



2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS
January 19, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 411 (Maroon): I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 128

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!

**²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

**³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.**

**⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.**

**⁵The Lord bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!**

**⁶May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel.**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Ephesians 2:11-22)

Let us come together in a time of reflection and confession.

Christ is our peace.

Christ came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near.

This proclamation has reached our ears, but we confess that it has often not settled into our hearts.

Anxiety and fear haunt our frenzied days and our restless nights.

We numb ourselves with mindless activities and shallow pleasures.

Together, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ is our peace.

Christ came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near.

In His flesh and through His blood, Christ has taken those divided by hostility and made them one.

Forgive us for those times when we fail to seek peace and unity as children of God;

Instead, burdening our lives with our own personal agendas.

Together, we pray to the Lord: **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ is our peace.

Christ came and preached peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Together, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN G664 (Green): Spirit of the Living God (We will sing this twice.)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me! Mold me! Fill me! Use me!

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.



Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldberg; 8:30am Duane Hall; 10:30am John Lietz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

The stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone.

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Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

▲ 10:30am Alleluia, Alleluia. Give Thanks.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

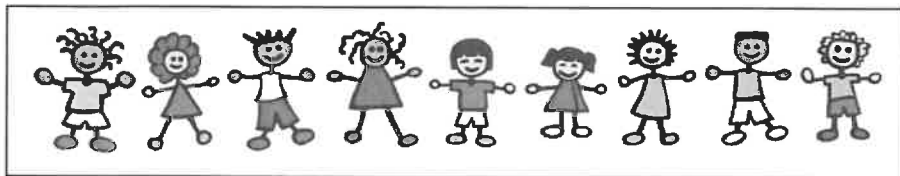
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the

bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN G707 (Green): They'll Know we are Christians

**SERMON "2025 Walking Together in Christ" (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Miller
One Body Working Together**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198 AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

HYMN 685 (Maroon): Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

BENEDICTION - 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. **Amen.**

▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am Hymn 805 (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

10:30am SONG: Pass It On

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