



“For God so loved the  
world that he gave his  
only Son, so that everyone  
who believes in him may  
not perish but may have  
eternal life.”

**JOHN 3:16, NRSV**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

*March 1, 2026*

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## March 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, March 1, 2026**

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Jim & Lynn Reams
Reader	Wilson Schroeder
Fellowship	Rachel Harrington & Vikki Fuhrman
Flowers	
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

### **Next Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Ushers	Harrington Family
Reader	Rob Schulze
Fellowship	Janette Payne
Flowers	

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER...** Old Testament laments often make us feel uncomfortable. Why can't these people just pick themselves up and move on? Today we hear about the value of Laments from Job's experience. God stays with us through our time of grief, pain and lament.

**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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### CALLING ON GOD

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

*Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*~Silence for reflection~*

*Leader: Most merciful God,*

**People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as**

**ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Leader: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. By the command of Jesus, I forgive you all of your sins—in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**LBW pg. 78-79**

*Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, Have mercy.**

*Leader: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, Have mercy.**

*Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God. And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, Have mercy.**

*Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, Have mercy.**

*Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**People: Amen**

## **OPENING SONG**

**“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

**LBW (Green Book) 474**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” Text: Caroline V. Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958 CCLI License #11470020

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather,

Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, when life seems cruel and the going gets real rough, empower us to surrender to Your loving will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Job 3:1-26**

3 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.  
2 And Job said: 3 "Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man is conceived.' 4 Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it. 5 Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

<sup>6</sup> That night—let thick darkness seize it! Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. <sup>7</sup> Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry enter it. <sup>8</sup> Let those curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up Leviathan. <sup>9</sup> Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning,

<sup>10</sup> because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes. <sup>11</sup> “Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? <sup>13</sup> For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest, <sup>14</sup> with kings and counselors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves,

<sup>15</sup> or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver. <sup>16</sup> Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light? <sup>17</sup> There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. <sup>18</sup> There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. <sup>19</sup> The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master.

<sup>20</sup> “Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, <sup>21</sup> who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, <sup>22</sup> who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? <sup>23</sup> Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? <sup>24</sup> For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water.

<sup>25</sup> For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. <sup>26</sup> I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

**John 3:1-17**

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus

answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

<sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

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

## **SERMON HYMN**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**LBW (Green Book) 448**

“Amazing Grace” Edwin Othello Excell; John Newton; John P. Rees; William W. Walker Words: Public Domain; Music: Public CCLI License #11470020

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found;  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In Heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

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## SERMON

### “Learning to Lament” Pastor Jeremy Lucke

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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 THE CHURCH

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

*We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united  
in faith, we may witness to the good news that is ours in Jesus.  
Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We pray for all nations of the earth that in all places there  
may be peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been  
upset and strife. We pray for our own nation that it may know  
safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. Lord, in  
Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially  
those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and  
all those whose efforts support the common good. Lord, in Your  
mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today,  
including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our  
sorrows, our hopes, (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.*

**People: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***LBW pg. 88***

*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.**

## **PREFACE**

***LBW pg. 88***

*Leader: It is indeed right and salutary .... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **SANCTUS**

***LBW pg. 89***

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and  
might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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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**

## **FIRST COMMUNION OF LEXIE DAVIS**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**LBW (Green Book) 439**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Charles Crozat Converse; Joseph Medlicott Scriven Words:  
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What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do your friends despise, forsake you  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield you  
You will find a solace there

## **“I Love to Tell the Story”**

### **LBW (Green Book) 390**

“I Love to Tell the Story” Text: Katherin Hankey Tune: William G. Fischer CCLI License #11470020

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do

*Chorus:*

*I love to tell the story;  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story;  
how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.

*Chorus*

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
That I have loved so long.

*Chorus*

## **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 HYMN**

**“On What Has Now Been Sown”**

**LBW (Green Book) 261**

“On What Has Now Been Sown” Text: John Newton Tune: John Darwall CCLI License #11470020

On what has now been sown,  
Your blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The power is yours alone  
to make it sprout and grow.  
Oh Lord, in grace the harvest raise  
And yours alone shall be the praise.

To you our wants are known,  
From you are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is your own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive  
And to your Word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us,  
Now met before you here,  
May meet together thus  
When you are yours appear,  
And follow you to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

## **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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**THE BOOK OF JOB .....** All are welcome to attend Pastor Lucke's class on the book of Job. The sessions begin at 9 am each Sunday. We all suffer--personally or privately. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. We need the book of Job, now, more than ever. Martin Luther asserted that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." This week we discussed Job chapters 1 to 3. Next week we will cover chapters 4 to 10. Bring your Bible and an open mind!

**MIDWEEK LENT SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE.....** Lent has begun! Peace is offering a soup supper at 5:00 pm with a brief service at 6:00 pm (March 4). All are welcome! We have had a great response to help! We still have some places to fill the need to provide soup and bread for each of the four remaining Wednesdays of Lent. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board entering the fellowshiphall.

**MARCH NEWSLETTER.....** The March newsletter is available. Digital editions can be emailed to you. Let Karyn or Pastor know if this is how you would like to receive it. Hard copy editions are available in the narthex too.

**MARCH SERVING.....** Serving is the blessing. We serve not because we are going to get anything from it--although studies show that there are indeed health benefits to volunteering. We serve not because we gain recognition--although it is nice to receive a thank you when we do. We serve because it blesses others. Consider signing up to serve for the month of March on the bulletin board. By doing so, we are guaranteed to be a blessing for someone else.

**SPRING AHEAD.....** It's already that time of year. Move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 7! This way you are on time for church Sunday, the 8th!

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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, Oscar Gutbrod

**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*), Daniel and Hilario and Alyssa, (*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*), Patty H., the Galvin family, Joe P., Brooke and Brad/Susan (*health concern*), Brad/Shawn and Slater, Jay (*relative of Tim E.*), Jim McDonald

