

# Family of God



2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS

February 16, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

**HYMN 605 (Maroon): Father Welcomes**

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 1:1-6**

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

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.**  
<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (NIV)**  
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 are 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 G612 (Green): There Is a Redeemer**

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done**

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face  
There I'll serve My King forever, in that holy place  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done**



*Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Darlyn Egge; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.” (ESV)

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

**EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 6:1-4**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (ESV)

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 show the way.**

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

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

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17-26**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. (ESV)

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



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN G635 (Green): Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

**SERMON "2025 Walking Together in Christ" (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Miller  
One Big Happy Family serving the Lord and Each Other**

**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 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

**HYMN 643 (Maroon): Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**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 922 (Maroon): Go, My Children, Verses 1 and 4**

**10:30am SONG: Come People of the Risen King**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: Our Sins, They Are Many, His Mercy is More.**

**Wednesdays 11:30am, 4:30pm (Peace Center) and 6:30pm**

March 5th, Ash Wednesday	The Fall Into Sin, Adam	Pastor Weber
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph	Pastor Miller
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Prodigal Son	Pastor Bode
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rahab and Ruth	Pastor Weber
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter's Denial	Pastor Miller
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Unmerciful Servant	Pastor Bode
Good Friday	Thief on the Cross	Pastor Miller