

LIGHT

LET
THERE
BE
LIGHT.

Genesis 1:3



LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE
BEFORE
OTHERS.

Matthew 5:16



I AM
THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD.

John 8:12



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

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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, February 8, 2026

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Boy Scouts
Reader	Boy Scouts
Fellowship	Boy Scouts
Flowers	

Next Sunday, February 15, 2026

Ushers	Jim & Lynn Reams
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Fellowship	Maggie Baker & Sally Stouder
Flowers	Anna Colwell
Communion	Brian & Callie Santora

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... In the Epiphany season, we celebrate the radiantly expanding light of Christ. Jesus is the light! John 1:4 says, "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." Today we are reminded that Jesus light has come to us and we are shine forth! "You are the light of world.... let your light shine before others....." Letting our light shine happens when we exhibit any of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. We are strengthened to shine today for all the world to see in our worship!

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

"We Will Walk in the Light" **By Don Besig**

*We will walk in the light.
We will walk in the light.
Yes, we will walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Through ev'ry night and ev'ry day,
We will surely find our way
When we walk, walk in the light,
The light of the Lord.*

*We will walk in the light.
We will walk in the light.
Yes, we will walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Through ev'ry night and ev'ry day,
We will surely find our way
When we walk, walk in the light,
The light of the Lord.*

*Sometimes when the road is rough and long,
We feel like ev'rything in life just seems to be wrong.
When we feel afraid, and trouble is all around us,
We need God's light to keep us strong!*

*We will walk in the light.
We will walk in the light.
Yes, we will walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Through ev'ry night and ev'ry day,
We will surely find our way
When we walk, walk in the light,
The light of the Lord.*

*When we're lost and don't know what to do,
We'll find our Savior right beside us, helping us through.
Ev'rywhere we go, wherever the road may lead us,
God's light is shining strong and true!*

*We will walk in the light.
We will walk in the light.
Yes, we will walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Through ev'ry night and ev'ry day,
We will surely find our way
When we walk, walk in the light,
The light of the Lord.*

*We will walk, walk in the light,
The light of the Lord. In the light of the Lord.
We will walk in the light of the Lord.*

INVOCATION

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: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.

BEING REAL WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Leader: God's kindness toward us knows no limits. Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

~Silent Reflection~

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to show kindness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We know that You call us to share our bread with the hungry. We have let opportunities to show kindness slip away from us, exhibiting only what was expected of us and keeping Your kindness hidden within us. 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: 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

“This Little Light of Mine” TOSB 235

“This Little Light of Mine” Arr. by Harry Dixon Loes CCLI License #11470020

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't you try to blow it out;
I'm going to let it shine;
Don't you try to blow it out;
I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood;
I'm going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood;
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hold it high so all can see;
I'm going to let it shine;
Hold it high so all can see;
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Lord, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world. Direct our lives as we seek to be devoted to Jesus, our radiant King, as we seek to be the light of the world and reflect Your glory through the working of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3-9

The "fast" God wants is that we care for others.

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.
⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a

wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?”

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 2:1-12

We proclaim Christ crucified, as the Spirit has revealed Him.

² And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” —

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

You are salt and light in the world.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you,

unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SERMON SONG

“For the Beauty of the Earth” LBW (Green Book) 561 (v. 1-4 only)

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For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

Christ, our Lord, to You we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

SERMON

“Having Deep Roots”
Pastor Jeremy Lucke

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

People: I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.

OFFERING

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, You have appointed Your Church to be a city on a hill, shining the light of Your mercy into the world and gathering Your own to receive Your precious gifts of forgiveness, life and mercy. Use us joyfully to invite and welcome our neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances to join us in receiving Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, through the prophets You declare that the fasting You accept is to share our food with the hungry and our homes with the homeless. Guard us from self-absorption, gluttony and other vices that prevent us from extending Your bounty to those less fortunate. Grant shelter to those who have none, food to those who hunger and honest work to the unemployed. We ask You to bless those ministries that we are in partnership with to care for those who are less fortunate: Philomath Community Services and We Care. Use Your people to extend Your mercy, and lift us to the joy of sharing our daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and yet we often know the pain of sickness, injury, sorrow and other frailties. In Your never-failing mercy, remember those who have requested our intercessions, [especially _____,] that they might have healing and wholeness according to Your will and grace to entrust themselves to Your merciful hands as they endure with courage and hope whatever crosses and afflictions You are pleased to allow. 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, Your Son, 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**

A CLOSING BLESSING

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 HYMN

**“Blessed Assurance”
TOSB 16**

“Blessed Assurance” By: Fanny J. Crosby & Mrs. J.F. Knapp ©1971 by William J. Glaither. The Other Song Book. CCLI License #11470020

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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."

LENT SOUP SUPPER SIGN UP..... Ash Wednesday is on February 18. Soup Supper is at 5:00 pm with a brief worship in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Lent helps us to better appreciate our Lord's sacrifice for us--opening up abundant life for today and for all eternity. We need your help! We need people to sign up and provide soup and bread for each of the six Wednesdays of Lent. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board entering the fellowship hall.

BACKPACK MINISTRY GATHERING..... Peace is hosting the Backpack Ministry work party on Monday, February 16 at 11:00 am. Consider coming to place warm items (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) into backpacks, as well as hygiene items. Contact Diane Crocker if you have questions!

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.

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, Lindy



February 9	10am Pieces by Peace (Jani's House)
February 12/14	9am Freezer Meal Cooking/Packaging
February 13	12pm Red Cross Blood Drive
February 15	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (w/Communion)
February 16	Backpack Ministry Work Party
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