

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Disciple Making Community”

“KNOW, GROW, and GO”

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Tenth 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

“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” These words of Jesus are precious. At His words, storms cease, fear subsides, disease is eradicated. Christ is able to do far more abundant work than we can comprehend. We are rooted and grounded in His love, which surpasses all boundaries of breadth, length, height, and depth. In all things, Christ is the fulfillment of God’s covenant promise through all generations forever and ever.

Order of Service:

Divine Service 4, p. 203ff

Opening Hymn
Confession and Absolution

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
(LSB p. 203)

Service of the Word

(LSB p.204-207)

Introit

Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: verse 5

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**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.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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 and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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: Genesis 9:8–17

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⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G 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 3:14–21

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¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (LSB p. 205)

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45–56

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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 809 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon "The Sign of the Covenant" Genesis 9:8-17

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the whole family of God in Christ Jesus, that we may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being; that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we may be rooted and grounded in love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that our Lord, who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, would be glorified in His Church and in Christ Jesus; that He would ground us in love; and that He would give us a faith rooted in Christ's promises and strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would bless our families even as He blessed Noah, bringing forth new life under His promises, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all marriages, that God would make them strong and fruitful according to His will; and for every home, that God's Word would rule there, uniting it in forgiveness and causing Christ to dwell in every heart through faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our country, that the Lord of might would spare us and future generations from wickedness; for our leaders, that by God's blessing they would rule

according to His good pleasure; and for God's protection over our armed forces, police and all public servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [_____ *and*] all those in need, that they would trust the One sent to heal and make whole, receiving from Him health for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that God would not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or frustration in this world, but would lead us to His blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith to receive forgiveness and confidence according to Christ's New Testament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Father in heaven, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join them around Your throne; for the sake of 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***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.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79
 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870
 Text and tune: Public domain

Service of the Sacrament**(LSB p. 208-212)****Distribution Hymns****544 O Love, How Deep****752 Be Still, My Soul****726 Evening and Morning****Nunc Dimittis****(LSB p. 211)****Post-Communion Collect****(LSB p. 212)****Benedicamus and Benediction****(LSB p. 212)****Closing Hymn****717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save (stanzas 1, 2a, 3a, 4)****Acknowledgments**

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