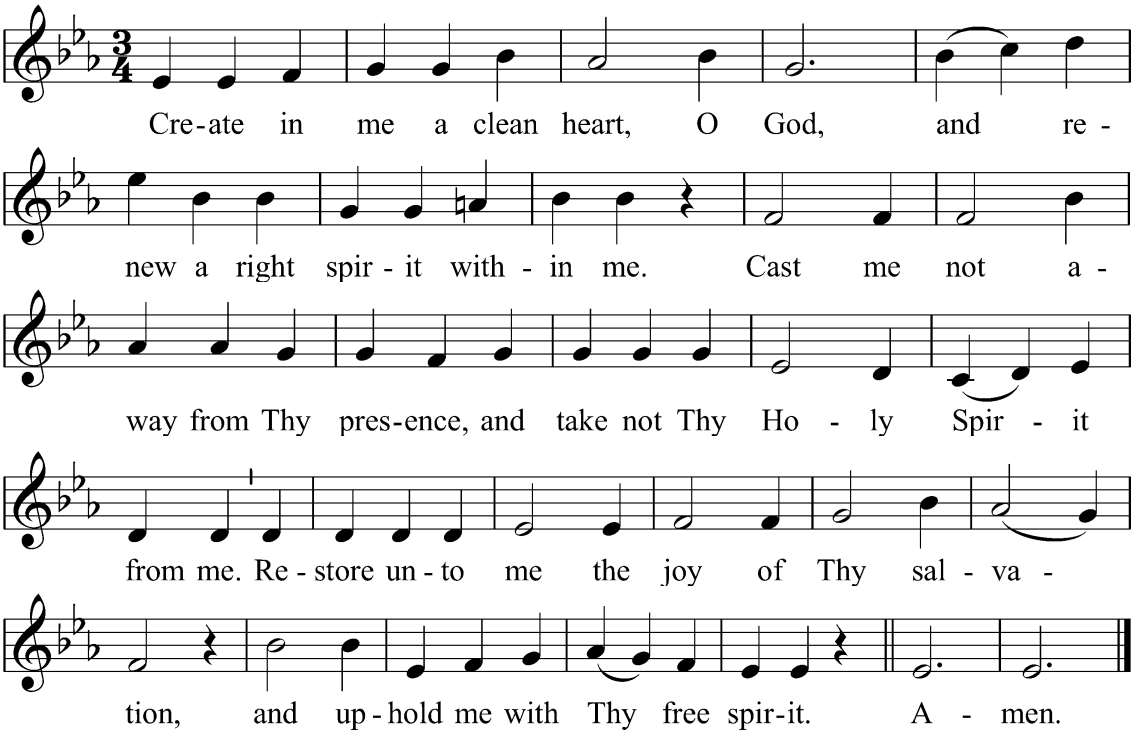
Sermon **"Seek the Things That Are Above" (Luke 12:13-21)**

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



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

Distribution Hymns

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
LSB 761 Rock of Ages
LSB 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

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

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

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 653 In Christ There Is No East or West**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 3, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Ona Childs, Barb Alsobrooks; *Altar Guild for August:* Elaine Schmidt, Carolyn Dosland

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Song Leader:* Holly Ford; *Ushers:* Elaine Schmidt, Christ Leis; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Money Counters*: Barb Hinds, Lori Peters

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday & Monday: 50
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of July 27 Offering: $1,932.00

New! The Green Sheet insert for 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.

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

August 3 – August 10

Sun. Aug. 3	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	..... *Note: No Adult Bible Study*
(Aug. 1 - 4	..... *Pastor Out of Office at Doxology)*
Mon. Aug. 4	***..... Note: No 7:00pm Divine Worship Service***
Tue. Aug. 5	5:00 pm-7:30 pm ..... National Night Out, Village Park West Salem
Wed. Aug. 6	9:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 9	9:00 am ..... LWML at PoP
	..... Elder's Meeting
Sun. Aug 10	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship
	10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study

Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Mornings after Fellowship: There is no Bible Study this morning. Join us next Sunday 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.

Friendly Reminder Our monthly newsletter for August was distributed last week. It is now distributed via email unless you request a paper copy. Did you get one in your email inbox? If not, send an email to Office@WSPOP.org to verify your email address for future communications. Paper copies are placed in your church mailbox as requested.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUES. AUG. 5TH
AT VILLAGE PARK DOWNTOWN WEST SALEM
5:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

This community event brings citizens together to get to know our neighbors and local police while celebrating the united stand that we take as partners against crime and disorder in our community. Free food, beverages, music, games, activities, prizes, bounce houses, water fights, and local organizations and businesses.

Several people from Prince of Peace plan on being there! Please join us! We are encouraging our members to meet and **bring the kingdom** to our neighbors in place of our August First Friday gathering.

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 Lord our God has made human lives His business (Ps. 100:3; Lk 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Col. 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide. (Lk 11:9-10)

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

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

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MEDITATION: READ Psalm 100 –The 100th psalm is a prophecy of Christ. It calls on the entire world to be joyful, to praise and to give thanks, that is, to worship God and come to His throne and His courts, and to call Him with all confidence. For His grace is an eternal kingdom, which truly remains forever and ever.
(Excerpt from Reading the Psalms with Luther)

DAILY READINGS			
	3 Aug	1 Sam 17:48—18:9	Acts 27:9–26
	4 Aug	1 Sam 18:10–30	Acts 27:27–44
	5 Aug	1 Sam 19:1–24	Acts 28:1–15
	6 Aug	1 Sam 20:1–23	Acts 28:16–31
	7 Aug	1 Sam 20:24–42	1 Cor 1:1–25 1
	8 Aug	1 Sam 24:1–22	1 Cor 1:26—2:16
	9 Aug	1 Sam 25:1–22	1 Cor 3:1–23

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: Jeramy and Daymen Schaub, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART COLOSSIANS 3:23-24a *"[23] Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, [24a] since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."*

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 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-16, Luke 12:22-34