

2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS
February 2, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 646 (Maroon): Church of God, Elect and Glorious
10:30am SONG: Love the Lord, Your God

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 84

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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

**³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

**⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

**⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.**

**⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

**⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!**

**¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**¹² O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!
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.**

6:30pm, 8:30am This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might,
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

10:30am SONG: Thy Word



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-21

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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

Thy word is a path to follow, a light to shine the way.

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

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52

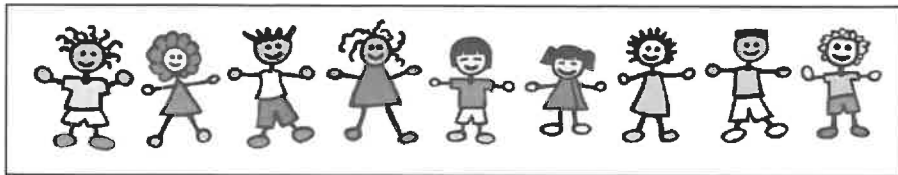
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents^[g] saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so?"

Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 523 (Maroon): O Word of God Incarnate

10:30am SONG: John 3:16

SERMON “2025 Walking Together in Christ” (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Weber
Walking Together in God's Light and Love

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 and 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198 AGNUS DEI, Lamb of God

HYMN 504 (Maroon): Father Most Holy



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.**

SONG: This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bucket? No! I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Don't let Satan poof it out! I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
4. Shout it out through Hutchinson! I'm gonna let it shine. 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

