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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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
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, January 25, 2026

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Sophia Snyder & Audrey Bond
Reader	Audrey Bond
Fellowship	George & Janice Abele
Flowers	Lindsey & Becky Cramer

Next Sunday, February 1, 2026

Ushers	Genny Filbert, Margaret Phillipott & Sharon Starr
Reader	Margaret Phillipott
Fellowship	Ellen Holroyd
Flowers	
Communion	Brian & Callie Santora

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... “We are not divided, All one body we” is a well-known line from the classic Christian hymn “Onward, Christian Soldiers.” It speaks to the unity we have in Christ Jesus, who calls us to be one. The well-loved hymn was written by Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould for a procession of Sunday School students in England. By using language images appropriate to adults, he was showing that he expected the best from the children for whom he was writing. Paul expected the best from the Corinthian Christians, even though he knew well the difficulties being experienced by the congregation at Corinth. As he wrote to them, he stated that they were “called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus” (1 Corinthians 1:2). By God’s grace, we are numbered among those saints!

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ANTHEM “A Servant in Your Heavenly House” By Pepper Choplin

*I’d rather be a servant in Your heavenly house
Than to be a king living anywhere else.
I’d rather spend a day in Your heavenly house
Than a thousand days living anywhere else.*

*Now I offer myself to You.
All to you I freely offer,
All to you I freely give.
I’ll forever love and trust You,
In Your presence freely give.*

*I’d rather be a servant in Your heavenly house
Than to be a king living anywhere else.
I’d rather live one day in Your heavenly house
Than a thousand days living anywhere else.*

Now I offer myself to You, to You.

O Lord, I offer all back to You

As thanks for all You give me.

Lord, I offer all bak to You

In thanks for all You give me.

For all you give, I lift my life to You.

I'd rather be a servant in Your heavenly house

Than to be a king living anywhere else.

I'd rather spend one day in Your heavenly house

Than a thousand days living anywhere else.

Lord, I offer all back to You

As thanks for all You give me.

Lord, I offer all back to You

In thanks for all You give me,

For all You give, I lift my life to You.

I'd rather be a servant in Your heavenly house

Than to be a king living anywhere else.

I'd rather live one day in Your heavenly house

Than a thousand days living anywhere else.

Now I offer myself to You.

Now I offer myself,

Lord, I offer myself to You.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We thank You, God. Each one of us has been made in a special way by You. You have given us skills and abilities so that we can serve You and, also so that we can care for each other. Bless our time together in worship that we may be strengthened to live in peace and be strengthened to share Your love and peace with others. We ask that Your presence be with us in our time together—Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. In Your name we pray.

People: Amen.

TIME TO REFLECT.....

Leader: In peace let us pray to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

~Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination~

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We have let the turmoil in this world subvert the peace You have provided us. We have not let our hearts take courage and wait for the Lord. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

"You Are My All in All"

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You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You my All in All

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant Your mercy and grace to Your people in their many and various callings. Give us patience, and strengthen us in our service to our neighbor in Christ's name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

A great light is shining

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Let there be no divisions in Christ's Church

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-25

Jesus calls His first disciples

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE



SERMON HYMN

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

TOSB 174

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Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness.....only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SERMON

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

**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 to the dead.

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.**

OFFERING

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, You wield Your almighty power in justice and mercy. Grant that all who wield authority in this world may recognize their power as a gift to be used in service to others. Give our leaders wisdom, that their use of justice and mercy may be a blessing to us and to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Father, our Lord Jesus Christ healed many afflicted with various diseases and pains. Grant healing according to Your will. Show your gracious presence to all who suffer, and help us to be agents of your mercy through our caring presence. May all who mourn the death of a loved one find comfort and hope in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Lord, bless our country with godly leaders, with unity, with useful education, with helpful businesses and industry, with a conscientious military, with responsible citizens, with justice and peace, and with all we need for life. Overcome evil and violence among us and fill us with gratitude for all Your goodness to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Lord, guide each of us in our daily vocations. Make Your will to be our will. Help us to use our abilities and opportunities so that others may experience Your providing hand through us. Work in us so that we use Your gifts in ways that honor You and help the people You place in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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

