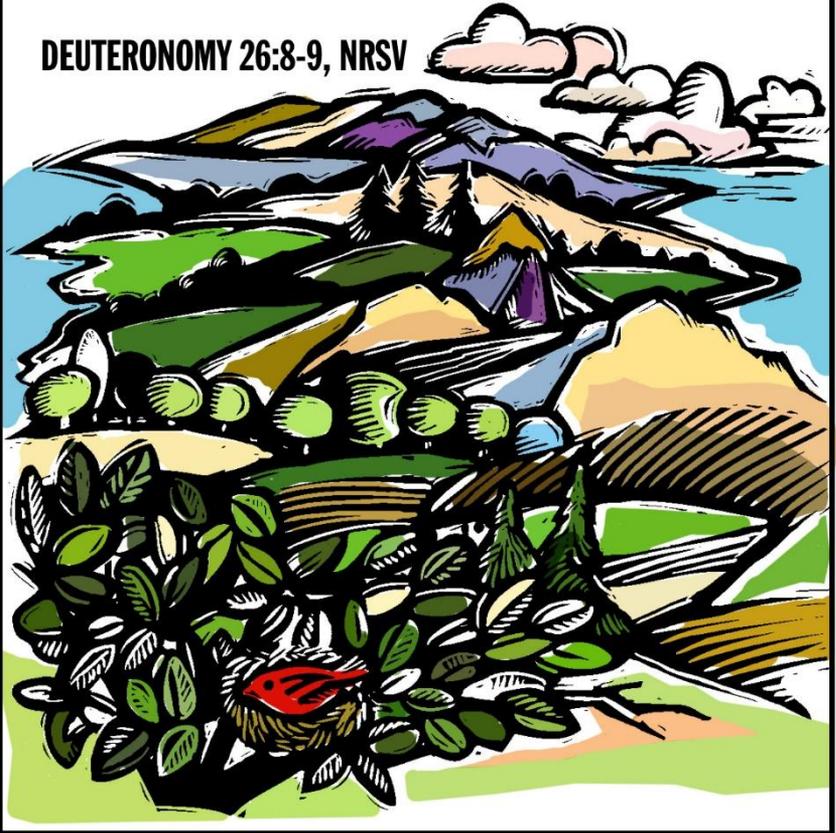


**THE LORD ... BROUGHT US INTO  
THIS PLACE AND GAVE US THIS  
LAND, A LAND FLOWING WITH  
MILK AND HONEY.**

**DEUTERONOMY 26:8-9, NRSV**



**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**  
*November 23, 2025*

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## November 23, 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.

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### Serving You

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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

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### Today, November 23, 2025

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

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### Next Sunday, November 30, 2025

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Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	
Reader	Kathy Hanna
Fellowship	Margaret Phillipott
Flowers	

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER...** Did you give thanks for your last meal? Most people—even Christians—often “forget” to give thanks. When we do not give thanks, we are like the rich fool of the parable, thinking it was his work that brought the grain, when in fact it was God who gave it to Him. When we do not give thanks, we become fools, forgetting who gave us what we have and all we are. Have you have been foolish? That is what Jesus calls the rich man. Give thanks always—that is the advice of Paul. Today in our worship we recognize the way the Lord has provided and we give thanks.

**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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### CHORAL ANTHEM

### “A Simple Thanksgiving” Arranged by Joseph M. Martin

*‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free,  
‘tis a gift to come down where we ought to be  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
we’ll be in the valley of love and light.*

*When true simplicity is gained  
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight  
‘til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.*

*This is my Father’s world,  
and to my list’ning ears,  
All nature sings and ‘round me rings  
the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father’s world,  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world,  
(‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free,)*

*The birds their carols raise;  
(‘tis a gift to come down where we ought to be)  
The morning light, the lily white,  
(‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to)  
Declare their Maker’s praise.*

*This is my Father’s world.  
He shines in all that’s fair.  
In rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me ev’rywhere.*

*In rustling grass I hear him pass.  
In simple things I hear him sing.  
He sings to me ev’rywhere.*

## **OPENING BLESSING**

*Leader: In the name of the Father*

**People: who created this world and each of us, a reason to give thanks;**

*Leader: and of the + Son,*

**People: our ultimate reason for giving thanks because through His love and sacrifice on the cross we are saved;**

*Leader: and of the Holy Spirit,*

**People: who calls, gathers, and enlightens us in the one faith in Jesus. Amen.**

*Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,*

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

*Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,*

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: to Him who alone does great wonders,*

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## ADMITTING OUR FAULTS

*Leader: The fool says in his heart,*

**People: “There is no God.”**

*Leader: We want to think it is other people David was referring to in Psalm 14. Perhaps a relative that we know. Perhaps the person down the street. Yet the Apostle Paul puts us all in the same category when writes to the Romans,*

