

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 18, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: Ephesians 6:10-12

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

SERMON – Spiritual Warfare – What Is It?

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are reminded today that our struggle is not against flesh and blood

but against powers that would turn us away from God's truth, mercy, and life.

We confess that we often misunderstand the battle.

We fear what we should not fear, and we trust in ourselves rather than in the strength of the Lord.

I invite you to take a moment to reflect on this battle and how we fall short in the midst of it.
(silence for reflection) Let's pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always stood firm in Your strength. We have trusted our own wisdom instead of Your Word. We have blamed others instead of resisting evil. We have given fear more authority than Your promises. Forgive us for

forgetting whose we are and where our true security is found. Forgive us of our sins and renew us daily. We ask this in the powerful name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This is the Good News: In Christ you are forgiven, strengthened for the battle, and set free to live for Him.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *“I Speak Jesus”*

PRAYER AND 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

“I Believe”

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

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