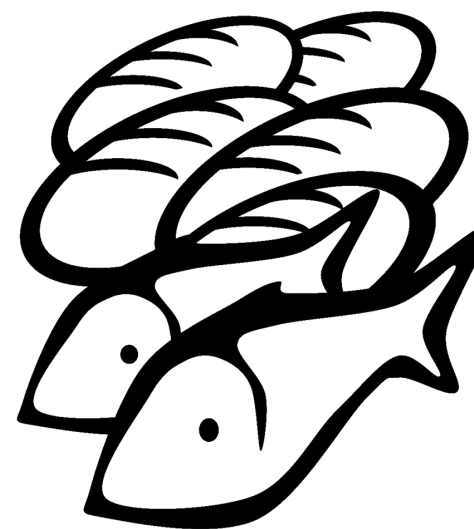


Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



Presider: Pastor Mark Martin **Accompanist:** Lynda Remling
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**9:00 am
Service**

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

August 2, 2026

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please rise.)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSIO:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Andy, Bob, Nate, Gabe, Eli, Scott, Sonja & her baby, Carol S., Tim S., Josh O., Pat, Mary Jo, LeRoy, Mike, Shari, Norbert, Joan, Bill, Linda, Gladys, Steve, Sandy, Michelle M., Rachel, Sid, Dani, Heather, Karrie, and Justin.

For those suffering loss: Prayers for the family and friends of Vanessa Dougherty and Theresa Isaacson. Prayers for Tanya and Smollar family upon loss of Theresa. Prayers for Shelley and Jeff upon loss of their father. Prayers for Wendy, Arthur, and their family upon loss of mother Cathie Goldsworthy. Comfort for Lora Conrad and family upon loss of son Brian.

by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE:

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” (LBW #343)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5 (Bible p. 602)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 136:1-9 (Bible p. 504)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

C: His love endures forever.

continued

L: to him who alone does great wonders,
C: His love endures forever.

L: who by his understanding made the heavens,
C: His love endures forever.

L: who spread out the earth upon the waters,
C: His love endures forever.

L: who made the great lights—
C: His love endures forever.

L: the sun to govern the day,
C: His love endures forever.

L: the moon and stars to govern the night;
C: His love endures forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5 (Bible p. 917)

(Please rise.)

ALLELUIA: (LBW p. 62)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL TEXT: Matthew 14:13-21 (Bible p. 796)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (August 3)

9:30 am Prayer Group

Tuesday (August 4)

6:00 pm Worship Team

Sunday (August 9)

9:00 am Worship

SERVING SCHEDULE

Week Beginning August 9, 2026

AV: Kara Wallace

ACOLYTE: Dan King

GREETERS: Richard & Mary Mackenthun

USHERS: Bill & Stacy Diemel

READER: Cyndy King

COMM ASST: Sue Peterson

COUNTERS: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller

LAWN MOWING: Bill Diemel & Brad Mueller

Week Beginning August 16, 2026

AV: Charlotte Mohns

ACOLYTE: Darran Landenberger

GREETERS: Lora Conrad & Darran Landenberger

USHERS: Dorothy Bush & Debbie Tracy

READER: Lora Conrad

COMM ASST: Sue Peterson

COUNTERS: Sandy Buske & Lora Conrad

LAWN MOWING: David Baird & Richard Mackenthun

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Book Club - Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read Such Devoted Sisters by Eileen Goudge. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, August 26 at 12:00 pm at the church. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Thank You's

Thank you everyone for making my birthday celebration a success. What a nice surprise to have cake (with lots of frosting) AND a meal! Blessings, Pam Novotnak

Thanks for the prayers, love, and support over the past months for us and mom. She loved her PoP people and what a wonderful outpouring of love and luncheon. Thanks does not seem enough! We love you all.
Wendy, Art, and Goldsworthy family

The flowers on the altar are in honor of John and Sue Peterson's wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

Attendance on 7/26/2026: 41
Received last week: \$1,513

Happy Birthday!

8/6 - Daphne McNames
8/6 - Jacqueline Schmidt

(Please be seated.)

THE MESSAGE

(Please rise.)

APOSTLES' CREED: (LBW p. 65)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY SONG:

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (WOV #798, sung twice)

(Please rise.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (LBW pp. 68-69)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed their unending hymn.

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Please be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white).
Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONG:

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (LBW #197)

(Please rise.)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION SONG: (LBW pp. 72-73)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-’ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING SONG:

“I Love to Tell the Story” (LBW #390)

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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