

**Put off the old
Put on the new
(Ephesians 4:22-24)**

**2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS**

**January 26, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 901 (Maroon): Open Now the Gates of Beauty
10:30am SONG: Come People of the Risen King**

10:30am Baptism of Lucy Lynne Ruth Schmidt

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 19

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

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can discern his errors?**

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing Your grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger offered up His precious blood.**

**Prone to wander I confess it, Prone to leave the God I love
Take my heart, O Holy Spirit, Seal it with Your perfect love
Rescued from all sin and darkness, Purchased by the Savior's blood
May I live with holy boldness as a child and heir of God**

**God, our Fount of ev'ry blessing, Splash Your life on dead, dry bones.
Raise us out of graves and valleys; May Your presence be our home.
Make us rivers of Your charity, Calling all to dive and swim
In the waters of Christ's mercy –Full refreshment found in Him.**

**On that day when freed from sinning, I will gaze upon Your throne
Clothed in righteousness and beauty, I will sing a perfect song:
"Honor, glory, might, dominion, to the Father and the Son,
with the ever-living Spirit, while eternal ages run!"**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:22-32

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord...

²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 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: Luke 4:16-24

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

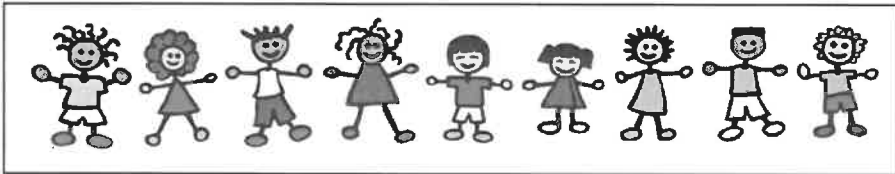
¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am Hymn 809 (Maroon): Great Is Thy Faithfulness

10:30am HYMN: 10,000 Reasons

**SERMON "2025 Walking Together in Christ" (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Weber
Off with the Old, Put on the New Self**

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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Behold the Lamb

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 855 (Maroon): For All the Faithful Women, verses 1, 12 (Dorcas), 3, 4

10:30am SONG: This Is Amazing Grace

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