

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

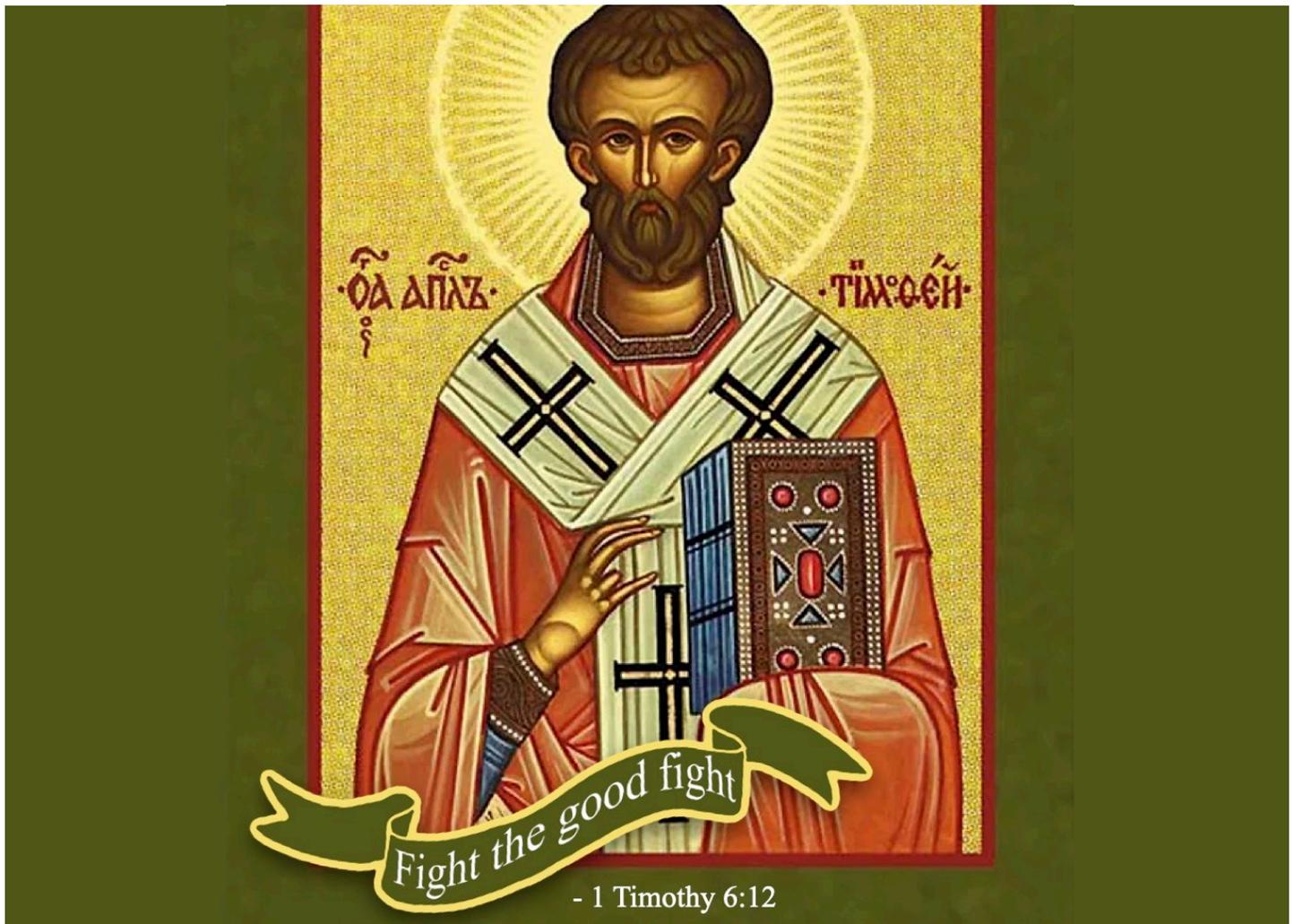
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FEAST OF ST. TIMOTHY

