

# 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

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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**

God unravels political systems, schemes, and nations, using atypical prophets and preachers. God’s chosen messengers attempt to subdue rebellion and call for repentance. Their efforts are met with resistance and fury. Amos, a herdsman and tender of fig trees, prophesies against Israel, but there is no repentance. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, is unjustly imprisoned and subsequently beheaded. Only through the bloodshed of Jesus is sin completely unraveled and forgiven.

**Order of Service:**

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

Opening Hymn            686 Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing  
Confession and Absolution    (LSB p. 203)

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

**Introit**

*Psalms 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

**for in you I trust.**

**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.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**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.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7–15**

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;  
<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Epistle: Ephesians 1:3–14

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**                      **(LSB p. 205)**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29**

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

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests

he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed (LSB p. 207)

*Sit*

## Children's Sermon

### Hymn of the Day 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

### Sermon "Competing Voices" Amos 7:7-15

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church, that the Lord would preserve her for His name's sake and answer her in His righteousness and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the testimony of Christ's Word, opposed by the world; and for conviction and confidence in our confession that salvation is found through Christ Jesus alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all ministers, that God would make them zealous and faithful in their service; and for Matthew, our Synod president; Eric, our district president; and Jacob, our circuit visitor, that God would grant them wisdom in their work and joy in their calling, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the blessed estate of marriage, that God would cause chastity to be prized among His Christians and honored also in the world; for husbands and wives, that God would bind them together in love and forgiveness; and for parents, that God would equip them by His Spirit with every good gift to care for and teach the children He gives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation and its leaders, that God would spare them; for our civil servants and our people, that their conduct would be wise, just and honorable in accord with the Lord's revealed will; and even for those who oppose God, that the Lord would be merciful to them for the sake of Christ and remember that He desires all to be saved, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the needy in body and soul, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that He would lavish the riches of His grace on them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune today, that by the redemption in Christ Jesus we may receive the forgiveness of our trespasses and be strengthened through His body and blood to life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we would respect the bodies of the saints in life and death; and that, as the disciples of John gave him a proper burial, we, too, would confess our expectation of the resurrection in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people in every time and in every place. Unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again on the Last Day. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

stanzas 1-4

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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## Service of the Sacrament

(LSB p. 208-212)

### Distribution Hymns

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

829 Christ the Eternal Lord

836 O God of Light

### Nunc Dimittis

(LSB p. 211)

### Post-Communion Collect

(LSB p. 212)

### Benedicamus and Benediction

(LSB p. 212)

### Closing Hymn

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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