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LUKE 21:19, NRSV

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**  
*November 16, 2025*

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## November 16, 2025

**We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus.** We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

**The ringing of the bell** and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

**Children are welcome at our worship services.** If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

**Offering.** Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give

much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors.

### **Serving You**

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Anne Schroeder & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Dan Dusek, Seamus Harrington, Archer Schroeder
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Ginny Tonelli, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Anne Schroeder, John Mergl

### **Today, November 16, 2025**

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Margaret Phillpott
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Fellowship	Sally Stouder & Maggie Baker
Flowers	Holroyd Family
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

### **Next Sunday, November 23, 2025**

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	
Reader	Margaret Phillpott
Fellowship	John & Lou Ann Mergl
Flowers	Sally Stouder

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER...** One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word “near.” “Near” can indicate something that is almost here but hasn’t yet arrived. And at the same time, “near” can point to something already with us, like those “near and dear” to our hearts. The word “near” resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is the present in the here and now, delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**RINGING OF THE BELL.....**After the ringing of the bell, we take a few moments to prepare our hearts and minds in silence for today’s worship.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### OPENING BLESSING

*Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

*Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**People: But with You there is forgiveness.**

### WE CONFESS

*Leader: Since, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our sins and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as God’s people let us take refuge in God’s mercy, seeking His grace.*

~~~~~ Silence for reflection ~~~~~

*Leader: We confess,*

**People: Lord, we need Your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.**

*Leader: Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.*

**People: Amen.**

***Please stand as you are able***

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

“Here I Am, Lord” Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b. 1947 Tune: Dan Schutte, b. 1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, and John Weissrock ©1981, OCP Publications CCLI License #11470020

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin....  
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
‘Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Leader: Let us Pray..... O God, Your gift of faith is a blessing to us and gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side. Teach us to live our lives as a reflection of Your love that we may serve You and humbly serve others in truth, that all may give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

***Congregation may be seated***

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Malachi 4:1-6**

*The Lord prepares His people to meet the sun of righteousness.*

4 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of

the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Paul commends believers to dedicate themselves to honorable work and doing good.*

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

## **Luke 21:5-28**

*Jesus offers His hearers assurance that their redemption is near.*

<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said,

“See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.

<sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup> Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.

<sup>24</sup> They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

*Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

***Congregation may be seated***

**SERMON HYMN:**

**“How Great is Our God”**

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The splendor of the King,  
clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice,  
trembles at his voice.

*Chorus:*

*How great is our God,  
sing with me,  
How great is our God,  
all will see how great,  
how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands,  
and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End,  
beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one:  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb.

*Chorus*

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God.

*Chorus (twice)*

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SERMON

Pastor Joe Hughes

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**People: 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 power of 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.**

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OFFERING

*We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—  
ourselves, our time, our possessions.*

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***Please stand as you are able***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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*Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.*

*Leader: Lord God, You have given us the promise that our faith  
is sustained by You and Your work. As we are often tempted to  
rely on faith in ourselves rather than in You, guide us with Your*