“To God be the Glory”

TOSB 241

“To God be the Glory” By: Fanny J. Crosby & William H. Doane 1971 By William J. Gaither, The Fellowship Publications CCLI License #11470020

To God be the glory,
great things He has done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
Thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from
Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEW CLASS..... Join us for Adult Bible Study as we consider The Chosen, season 5. Elder Rick will lead these sessions in the sanctuary each Sunday beginning at 9 am in January and February. Season 5 details a turning point in Jesus' ministry. Jesus moves from public acclaim to a time of darkness as he journeys into Jerusalem. But what a difference the last week of Jesus' life made for us! Elder Rick will deepen our understanding of Passion Week, and we will be challenged in our journey of following Jesus. Bring your Bibles and an open mind for these sessions! All are welcome. Even if you miss a session, you can jump right back in. Each lesson "stands alone."

EMPATHY STUDY..... Empathy is something we all need and it is something that we can all give. Empathy can help other people feel valued, cared for and understood. Pastor Lucke will be offering a four week course on the Gift of Empathy beginning the new year. The goal of these sessions will be to offer practical insights so that people can relate more empathetically and make a difference in the lives of those they encounter. All are welcome to attend. These sessions will be held online via zoom. The sessions will meet at 10:00 am on the Wednesdays of January 28 and February 4. Let Pastor Lucke know if you would like to attend so that he can share the zoom link with you.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP..... Talking to people you are closest to about spiritual matters doesn't have to be awkward or uncomfortable. Abundant research indicates the vast majority of people that stopped, or never started coming to church credit their beginning to someone simply inviting them. However, they weren't invited by strangers on a street corner....they were invited by friends. Lutheran Hour Ministries is providing a workshop at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salem on Saturday, January 31. The purpose of the workshop is to move from reluctant

to eager for spiritual conversations. Register at www.lhm.org/salem to attend or talk to Pastor Lucke for more information.

TABLES OF PEACE..... New Tables of Peace groups will be formed soon! Join us as all are welcome! Tables of Peace are groups of eight members that join together for food and a brief discussion. The gathering purpose is to simply get to know each other better. See Linda Schuerman if you would like to participate. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowshiphall.

SMALL GROUPS..... Looking for a small group to join? The men meet each week on Thursdays at Imagine Coffee at 7 am. A ladies prayer group called Eat, Chat and Pray meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the fellowshiphall. All are welcome.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING..... The church's annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, February 1 following worship during fellowship. It will be a potluck Sunday. Come and consider bringing a dish to share. After the potluck, we will begin the meeting! It shouldn't take long. This is an important way to be in the know!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Don and Bev (*healing and recovery*), Tim (*in prison asking for prayer*), Rich Hansen, John L., Dick, Jan and Fred, Summer (*relative of Cheryl*), Diane (*eye surgery--friend of Sharon*), Craig (*pastor in Spokane--cancer diagnosis*), Daniel and Hilario (*a family impacted by deportation*), Sandi L., Kirsten W., Diane C., Oscar, Jean, Marianne J (*cousin of Elaine S.*), Martha (*relative of Joyce H.*), Tom S., Britt, Kathy S. (*knee replacement*), Rick (*relative of Cheryl--cancer*)



February 1	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (w/Communion) 11am Annual Congregational Meeting during Fellowship
February 5	10am Ladies Guild Meeting
February 8	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Boy Scouts serving)
February 15	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (w/Communion)
February 17	7pm Church Council Meeting
February 18	5pm Soup Supper 6pm Ash Wednesday Service
February 22	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Corvallis for Refugees visiting)
February 25	5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship Service