**People: “All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” When we fail to give thanks, we also fail to recognize You, Lord, as the gift giver. Forgive us today for missing to recognize Your work in our lives. Forgive us for not giving You the credit You deserve.**

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

## YOU ARE FORGIVEN

*Leader: I have the best news for you as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all He has done this year. He has given us the greatest thing to be thankful for today—the forgiveness of all of our sins. This guarantees a restored relationship with our Lord that gives so abundantly. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

**“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

**LBW (Green Book) 409**

“Praise and Thanksgiving” Text: Albert F. Bayly, b. 1901, alt. Tune: Gaelic CCLI License #11470020

Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer For all things living,  
Created good;  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with you,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.

Father, providing  
Food for your children,  
By your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know your care.

Then will your blessing  
Reach ev'ry people,  
Freely confessing  
Your gracious hand.  
Where all obey you,  
No one will hunger;  
In your love's sway you  
Nourish the land.

## SHARING OUR THANKSGIVINGS

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### SERVICE OF THE WORD

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray.*

*Leader: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. You give us food and drink, a place we can call home, and all things necessary to sustain this body and life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit*

*that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*God's people celebrated the first of the harvest—witnessing who it was that gave them the harvest.*

**26** “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

<sup>3</sup> And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> “And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

<sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>10</sup> And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.

<sup>11</sup> And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 12:13-21**

*A rich man becomes a fool because he does not see God as the reason to give thanks.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

<sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

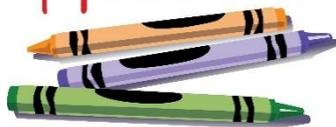
<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children’s  
Message



## INTRODUCTION TO OUR SERMON HYMN

*Leader: Many Christians are in the habit of giving thanks before meals. It is said that Henry Alford also gave thanks after meals, standing and offering his gratitude to God for the blessings just received. He also did this at the end of the day. Indeed, Alford was one of the “thankful people.”*

*But Alford’s song is not just about thanksgiving. It is also about work completed, a job well done. It is about aching muscles and full barns, sun-reddened faces and meals of plenty. It was written to be used at harvest festivals in villages throughout England. Each village observed a celebration whenever it brought in its harvest, and Alford, one of the leading churchmen in England in the nineteenth century provided this hymn of thanks. It was originally called “After Harvest.”*

*Of course, this is not just about the work we humans do. It is also about God’s work—providing growth to the crops and also causing growth in us.*

### **SERMON HYMN      “Come, You Thankful People Come” LBW (Green Book) 407**

“Come, You Thankful People Come” Henry Alford 1982 The Jubilate Group CCLI License  
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Come you thankful people come  
Raise the song of harvest home  
    All is safely gathered in  
    Ere the winter storms begin  
    God our maker does provide  
    For our wants to be supplied  
Come to God's own temple come  
Raise the song of harvest home  
  
All the world is Gods own field  
Fruit unto His praise to yield  
Wheat and tares together sown  
    Unto joy or sorrow grown  
First the blade and then the ear  
Then the full corn shall appear  
    Lord of harvest grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come  
And shall take His harvest home  
From his field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore  
  
Even so Lord quickly come  
To Your final harvest home  
Gather all your people in  
Free from sorrow, free from sin  
There forever purified  
In your garner to abide  
Come with all Your angels come  
Raise the glorious harvest home

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SERMON

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

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**AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*Leader: Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. We thank You,*

**People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: Almighty God, we thank You for the church, where Your Holy Spirit gathers us as Your people to receive Your gifts and celebrate Your goodness. Bless the work of Your people so that many people in our community can see that Your love is unchanging. We thank You,*

**People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: Caring God, we thank You for the world in which we live as together we pray for the community of nations around the globe. Continue to give us all things needful and grant that we may be good stewards of the earth. Grant that your homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be centers of welcome and compassion. We thank You,*

**People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Bless the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, who selflessly serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. We*

*remember those whose labor brings a rich variety of food to our tables in this and in every season. We thank You,*

**People: for Your steadfast love endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”  
LSB (Maroon Book) 895**

“Now Thank We All Our God” Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878; Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662 CCLI License #11470020

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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## BENEDICTION

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*Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

**People: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES.....** Advent is a season of preparation, anticipation and expectation as we wait for Christmas. Plan on attending Peace's midweek Advent services on the Wednesdays of December 3, 10 and 17. The order of worship is Holden Evening Prayer. Each Wednesday service begins at 6 pm.

**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 comfortable clothes (yes, even pajamas), bring your most favorite snack, bring a comfy chair/air mattress, 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.

**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.

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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

