PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - July 27, 2025

"...knock, and it will be opened." **Luke 11:1-13**

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
Patriarchs, apostles, and ordinary people talk with God through prayer. Abraham pleads for the preservation of the righteous few, even in the midst of outrageous sin. The Lord tempers His anger, assuring Abraham of grace. The church's liturgy is also a conversation between God and His people, shaped by confession of guild and the outpouring of divine forgiveness! The Lord's Prayer is the axis where confession of faith, sin and pleading for sustenance converge.

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

Opening Hymn **LSB 766 Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above** (st. 1-4)

Confession and Absolution **LSB p. 203**

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

Introit *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.
With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!
I will keep your statutes.
I call to you; save me,
that I may observe your testimonies.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I hope in your words.
My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promise.
Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;
O Lord, according to your justice give me life.
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.
Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

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, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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 18:17–33**

17 The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that
Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the
earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his
children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing
righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has
promised him." 20 Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and
Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they
have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will
know." 22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still
stood before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep
away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the
city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who
are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with
the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not
the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom
fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham
answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but
dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the
whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five
there." 29 Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He
answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord
be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not
do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the
Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will

not destroy it." 32Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." 33And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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 2:6–19**

6Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. 16Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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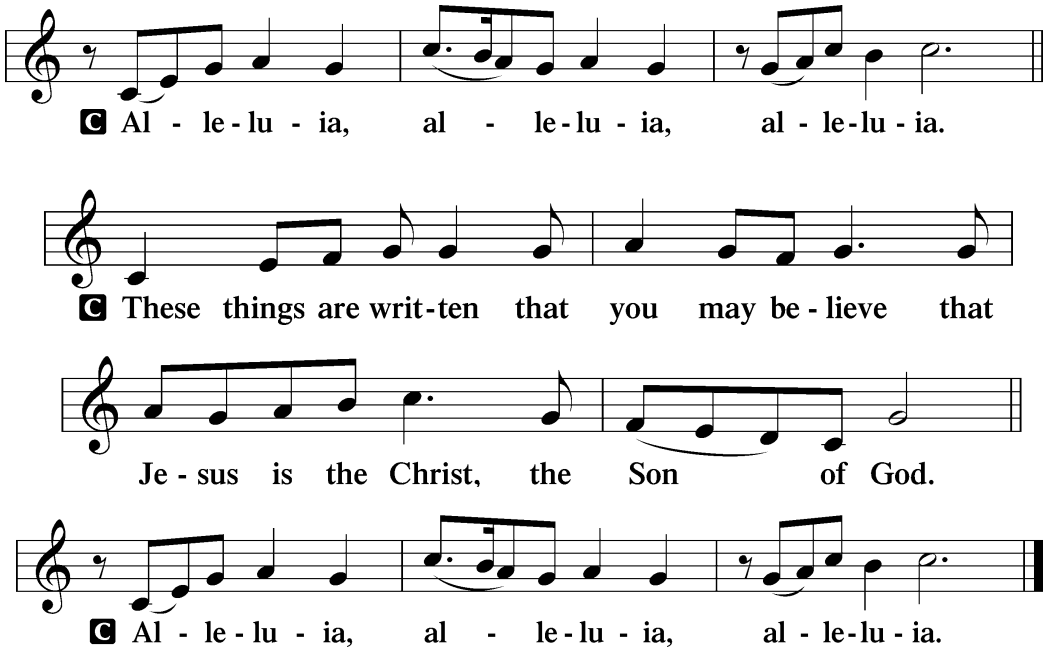
Alleluia and Verse



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth Chapter.

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

Holy Gospel **Luke 11:1-13**

1Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples
said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2And he said to
them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
3Give us each day our daily bread, 4and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive
everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." 5And he said to
them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him,
'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I
have nothing to set before him'; 7and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me;
the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give
you anything'? 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because
he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he
needs. 9And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock,
and it will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and the one who

seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

P You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

Children's Sermon

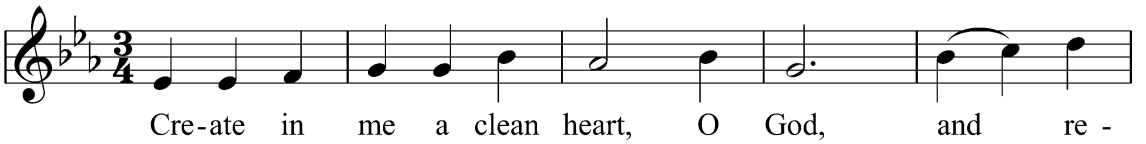
Hymn of the Day **LSB 766 Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above** (st. 5-9)

