

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Disciple Making Community”*

*“KNOW, GROW, and GO”*

West Salem, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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”

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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**

Shepherds are to gather, tend, nourish, and protect flocks. The Lord passes harsh judgment on unfaithful shepherds. Ultimately, it is only Christ, the righteous Branch, who gathers together His flock both from alien Gentile nations as well as chosen Israel. Christ alone provides respite for shepherding disciples, nourishing them with His Word and presence. Furthermore, He miraculously equips faithful shepherds to feed, tend, and nourish those who gather to hear His Word of truth.

**Serving Prince of Peace today** is Pastor Mark Kolander. Pastor Adelsen is out of the office until July 25. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Elder Joe Scholze.

**Order of Service:**

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

Opening Hymn  
Confession and Absolution

644 The Church's One Foundation  
(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

*Psalm 147:7-11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

**make melody to our God on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

**he makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the beasts their food,

**and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

**nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

**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.**

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Jeremiah 23:1–6

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 2:11–22

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<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to

you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

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

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34–40**

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>34</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**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 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

**Sermon “God Wants Our Heart” Matthew 22:34-40**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God of Israel, You promise to set caring shepherds over the sheep of Your pasture. Drive away deceitful shepherds who scatter Your flock, and gather Your sheep into Your heavenly kingdom by the hands of pious and faithful men whom You send in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Heavenly Father, in Jesus' compassion for the crowd, He provided bread and fish until all had eaten their fill and were satisfied. Give us our daily bread, according to Your will. Help us to use the gifts that You have given us to care for those who are hungry and in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Heavenly King, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us good government and faithful rulers, while reminding us always that all provision comes from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, You are the God of justice. Spare our republic from violence and bloodshed. Relieve those affected by violence. Grant us peaceful civil discourse and orderly conduct. Preserve all candidates, all who serve in elected office, and those who keep watch to protect those who govern. Grant us confidence amid all chaos in that peace which this world cannot give, the peace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend to those in need among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, Your Son once set a feast in a desolate place, miraculously multiplying loaves and fish to feed a multitude. Through the miracle of the Holy Supper, He continues to bless and give us a heavenly feast: His very body and blood for our forgiveness. Give us faith as we meet Him at His table, that we may greet Him always as the Lord, our righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world, that we would hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Offering

Offertory

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

stanzas 1-4

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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

- 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
- 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Nunc Dimittis

(LSB p. 211)

Post-Communion Collect

(LSB p. 212)

Benedicamus and Benediction

(LSB p. 212)

Closing Hymn

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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