

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 12, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Christian Magnell

PRELUDE

SKIT – Board of Deacons

HYMN *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord, we thank you that you have called us to this time and place.

We know that none of us is here by chance.

We draw close to you in worship proclaiming the name of

The Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Father, during this time, help us to consider the ways we’ve run from you and the ways we’ve said “no” to your calling on us. *(time for reflection)*

Lord God, we have fallen short. We have sinned against you and those around us. We’ve done wrong in our actions, our words, and even our thoughts. Remind us of your forgiveness, proclaim your peace, and open us up to the moving of your Holy Spirit in our lives.

Brothers and sisters, hear these words: Christ has died to forgive our sins, cleanse us from unrighteousness, and live our lives boldly in His grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON *“Being God’s Helpers”*

HYMN *“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

READING: 1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks

oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

READING: Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be

gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he

will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?' ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God is good.

All the time.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION All the time.

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HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

SKIT – Board of Trustees and Child Care

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *"Come to the Table"*

PRAYER & BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

SKIT – Board of Education and Board of Stewardship

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“All the People Said Amen”

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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**You – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”**

**- Matthew 5:16**

Last week, I (Pastor Christian), mentioned that I led music A Capella at the Baldwin Care Center. Uffda is all I can say. I offered pastoral counseling afterward for those affected by what they heard.

Isn't this the way we feel often when God asks us to step out? Insufficient. Out of key. Exposed and embarrassed.

I wish I had that gene that allows me to hear and sing the right notes. I do not. Yet God didn't ask about my DNA and giftings. He simply called me to minister in that moment. He doesn't care if we're not quite up to the task; He accomplishes His work anyway! Oftentimes we will feel insufficient when called because we are. God can use that!!

Today you may see the skits and think: “This doesn't apply to me.” And if you think that, you're exactly the one God is calling. God uses us ordinary, average, not-so-gifted, not-quite-righteous people in spite of ourselves. In fact, God can work much better through your humility than through pride or arrogance.

Where and how are you called to step forward to serve? Pray about that this week and then say “Yes!”