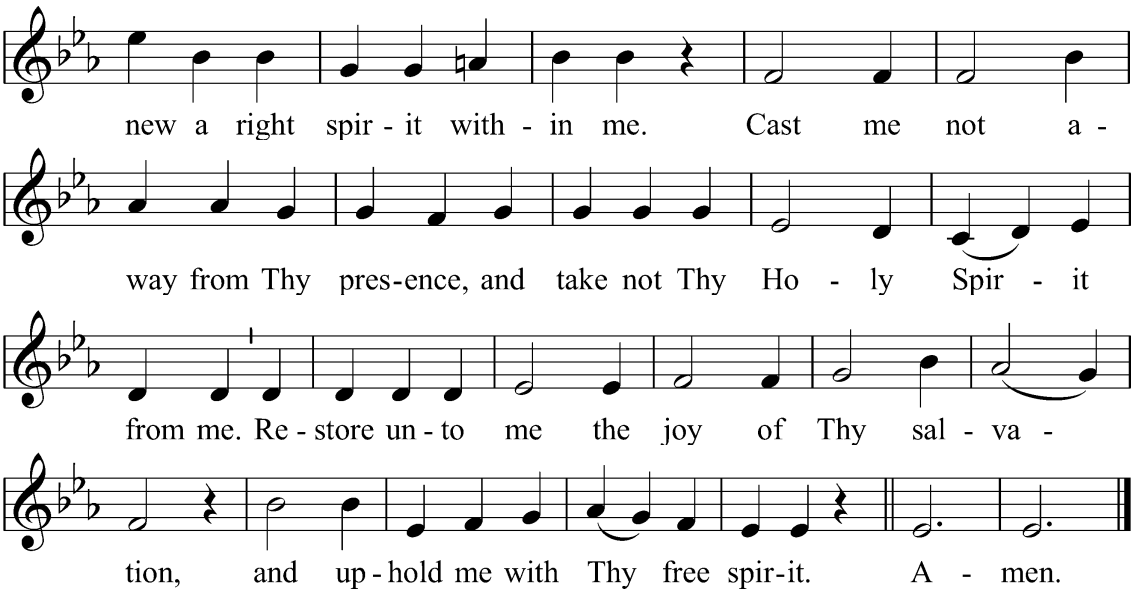
Sermon **"Lord, Teach Us To Pray" (Luke 11:11-13)**

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 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
LSB 772 In Holy Conversation
LSB 504 Father Most Holy

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

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

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB p. 212**

Closing Hymn **LSB 712 Seek Ye First**

Announcements

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

Prince of Peace News and Notes for July 27, 2025

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Accompanist:* Deb Dunnum*, Song Leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Money Counters*: Deb Dunnum, Chris Leis; *Altar Guild for July:* Sharie Brunk, Lizbeth Novak

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *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

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday & Monday: 45
Weekly Need Original Budget: $3,868.38
Weekly Need Revised Budget: $3,225.00
Week of July 20 Offering: $2,300.50

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

July 27 – August 3

Sun. July 27	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion** **After ..... Fellowship** **10:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study**
Mon. July 28	**7:00 pm ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion**
Wed. July 29	9:30 am ..... Adult Bible Study
Aug. 1 - 4	..... *Pastor Out of Office at Doxology*
Sat. Aug. 2	9:00 am ..... Women's Bible Study*(online)* 9:00am – Noon ..... VBS at Faith Lutheran La Crosse
Sun. Aug 3	**9:00 am ..... Divine Service with Holy Communion** **After ..... Fellowship** ..... *Note: No Adult Bible Study*

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, Aug. 26th at 5:00pm 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.*** See Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum about how to drop in online.

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, La Crosse. 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! There is still space to fill for volunteers 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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUES. AUG. 5TH

VILLAGE PARK - 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.

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 Surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnosis involve more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. Human lives embody spiritual matters because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God's hands (Ps.138:8). Who needs abortion or assisted suicide when the Heavenly Father urges us to ask for, expect, and await miracles? (Luke 11:9-10)

Friendly Reminder Our monthly newsletter is now distributed via email unless you request a paper copy. Did you get one in your email at the end of July? If not, email Office@WSPOP.org to verify your email address for future communications. Another way to verify your contact information is listed below….

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 **Read Psalm 138 –** This is a general psalm of thanks for a variety of deliverances from enemies. The psalmist wishes that Christ's kingdom would come and kings would receive His Word and doctrine, give thanks for it, and worship Him properly. They must learn that Christ's kingdom exists, that it sits on high, and that He helps the lowly who are stuck in sorrow and fear, and comforts and rescues sinners and the miserable. The psalm closes with the prayer that God would not abandon His kingdom and work already begun, but bring them to fulfillment in eternity.
(Excerpt from Reading the Psalms with Luther)

DAILY READINGS			
	27 July	1 Sam 12:1–25	Acts 22:30—23:11
	28 July	1 Sam 13:1–18	Acts 23:12–35
	29 July	1 Sam 14:47—15:9	Acts 24:1–23
	30 July	1 Sam 15:10–35	Acts 24:24—25:12
	31 July	1 Sam 16:1–23	Acts 25:13–27
	1 Aug	1 Sam 17:1–19	Acts 26:1–23
	2 Aug	1 Sam 17:20–47	Acts 26:24—27:8

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: Vern, Amy, Alexis, Gabby & Grace Ruffi, Lyle Anderson, Brian Horstmann, Bill & Sal Stichman
- Pray for our congregation: that we would worship and fellowship with one another.

LEARN BY HEART Luke 11:9 *"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

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 Eccl 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26, Col. 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21