

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
March 23, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

*“Abide with Me”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father, we thank you for calling us to worship once again.

**Guide us as we reflect on your call on our lives.**

It’s easy to chase after our own needs and put our priorities first.

**We become slaves to our own preferences and make idols of them.**

Lord God, as we take time to consider our lives, open our hearts to transformation by your Spirit.  
*(time for reflection)*

Let’s pray together:

**Father, we’ve fallen short in many ways. We’ve sinned against you and against others in thought, word, and deed. We’ve put our preferences above your will and sought only to increase what we have. We’ve failed to take up our cross and follow Jesus. We ask for forgiveness, but even more so, we ask for renewal, guidance, and transformation.**

Hear this Good [News](#): In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God showed his love for us by sending Jesus to die while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8) Hold on to that truth.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*“True Riches”*

HYMN

*“King of Kings”*

READING: 1 Chronicles 4:10

*It’s easy to read this prayer in isolation and come up with the idea that if we just pray for health and wealth, we’ll be fine! But as we’ll see, our faith balances out “taking up the cross” as well.*

<sup>10</sup> Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

*Paul was imprisoned for his faith. His imprisonment served to expand his opportunities to share the love of God.*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first

day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the

affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      God is good.      **All the time.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:24-28

*To follow Christ means to follow Christ in both joy and suffering. We thank God for the blessings, and we ask for special grace to see, understand, and embrace His work in the difficult circumstances.*

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For

the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      All the time.      **God is good!**

HYMN      *"I Speak Jesus"*

SERMON – "Prayers of the Bible – Prayer of Jabez"

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      *"All the People Said Amen"*

DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**



**Sermon Notes – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**“Prayer of Jabez”**

\_\_\_\_\_, we should pray for \_\_\_\_\_ – supplication – 1 Chronicles 4:10

Remember: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

The problem? We're really good at the supplication and maybe not the others.

God is faithful.

And... we should \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 16:24

Pray for things but be prepared to give it all up.

The balance abounds in Christian \_\_\_\_\_ – Philippians 1:9-11

We respond in faith.

