

Peace Lutheran Church

4<sup>th</sup> after Easter

Saturday, May 10, 2025 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, May 11, 2025 + 8:00 AM

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK** - "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" *Acts 20:35*

## **INVOCATION**

**L:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**LSB 821 v. 1 ,2, 4, 5**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L:** O Lord, our God, You have set before us the way of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ, but we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C:** **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

**L:** Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitance to witness for Christ, our reluctance to serve You, and our failure to be faithful in the stewardship of all that You have entrusted to our care.

**C:** **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

**L:** Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been quick to judge and condemn, and slow to forgive and reconcile, neither loving You above all things nor loving our neighbor as ourselves.

**C:** **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

**L:** God has indeed had mercy upon you. By sending His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, your sins were taken to the cross, where He died in your place. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

- L: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING***Acts 20:17-35**Pew Bible Pg. 874*

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver

or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*Pew Bible Pg. 968*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

8:00AM

Pastor Jarod Fenske

## **GOSPEL**

*John 10:25-35*

*Pew Bible Pg. 843*

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**LSB 709 v. 1-3, 6**

## **SERMON**

"Blessed to Give"

Pastor Jarod Fenske

*Acts 20:25-35*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

**LSB 735 v. 1-4**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS**

L: The Scriptures remind us of the blessings which come through godly wives and mothers in Proverbs 31:10-11, 28-30

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.  
Her husband has full confidence in her  
And lacks nothing of value.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
Her husband also, and he praises her:  
Many women do noble things,  
But you surpass them all.  
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

L: At this time, we recognize and offer thanks to God for those godly women among us who faithfully carry out their responsibilities to their families as Christian mothers. (All great-grandmothers, grandmothers, & mothers are asked to stand).

C: (All Stand) **Heavenly Father, on this day we thank You for all Christian mothers. Thank you for the things they have taught us about You. They have helped to lead us, guide us, and mature our faith. Give mothers everywhere strength, faith and courage to meet each day's challenges. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.  
C: **Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**LSB 525 v. 1**