



# Sermon Study Guide for May 25, 2025

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** *Overcome*

We will have troubles in this world, but take heart! Jesus has overcome the world. We have peace in Him. Not peace the world gives, but true peace.

**Getting Started: (sharing with each other)**

1. What is the most chaotic situation you've ever been in? Did you ever go Black Friday shopping when that was still huge? A major sport event?
2. What is or where is the most peaceful place you know?
3. Which do you think you see more of in our world today? Peace? Or Trouble?

**In the Word: Read John 16:23-33**

4. Remember back to last week about the contrast with grief and joy. Those words are precursors to our text for today. How does grief and joy relate to trouble and peace?
5. Finally, the disciples get it in verse 29! (Until they forget and run away from the cross...) What does Jesus say that finally makes them understand and believe?
6. "But take heart! I have overcome the world." What words of comfort and hope from our Savior. He has the victory, and that victory is yours. Jesus overcame the world through the cross and the tomb. What peace does that give to you?

7. Read John 14:25-27. How does the peace that the world gives, differ from the peace that God gives to us?

**Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)**

8. When we are called to be a light to the world, think about a ship coming into shore that is in the midst of a storm. The steady factor for that boat is the lighthouse that points the ship where to go. How can we be a beacon of light, or a lighthouse in the midst of trouble in our world today?
9. We always strive for peace. Right? I pray that we do. Yet so often in our world we see trouble, we see the chaos, we see the madness around us, and we often times get caught up in the craziness of everything going on. How are you finding time to find the peace of God in the midst of trouble?
10. Jesus tells his disciples that they will be scattered, they will leave him, and yet reminds them to take heart because he has overcome the world. I once had a friend make the comment about pastoral ministry, "we can't do this on our own. Satan tries to pick off the guys who are isolated and all alone. They are the easy target." Jesus promises to be with us always, so how do we as believers live? Are we silos, doing our own thing? Or are we to live in community with believers around us?

**Prayer:** Thank God for the true peace that He gives; not peace of the world, but the peace of God. Praise God that you have the victory and have overcome sin, death, and the devil through what Christ has done for you. Ask that God would help you to be a light, a beacon, a place or person of peace in the midst of trouble and chaos in the world. Ask God to help you continue to grow in Christian community, to have brothers and sisters in Christ around you to help you see His peace.

**Next Week:** This is our last study guide until September, but checkout the 1 Kings Bible Study and discussion sheet from the LCMS MI District. Dave Wright sent that out in an email. If you need that link again, please reach out!