

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**Mid-Week 5 in Lent**  
*April 2, 2025 + 6:30pm*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: The protecting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of God the Father, and the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Spread your protection over us,
- C: That those who love Your name may exult in You. (Psalm 5:11)**
- L: May the Lord answer us in the day of trouble!
- C: May the name of the God of Jacob protect us! (Psalm 20:1)**
- L: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows,
- C: Is God in his holy habitation. (Psalm 68:5)**
- L: Spread your wings over your servants,
- C: For You are a redeemer. (Ruth 3:9)**
- L: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
- C: For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

**LSB 423 v. 1-3**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- L: Lord Jesus, our protecting friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
- C: Forgive me, Jesus, from the sin that assails my heart and soul.**
- L: Protect me from the punishment that my sin rightly brings.
- C: Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus, for the times that I have failed to protect others.**
- L: Undo the hurts that I have caused with my sinful words and actions.
- C: Lead me away from the dangerous way of rebellion.**
- L: Lead me, Jesus, in paths of righteousness for Your name’s sake.
- C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**
- (Please silently reflect on the danger of sin and the protecting forgiveness of Jesus.)*

L: Jesus does indeed have mercy! Jesus protects you from the punishment of sin as he has lived for you, died for you, risen for you, and now forgives you of all of your sins. His mercy provides protection, and His salvation makes you new. Rejoice now in the protecting presence and forgiveness of your friend Jesus.

**C: What a savior we have in Jesus.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Psalm 121:1-8*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*2 Thessalonians 3:3-4*

But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 14:18-27*

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**LSB 656 v. 1-4**

## **SERMON**

"Protector"

Pastor Jarod Fenske

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**LSB 725 v. 1-4**

## **PRAYERS**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

- L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

- L: Go now with the peace and power, the protection and provision of Jesus. The Lord bless 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.
- C: What a friend we have in Jesus!**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

**LSB 524 v. 1**

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