



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

P = Pastor * = Stand △ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

***Invocation** *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C A _____ men

***Opening Sentences** *1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 42*

- P** As by a man came death,
- C** **By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**
- P** As in Adam all die,
- C** **So also in Christ shall all be made alive.**
- P** What is sown is perishable;
- C** **What is raised is imperishable.**

***Confession**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

***Absolution**

C A _____ men.

***Gloria Patri**

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

***Kyrie**

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 14:8–20

⁸Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram’s brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way. ¹³Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to

Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 7:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After [Jesus] had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ⁶And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Children's Message (8:00 & 10:30)

Christina Stackle
Director of Christian Education

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14

Hymn of The Day

LSB 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

(Navy Hymn)



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Sermon

“But Say the Word”

(Luke 7:1-10)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

Anthem at the Offertory (10:30)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS/Runyan/Schrader

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

***Offertory**



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

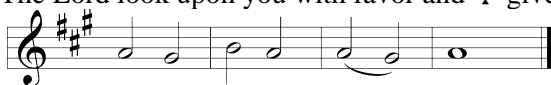
***Prayer of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Commander Matthew G. Prince, Chaplain Corps

Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20, & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Chancel Choir; Piano: Cathy Boemler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: J. Mattingly/D. Gerfen/B. Hentchel

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Bob Wolff; 8:00: John Roesch, Ralph Wolters;

9:20: John Hooss, John Roesch; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Mark Maloy

Ushers: 5:00: Team #14 – Greg Wirtel, Captain; 8:00: Team #3 – Barry Hammon, Captain;

9:20: Team #9 – John Wiesehan, Captain; 10:30: Team #6 – Darrell Ewald, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Thad Glessner, Kaleb VanDenBerg; 10:30: Aubrey DeClue, Hannah Stackle

Greeters: 9:20 & 10:30: Bill Eydman

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for
Vacation Bible School
 June 23-27
 9:00AM to Noon

Registration begins March 1 on the Peace website

Alaska Mission
DINNER AUCTION
 Sunday, March 2



in the gymnasium
 Doors open at 5:00pm
 Dinner at 5:30pm
 Adults: \$12 - Children 10 & under: \$5



Saturday, March 29
 9:00AM to Noon

Opportunities to serve in a variety of different areas of our community and church will be available. Watch the newsletter for details and the "Opportunities" page on Peace's website to sign up!



United States Navy Biography

COMMANDER MATTHEW G. PRINCE CHAPLAIN CORPS

Commander Matthew G. Prince, CHC joined the Navy in 2006. He graduated from Officer's Indoctrination School and Naval Chaplain School in 2006.

Chaplain Prince earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia University, Seward, NE, a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Additionally, he completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education and is board-certified by the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains.

Before the Navy, he was a teacher and coach at Green Park Lutheran School in St. Louis, MO, a member of Peace Lutheran Church, and was a pastor and church planter in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.



His operational tours include 3rd Battalion 7th Marines, 1st Tank Battalion, the USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40), Submarine Squadron 15, the USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), Destroyer Squadron Two, Expeditionary Strike Group TWO, and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74).

His tours ashore include 1st Recruit Training Battalion and Regiment at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District, the 5th Coast Guard District, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. and Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards), the Iraq Campaign Service Medal and multiple unit and service awards. He is authorized to wear the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) pin and the Surface Chaplain Officer (SCO) pin.

Married for 27 years, Chaplain Prince's family includes his wife Susan, a teacher, and his four children: Hannah, Rachel, Sarah and Luke, as well as their dog, Beau.