January 24, 2021

As We Gather. The paraments turn color [today](#), on this Feast Day of St. Timothy. We go with white - not because we are in winter, but because it is the color of God’s holy ones, or “saints.” To be sure, saints are not so holy in and of themselves, but it is our gracious God who, in Christ, declares us to be holy and pure. “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18). Timothy knew he was a sinner, in and of himself, but like us he heard the Word of the Lord, the Holy Gospel, or Good News, of a Savior who died for our sins and rose to give us eternal life. Timothy heard this message preached by Paul and answered the call to become a pastor, himself. [Today](#), God still calls pastors and leaders in His Church to preach this Good News to all: Christ takes our sins and makes us righteous before God in Him! Amen. Preach it!



OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

People: I will sing of the mercies of the LORD, forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: And the heavens shall praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

People: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: They shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

Pastor: In Your name shall they rejoice all the day, and in Your righteousness shall they be exalted.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: While we are called to fight the good fight of faith, too often we fight with doubts, unholy desires and we fight against God's holy will in our lives. Let us, therefore, confess our sins that our merciful God may forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that in our rebellious ways our fight is so often against You, instead of our own flesh, a wayward world and the devil. We confess that we have not pursued righteousness, godliness, faith, love and gentleness. We have failed to take hold of the holy life to which You have called us upward in Christ Jesus. We humbly ask, for His sake, that You would forgive us, restore us and renew us that we may walk in Your ways and glorify Your holy Name.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus did keep all the commandments of God unstained and free from all reproach. He fulfilled all righteousness and made the good confession before Pilate and before He lay down His life for you. He took your sins and grants you His righteousness by faith, so that He might present you without spot or blemish before His Father when He comes again for His Bride, the Church. For the sake of Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the good confession and in the way that leads to life eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST READING Acts 16:1-5

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6:11-16

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL CHOIR “Song of Joy”

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 24:42-47

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY “Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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MESSAGE

**"We Want A Fair Fight, A Good Fight.
But Three Against One
(The World, The Flesh & The Devil)
Is Not Good Odds -**

**Unless The Three Fighting For You Are Father, Son & Holy Spirit:
Changing Unfair Odds Into A Sure Bet.
That's What I Call Good!"**

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord
look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ the Eternal Lord”



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Attendance: 1/17/21 76

THIS WEEK AT PEACE JANUARY 24, 2021

Today: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside
1:30 p.m. New Life Church

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study

Friday 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside
1:30 p.m. New Life Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This new study on "Proverbs - *God's Gift of Wisdom*", meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

LifeLight has begun a 9 week LifeLight Bible study on The Epistles of John, Wednesday, January 6th at 10 AM. This study will include: The Apostle of Love; Getting to Know God...and Yourself; Love and Knowledge in the End Times; Like Father, Like Son; We Love Because He First Loved Us; and Mission in the Church. This is a Zoom study, all are welcome. If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke 805-482-7524.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our **Next Voters Meeting** slated for next **Sunday, January 31st at 2 PM.** This will be a zoom call with call in information being distributed before the call. We look forward to you attending as we share how God is providing for Peace Lutheran Church and Pre-school during this difficult Covid-19 year. Plus this is a good time also to see everyone – at least in a virtual setting!

OFFERING ENVELOPES and year end contribution statements are available for pick up from your mail box in the narthex.

THE FOOD BANK at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non-expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta. Thank you! Social Concerns

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January - March are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer request please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footstepps@verizon.net.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station. Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. (After signing-up, please remember to use the hand sanitizer on the check-in table.) Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the service, you may take your arrangement home.



Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Briggs (Dave Schmidt's grandson), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Marshall Denninger, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Becky Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Joyce Snow, Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary &

Char Spencer) and his parents, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Judy Tarbell (friend of the Schultze's), Bev Toro, Earl Totten (Cheryl Sanders' brother), Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Emer Wiltbank (Dave Schmidt's son-in-law), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

Please remember the family of Scott McComas in your prayers, as Scott went home to be with the Lord and Shepherd of our souls.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.