

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”

“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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”

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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 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.

Theme

There is no skepticism about the future—only confidence! In Christ, we have eternal life! This is the very testimony of God Himself. In the world, we face hatred and we strive against the evil one. Yet Christ pleads for us that we may be sanctified in His Word of truth. Therefore we can confidently approach the throne of grace asking for God’s intervention according to His will. In prayer, we ask! In prayer, God listens!

Order of Service:

Divine Service I, page 151ff

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 151)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.152-160)

Introit

Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

Kyrie

(LSB p.152)

Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis”

(LSB p.154)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

(LSB p. 156)

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 1:12–26

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¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they

went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: 1 John 5:9–15

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⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (LSB p. 156)

Holy Gospel: John 17:11b–19

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not

of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day 539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

Sermon “Christians in the World” John 17:11b-19

Nicene Creed (LSB p. 158/ Inside back cover of LSB)

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all the faithful gathered again in the presence of the King, that they may dwell in His house all the days of their lives and gaze upon His beauty manifested here in the Word and the Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the ministers of the Church, that they would be sent to proclaim God’s name, just as the Father sent His Son and the Son sent His apostles, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all God’s children who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that holding fast to His sure Word, not one of them would be lost, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges, that the Lord would teach them the testimony of the truth and make them wise and effective in their offices, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all those who are sick and in distress, [*especially* _____,] that holding the Son of God in faithful hearts, they may have eternal life and an answer for all their prayers, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all who eat and drink the Savior’s body and blood, that they would receive His light and salvation, grow strong and courageous in heart, and never fail to have

hope as they await His deliverance, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who offer these petitions, that they would be one, just as the Father and Son are one; and that they would be sanctified in the truth of God’s Word, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother’s Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Offering

Special Music: POP Choir and Children “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

Offertory (LSB p.159)

Service of the Sacrament (LSB p. 160-166)

Distribution Hymns

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Nunc Dimittis (LSB p. 165)

Post-Communion Collect (LSB p. 166)

Benediction (LSB p. 166)

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Hymn 644 The Church’s One Foundation

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