



“Blessed

are those
who are

persecuted for

righteousness’
sake, for

theirs is

the **kingdom**

of heaven.”

Matthew 5:10

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

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February 1, 2026

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, February 1, 2026	
Musician	Debbie Graeber
Ushers	Genny Filbert, Margaret Phillipott & Sharon Starr
Reader	Margaret Phillipott
Fellowship	Ellen Holroyd
Flowers	Lindy Young
Communion	Brian & Callie Santora

Next Sunday, February 8, 2026	
Ushers	Boy Scouts
Reader	Boy Scouts
Fellowship	Boy Scouts
Flowers	

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... Although Jesus does not say “blessed are the patient” as He speaks that special list of attributes of God’s people that we know as the Beatitudes, the fruit of patience underlies the “blessed are” statements He does mention. It takes patience to be merciful and to act as peacemakers. Staying calm when being persecuted for righteousness’ sake takes patience. Enduring unfair criticism takes patience as well. There may even be a need for patience as we share with the saints in the worship life of the church. May it be fully evident among us at all times!

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

CALLING ON GOD

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

People: Amen.

Leader: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

People: Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

TIME TO REFLECT ON OURSELVES.....AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let us go to our patient, loving Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

~Silence for reflection~

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit patience, 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 our momentary hurts and anger displace the forbearance You have shown us. We have not walked humbly before our God. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“In the Garden” TOSB 261

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I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Chorus:
*And He walks with me
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Chorus

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;

But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

Chorus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our weaknesses we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THEME CELEBRATION

Leader: Paul sees exhibiting true patience as finding its source in Jesus. He writes to his young co-worker Timothy, "But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience." In bearing the fruit of patience, we show forth a Christlike virtue.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

God's great deeds have not been reflected in His people's lives

6 Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **I Corinthians 1:18-31**

Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord

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. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because

of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

⁵ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Rock of Ages”

LBW (Green Book) 327

“Rock of Ages” Text: Augustus M. Toplady, Tune: Thomas Hastings CCLI License #11470020

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;

Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me.
Let me hide myself in thee.

SERMON

“Checking the Thermometer” Pastor Jeremy Lucke

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was

made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Leader: We pray for the church, the Bride of Christ, that through her the message of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared. We pray for College United Methodist in Philomath this week. We thank you for their commitment to love You and their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray this day for all the nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness prevail everywhere. We pray for our leaders as they make decisions to protect and bring peace to citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our families and our neighbors. Move us to reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel, that people may become part of the kingdom of God now and forever. We pray for all people in various conditions, especially for the hospitalized and those who are homebound during this season. We pray for the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and for all those for whom our requests are desired, (including.....). 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Jesus Loves Me”

TOSB 114

“Jesus Loves Me” By: Anna B. Warner, alt. & Wm. B. Bradbury © 1971 by William J. Gaither. The Fellowship Publications Edina, MN 55435

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus:

*Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, Loves me still,
Though I'm very weak and ill.
That I might from sin be free
Bled and died upon the tree.

Chorus

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heavens gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.

Chorus

Jesus loves me he will stay,
Close beside me all the way.

That I might from sin be free,
I will henceforth live for thee.

Chorus

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

TOSB 108

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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.

A CLOSING BLESSING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“This is My Commandment”

TOSB 233

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This is my commandment
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment
that you 'trust one another,
that your joy may be full.
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that your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment
that you 'trust one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment
that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.
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that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment
that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment
that you lay down your lives,
that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment
that you lay down your lives,
that your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full,
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This is my commandment
that you lay down your lives,
that your joy may be full.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES GUILD MEETING..... The Ladies Guild will have their monthly meeting this Thursday, February 5 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. The Ladies Guild exists to "build community and fellowship through spiritual, social and charitable activities in Corvallis & Philomath, and the mission of the LWML." See Kay Glather if you would like to know more!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS..... Join us for Adult Bible Study as we consider The Chosen, season 5. Elder Rick is leading these sessions in the fellowship hall each Sunday beginning at 9 am in 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."

SONG SELECTION BOX..... Pastor is selecting songs from the song selection box. This is your opportunity to pick a beloved favorite! Write your selection down on a piece of paper (referencing a hymn number and book if possible). Place the paper in the box. Pastor and Colleen will take a look and (if it works) place the song into an upcoming service.

BLOOD DRIVE..... Peace is partnering with the Red Cross for a Blood Drive at Peace on Friday, February 13. The event goes from noon to 6 pm. Every so often a Peace member receives a blood transfusion in a time of crises. Where does the blood come from? It comes from a drive like the one we hold. How can you help? Donate blood. Go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. How can you help? Volunteer and/or bring a treat. See Cheryl N. 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.

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*), Denise (*reoccurrence of cancer*), The Douglas family

In thanksgiving for the gift of life for Hazen Lee Stokes.