



2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS  
January 12, 2025  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 644 (Maroon): The Church's One Foundation  
10:30am Jesus, Firm Foundation

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 29**

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

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> **The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.**

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> **The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.**

**And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

<sup>11</sup> **The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

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 not seeking 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 Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Nona Anderson; 10:30am Arlene Benshoof*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made." (ESV)

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

#### **EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (ESV)

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 3:15-22**

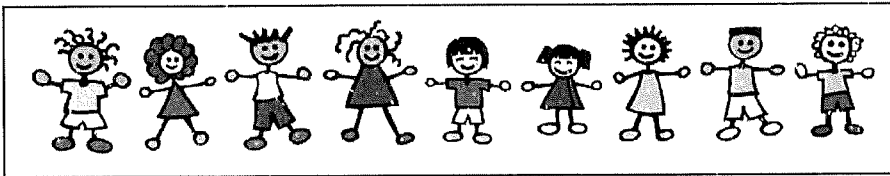
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (ESV)

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



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN G675 (Green): You Have Made Us One**

**SERMON "2025 Walking Together in Christ" (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Weber  
One in Christ by His Grace**

**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**

*Welcome to worship at Peace. Holy Communion is for those who believe as we do in this Sacrament of the Altar. We believe it is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine, given for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor or an Elder.*

**10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Baptized in Water**

**Behold the Lamb of God**

**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 744 (Maroon): Amazing Grace**

**10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone**

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**The Sunday School Missions project for spring begins with a "SOUP"er bowl.**

**We will collecting cans of soup for Common Cup Ministries.**

**On Sunday, February 9, 2025 we will have a SOUPER lunch  
Following the 10:30am service.**

**Soup will be provided. Bring your favorite dessert.**

**Thank you for your support as we work with Common Cup in tackling hunger.**