

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
March 16, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

*“Jesus Paid It All”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father, we rejoice in Your presence today.

**Come, Holy Spirit, to guide our worship.**

Your Word implores us to seek wisdom.

**Help us every day because so often we are lacking.**

Teach us to reflect on our brokenness and the ways you make us whole. *(time for reflection)*

Let’s pray together:

**We confess our sins. We walk in ways contrary to your word, and we seek our own wisdom above your own. We ignore the needs of the world around us and seek our own glory and prosperity. Forgive us, renew us, and teach us.**

In His mercy, God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ. He has given His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*“Smart or Wise?”*

HYMN

*“Cornerstone”*

READING: 1 Kings 3:3-15

*Though he could have asked for many things, Solomon asked for wisdom and received it from God.*

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. <sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked

before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for

multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before

you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

SECOND READING: James 1:2-8

*Like Solomon, we should ask for wisdom. God gives it generously.*

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without

reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      God is good.

**All the time.**

GOSPEL READING: John 16:5-15

*Not only will God generously give wisdom, He guides us in all wisdom through the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>

concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      All the time.

**God is good!**

HYMN

*“This I Believe”*

SERMON – "Prayers of the Bible – Solomon’s Prayer for Wisdom”

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER & BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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## **Sermon Notes – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### ***“Solomon’s Prayer for Wisdom”***

Solomon \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom – 1 Kings 3:9

He knew what he lacked; when he asked, it pleased God.

\_\_\_\_\_ should ask for wisdom – James 1:5

This requires the humility to say “I don’t know.”

The \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom today – John 16:13

Truth is accessible to us.

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