*Spirit to trust confidently in You. In joyous duty as Your faithful servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Ever-present Lord, throughout time You spoke Your Word and used people to bring encouragement to those in need. Strengthen our faith to trust that You will answer our prayers and to wait patiently for Your will to be done. In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Ever-giving Lord, the greatest blessing You gave to this world was Your own Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who knew the struggles of the flesh and yet remained the perfect Servant. As He taught about a mature faith through temptations, repentance, and true forgiveness, help us to live as Your servants, doing that which is our duty. Move us to fan into flame the faith You have given and grow through Your Word and Means of Grace. In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Ever-comforting Lord, physician of body and soul, we lift up to You those who suffer in any way. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith, (especially.....). In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: It is into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PEACE OF THE LORD**

*Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.*

**People: The peace of the Lord be with you.**

*We share the peace + of the Lord as we are able.      John 20:19*

***Congregation may be seated***

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

#### **TOSB 108**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Jeffrey Rickard Words: Public Domain; Music: 1994 Selah Publishing Company, CCLI License #11470020

I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

## “It is Well with My Soul”

### TOSB 106

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When peace, like a river,  
    attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
    Whatever my lot,  
    thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

### Chorus

*It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
    the trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
    That Christ has regarded  
    my helpless estate,  
    And hath shed his own  
    blood for my soul.

### Chorus

My sin oh, the bliss of  
    this glorious tho't:  
My sin not in part,  
    but the whole  
Is nail'd to the cross  
    and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
    O my soul.

### Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day  
    when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,  
    The trump shall resound

and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

*Chorus*

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## BENEDICTION

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*Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.*

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG      “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LSB (Maroon Book) 791**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” Roger Jones & William Kethe © Words: Public Domain Music: 1981 Christian Music Ministries (Admin. by Sovereign Music UK) CCLI License #11470020

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

Oh, enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

### **DISMISSAL**

*Leader: Go in peace. The Lord is near!*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**COOKIE THANK YOU....**A huge thank you to all of the cookie bakers and cookie helpers at this year's Bazaar. We sold 150 dozen cookies to help support many community organizations! Maggie Baker

**HALLMARK MOVIE NIGHT.....** Calling all ladies! It's that time of year! Hallmark Christmas Movies!!! We are going to have a Hallmark Christmas movie night on December 5 at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Wear your most comfy clothes (yes, even pajamas), bring your favorite snack, a comfy chair, blanket, and your ability to enjoy predictable whimsical romance placed in the Yuletide season. See you there!!

**HOLIDAY CHEER.....**Holiday Cheer, a program of Philomath Community Services, strives to help parents with the added costs of Christmas so that they may provide gifts to their children. We are collecting items for children of all different sizes. We have put labeled boxes in the Narthex ready to collect any donations. These should be new unwrapped items. The categories are:

1) Coats or sweatshirts 2) Winter clothing 3) Toys or Books

ALL items must be placed in the boxes no later than **December 7th**, the sooner the better.

**SOMATIC WORKSHOP.....** Posture, Presence, and Purpose: Move beyond stress, and pain to refresh your gait, restore your posture, and reclaim your confidence. FREE Somatic Workshop 11/21, at Peace Lutheran Church, 11AM-12PM

Contact Vikki Fuhrman at [vikkifuhrman@gmail.com](mailto:vikkifuhrman@gmail.com) for more information.

**VINA MOSES.....** Now is the time to help families that are in need over the holidays. The Vina Moses Giving Tree tags will be placed on the glass panels by the front door of the church for church on November 23. Each tag shares an age and gender of a youth. Consider taking a tag, buying a gift and returning the gift (unwrapped) back to Peace by December 14. Over 1,870 gifts were

purchased for youth in need last year. Our goal is to match that number and share even more! If you have any questions, contact George.

**THANKSGIVING AND SPECIAL OFFERING.....** Next week's service is dedicated to the theme of thanksgiving. We'll take a moment in the actual service to briefly share thanksgivings. Be thinking ahead about what you might share. There will also be time set aside to collect a special offering in the service. Funds collected during this offering will go to support the PCS Food Bank in their time of need. Thank you for your consideration!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS.....** A final new member class will take place next Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 am in the Youth Room. If you haven't attended new member classes up to this point, but would like to, you can join our session on November 23. Peace will be officially welcoming our new members during the worship service on Sunday, December 7. Contact Pastor Lucke if you have questions.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Homebound:** Bill Harris, Karla Rhoads, Joyce Hall, John and Lucy Leach, Grace Maddux, Joan McDonald, Twylla Randall, John Filbert, Kathy Barrett, Karen Marquez, Beverly Hellesto, Margaret Dusek, Mirdza Abele, Trish O'Neil, Junia Simonson

**Sick and Recovering:** Bev Hardy (*Karen M.'s mother--health concerns*), Nicole (*friend of Daniel*), Jimmy, Erin and her family, Cathy M. (*cancer diagnosis*), Holly and Jon B., Courtney, Janine, Oscar, Joe, Kathy W. (*back pain*), Jeanine (*chemo treatment*), Tom, Don and Bev (*healing and recovery*), Tim (*in prison asking for prayer*), Rich Hansen, Willie, Tina, Andrew S., John L., Patrick (*surgery on Nov. 16th*), Dick, Jan and Fred, Caitlin (*pregnancy*), Denise, Rob, Mindy (*surgery*), Valoney