

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”

“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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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

Life is filled with profound ambiguity. The Lord answers Job’s barrage of questions with more questions, asserting His divine foreknowledge about every aspect of creation. In life’s storm, we struggle to understand the balance between the known and unknown, the seen and unseen, the sorrowful and the joyful, the poor and wealthy, the temporal and eternal. In all of this, Christ infuses His words “Peace! Be still!” Through His command, creation is tamed and hearts are stilled.

Serving Prince of Peace today is Pastor Jim Cumming. Pastor Adelsen is on vacation this week. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Elder Joe Scholze.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 4, p. 203ff

Opening Hymn 752 Be Still, My Soul
Confession and Absolution

(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

Psalm 46

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,

how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Kyrie

(LSB p.204)

Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis”

(LSB p.204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

(LSB p. 205)

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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: Job 38:1–11

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¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

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¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (LSB p. 205)

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35–41

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed (LSB p. 206)

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day (see insert) “Through It All” by Andrae Crouch

Sermon “What Can We Do When We Are In Trouble?” Mark 4:35-41

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for His steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For deliverance from every trouble and distress of wind and wave, sin and death, and to bring us at last to our eternal haven, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** That in this favorable time and day of salvation ushered in by Christ's incarnation, the grace of God would be received by all; and that God would support His ministers and remove all obstacles from believing the Word they preach, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that as the beloved of God, we may be unashamed to serve each other in genuine love, truthful speech and constant patience, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our civil servants, that they would gain respect for and recognition of God's creation and its nature; and that they would use the authority given them from above in accordance with our Lord's good design for the world, not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That God would spare us from disaster, give suitable rain for the growth of crops, protect those endangered by storms, and give us faith to call on Him in every trouble, trusting that for Christ's sake, He will work everything for our eternal good, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those in need, [*especially _____*], that setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord's care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; and that God would not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust fully in Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the Church gathered here in Holy Communion, as we join with the sons of God and shout for joy to receive Christ's true body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

(LSB p.781)

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Service of the Sacrament

(LSB p. 208-212)

Distribution Hymns

550 Lamb of God

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save (1, *2, *3)

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Nunc Dimittis

(LSB p. 211)

Post-Communion Collect

(LSB p. 212)

Benedicamus and Benediction

(LSB p. 212)

Closing Hymn

763 When Peace, like a River

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