

Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices “Close Communion” as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body’s doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body’s teachings. Therefore, our practice of “Close Communion” admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against “unworthy” reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God’s judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice “Close Communion”. We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we “Search the Scriptures” (John 5:39), and humbly strive to “Continue in His Word.” (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Introit

Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!
Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
Blessèd be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

**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.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Opening..... LSB #730

Divine Service, Setting 3 LSB pg. 184

Introit..... *See bulletin*

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis pgs. 186–189

Salutation & Collect *See bulletin*

Old Testament Reading pg. 190
..... **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Gradual *See bulletin*

Epistle Reading..... pg. 190
..... **1 Corinthians 1:29-35**

Alleluia and Verse pg. 190

Holy Gospel pg. 190
..... **Mark 1:14-20**

Apostles’ Creed pg. 192

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day LSB #743

Sermon...“The Appointed Time is Short”
..... Text: Mark 1:14-20

Offering & Offertory ... LSB pg. 192-193

Dedication of the Baby Hats

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament..... pg. 194ff

Distribution Hymns..... LSB #570, #839

Nunc Dimittis..... pg. 199-200

Thanksgiving and Prayer.. pgs. 200-201

Salutation and Benedicamus.. pgs. 201

Benediction pgs. 202

Closing LSB #878

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:29-35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”
“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024



Our Mission: “Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ”

Our Message: “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

As We Gather... Repent and believe. This is today’s refrain. The people of Ninevah, in sackcloth garments, turn away from evil. In response, God turns aside and does not pass judgment. Jesus preaches the same thing: repent and believe! Turning away from all sin, worldly distraction, and even daily labor is difficult. And yet, we ought to be aware of the urgency to leave all things behind and follow Jesus, for the kingdom of God is near.

Pastor Peter Adelsen
608-786-3938 (Office)
765-860-5204 (Cell)
office@wspop.org
pastor@wspop.org