

**2025: WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS
February 9, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 700 (Maroon): Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
10:30am SONG: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy**

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 138:1-8

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

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

⁸ The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands. (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 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 HYMN G694 (Green): I Love You, Lord *(We will sing this twice.)*

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice, To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what You hear, Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear**

10:30am SONG: Jesus Loves Me



Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Hazel Sitz; 10:30am Kylie Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah's Commission from the Lord

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me. (ESV)

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EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.^[a] ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (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 shine the way.

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

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

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

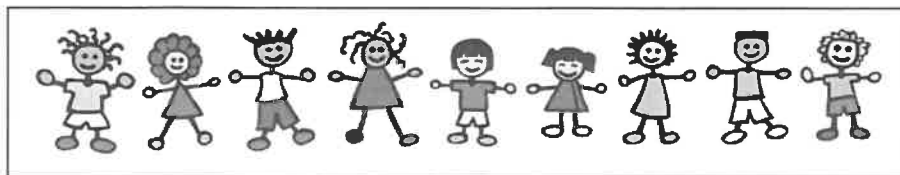
GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus

said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. (ESV)

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN G684 (Green): I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

**SERMON "2025 Walking Together in Christ" (the book of Ephesians) Pastor Weber
Husbands and Wives Serving Christ and One Another**

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 8:30am Peace Singers: Though I May Speak

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: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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 794 (Maroon): The Lord, My God, Be Praised

10:30am SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High