

# Prince of Peace Tidings

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## *Faith Comes by Hearing*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul writes: *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?’ So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Romans 10:14-17).

This section of Scripture is the mission statement for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. In a way, this is also our mission statement. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. But to make disciples, the Gospel must first be spoken and heard. To this we pray: *“Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so **hear** them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”*

Just as we inwardly digest fruit and vegetables, bread, and drink for our temporal life, we inwardly digest God’s Word for our spiritual food. For without receiving God’s Means of Grace, His Word and Sacrament, we would spiritually die. It is through His Means of Grace that our faith is strengthened through the work of the Holy Spirit. This is why we physically come to the Divine Service together each Sunday or Monday to receive forgiveness of sins and strength for our weak faith.

Some weeks ago, I began a podcast to which I call it a “POPcast.” Now, listening to the podcast is not to be understood as an alternative or substitute to the Divine Service, but it does serve a purpose. Again, *“faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Romans 10:17). You may want to hear the sermon again. Or this may be a way to evangelize the unchurched to consider coming to church. The podcast is called “Sounding the Scriptures POPcast” and it is available on Spotify. It can also be accessed on our church website. In the typical fashion of a podcast, it must have some radio elements. So, there is a theme song, a sound clip from “Built on the Rock” to which the podcast is named. Each POPcast includes the sermon and its Scripture text, as well as a sound clip from the Hymn of the Day.

As Christians, our faith grows through receiving Word and Sacrament, and it is our Christian vocation to tell others about the salvation we have freely received from our Lord Jesus Christ’s suffering and death upon the cross and His bodily resurrection of the dead. God desires all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4), the truth of His Son Jesus Christ, who alone is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). So, as we hear, we are also tasting and seeing that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Amen! (Psalm 34:8)

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Adelsen

Sounding  
the  
Scriptures  
POPcast



**To Listen:**

<https://open.spotify.com/show/27gLS12vjGx23YjuAM3XLH>

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## *Sunday Adult Bible Study: 1 Corinthians*

In many ways, the Church of Corinth is much like the Western Christian Church today. Corinth was a major Greek seaport complete with traffic, travelers, sailors, and merchants. Corinth was cosmopolitan, pagan, idolatrous and immoral. At its height, Corinth was the fourth-largest city in the Roman Empire. Among its inhabitants were Roman colonists, ex-slaves, former soldiers, admirers of Greek wisdom and culture, and a scattering of Jews. It was a very prosperous and wealthy city, but it was also a very irreligious city.

Naturally, when the Christian faith collided with the paganism in Corinth, the young congregation founded by St. Paul, was plagued with many problems and questions. These problems included congregational factions, lawsuits, promiscuity, marriage and divorce, desertion, the place of women in the church, the Sacrament of the Altar, and the resurrection of the body. The Church in Corinth turned to St. Paul for guidance and counsel.

The Church in Corinth was not a perfect congregation, but through the Holy Spirit, St. Paul told this imperfect congregation about God's grace. The experiences of the Church in Corinth are increasingly those of present-day Christians, not only in traditional heathen countries, but also in so-called Christian lands slipping deeper into pagan ways. The impact of the fallen world's morality on the Church is all so evident today, with political factions growing, marriages failing, sexual morality sinking, and church disorders increasing. Today's Christian faces many of the moral dilemmas reflected in this epistle.

At the same time, 1 Corinthians is a letter of hope for our times. In trying to hold the Corinthians to the Word of God, St. Paul found it necessary to state both their human faults and their proper goals. In the epistle, St. Paul shows them the way of error and the way of truth. This epistle is practical as it presents everyday problems confronting Christians in the world as the Holy Spirit supplies the answers to our daily problems.

This study will begin upon the completion of our Ten Commandments study from *Luther's Large Catechism*. We will return to *Luther's Large Catechism* in the winter as we study the Creed. Upon completion of the 1 Corinthians study, we will study the vocation of a Christian voter in the fall.

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## *Ascension Day Service and Root Beer Floats*

Come and join us at POP as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion. And, please come early as we will have Root Beer floats and ice cream social at 6 p.m.! The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter, but Ascension Day is not about the grief of losing Jesus, it is of joy. Since Christ ascended to heaven, He gives His gifts to all people through all time. Jesus is ascended, but He is still present. He is with us in His Word, in His Baptism, and in His body and blood. Alleluia! Christ is ascended! He is ascended, indeed! Alleluia!



## The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 9  
Divine Service 7 p.m.

Root Beer Floats / Ice Cream Social  
6 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1901 E. Church Road, West Salem, WI



## Day of Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 19  
9 a.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
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## *More Than a Negative*

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.



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## CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

May, 2024

It's hard to believe it. The Lenten season has concluded with our Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection. Salvation is ours!

Special thanks to Pastor Adelsen for his inspired efforts through the season and Easter celebration. Thank you, as well, to our Elders, music leaders, choir and all the volunteers who made the season the wonderful time of worship and reflection that it was.

The church council has determined that Prince of Peace will withdraw from active participation as a member of the steering committee for the proposed new Lutheran school. Our congregation will continue to support the concept of establishing an area Lutheran school, but will simply observe the project for now, with more active participation at some future date as more details are presented.

The Lutheran school project leaders have undertaken a process to name the school, though specific details of what type of school being considered remains undetermined. Five school names have been offered for consideration: Seven Bridges Lutheran Academy, Holy Trinity Lutheran Academy, Christ the King Lutheran Academy, Blufflands Lutheran Academy, and River Prairie Lutheran Academy. If you want to weigh in on name choice, ballots will be available through Debbie.

South Wisconsin District – LCMS representatives will be visiting on June 4, 2024 to further discuss the Lutheran school project. If you desire further information, please contact Pastor Adelsen or me.

The trustees have scheduled a spring cleanup day at church on May 18, 2024 from 8 to 12. Please join us to make short work of various maintenance projects. Particular focus will be placed on reducing the number of items stored in the various closets at church and the storage building. How much fun will that be? A list of potential work efforts will be posted in the narthex.

Please keep our congregation in your prayers.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST. ALLELUIA!

Kurt Childs, Congregational President

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Evangelism Committee members have registered to once again participate in the June Dairy **Days Parade on Saturday, June 1st** downtown West Salem, WI. We are currently seeking candy donations for the parade and also volunteers to walk with the parade float. If you are interested in helping with the float or participating in the parade, please let Sharie Brunk know. Any questions may be directed to Sharie, Patty Horstman or Elaine Schmidt.

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## LWML News:

Our next meeting will be Saturday morning, May 4 at 9 a.m.



## Our May birthdays

Dan Moen	May 1
Daymen Schaub	May 7
Beth Roush	May 8
Joseph Scholze	May 8
Christian Schran	May 8
Larry Komperud	May 9
Kurt Childs	May 11
Eric Flack	May 11
Keith Novak	May 12
Lucas Horstman	May 15
Carrie Horstman	May 16
Doug Kuehn	May 18
Dinita Bruemmer	May 19
Dee Pralle	May 21
Lori Peters	May 23
Jose' Soto	May 24
Jason Martin	May 28
Frank Freismuth	May 29
Dakota Hoffmann	May 30

## Anniversaries this month:

Joseph and Brooklynn Scholze      May 21

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## May Schedules

### Ushers

May 5-Roger & Ginny Emmons  
May 12-Willie & Leatta Danielson  
May 19-Randy & DeAnne Otto  
May 26-Sharie & Russ Brunk

### Greeters

May 5-POP Family  
May 12-Mike & Carolyn Dosland  
May 19-Chris Leis & Barb Hinds  
May 26-POP Family

### Money counters

May 5-Ona Childs & Debbie Dunnum  
May 12-Barb Hinds & Chris Leis  
May 19-Lori Peters & Debbie Dunnum  
May 26-Barb Alsobrooks & Elaine Schmidt

### Song Leaders

May 5-Brooklynn Scholze  
May 12-Patty & Nancy Horstmann  
May 19-Sarah Kolander  
May 26-Holly Ford

### Altar Guild

Barb Hinds  
Ginny Emmons



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Catechism: 5:30	2	3 Pastor's day off	4 LWML: 9 a.m.
5 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Elders: 11:30	6 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	7 Pastor at SWD Meeting in Milwaukee	8 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Catechism: 5:30	9 Ascension Day Divine Service: 7p.m. Ice Cream Social: 6 p.m.	10 Pastor's day off	11 Women's Bible study: 9 a.m.
12 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Church Council: 11:30	13 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	14 Circuit Winkel St. John's, Quincy	15 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Catechism: 5:30	16	17 Pastor's day off	18 Women's Bible study: 9 a.m. Spring Church Clean-Up Day: 8 to 12
19 Confirmation Sunday Divine Service: 9 a.m.	20 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	21	22 Bible study: 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Pastor's day off	25 Women's Bible study: 9 a.m.
26 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30	27 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	28	29 Bible study: 9:30 a.m.	30	31 Pastor's day off	

## EVENTS

### Ascension Day Service

Join us May 9 for our Ascension Day Divine Service at 7. Come at 6 for root beer floats.

### Clean Up Day

Come and help clean up the church and the lawn on May 18 from 8 to noon.