



At least there is  
**HOPE** for a tree:  
If it is cut down,  
it will **SPROUT** again,  
and its new shoots  
**WILL NOT FAIL.**

Job 14:7

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

*March 8, 2026*

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## March 8, 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 8, 2026**

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Harrington Family
Reader	Rob Schulze
Fellowship	Janette Payne
Flowers	

### **Next Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Ushers	Margaret Phillipott & Debbie Weiler
Reader	Kathy Hanna
Fellowship	Sally Stouder & Maggie Baker
Flowers	Bill & Cheryl Narver
Communion	Bill & Peggy Kreuger

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**AS WE GATHER...** Job says, “There is hope for a tree. If it is cut down...it will sprout again.” We have hope and forgiveness because on the tree of the cross, Jesus took away our sin. Hope is ours today as we think about what Jesus accomplished on the Tree of the cross.

**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**

### **How Blest We Are Words & Music by David Lantz III**

How blest we are to be given grace,  
How blest we are to be given grace,  
Grace from God the Father,  
Grace from God the Son,  
Grace from God the Spirit,  
the Holy Three in One.

How blest we are to be given mercy,  
How blest we are to be given mercy,  
Mercy from God the Father,  
mercy from God the Son,  
Mercy from God the Spirit,  
the Holy Three in One.

How blest we are to be given peace,  
How blest we are to be given peace,  
Peace from God the Father,  
peace from God the Son,  
Peace from God the Spirit,  
the Holy Three in One.

Grace, mercy and peace from the Holy Three in One.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

**People: Amen.**

*Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!*

**People: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.**

*~Silence for meditation and reflection~*

*Leader: Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners.*

**People: You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust Your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we need to recognize the sin within us, and ask that You would forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not just for our bodies, but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service.**

*Leader: Our God is a great God, providing for all our needs, giving us daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to God's love is the focus for our lives. The death of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are daughters and sons of God. We are ministers for each other. Praise God for the daily provision for our every need.*

**People: Amen.**

## SONG OF CONFIDENCE

## “Holy, Holy, Holy” LBW (Green Book) 165 (v 1&4)

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity!  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living stone rejected by people but in the sight of God chosen and precious. When we face impossible situations, empower us to trust that You are also the Cornerstone of our lives; for You live and reign with the Father and Spirit—God forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Job 14:1-19**

14 “Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.  
2 He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not. 3 And do you open your eyes on such a one and bring me into judgment with you? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. 5 Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass,

<sup>6</sup> look away from him and leave him alone, that he may enjoy, like a hired hand, his day. <sup>7</sup> “For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. <sup>8</sup> Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, <sup>9</sup> yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant. <sup>10</sup> But a man dies and is laid low; man breathes his last, and where is he?

<sup>11</sup> As waters fail from a lake and a river wastes away and dries up, <sup>12</sup> so a man lies down and rises not again; till the heavens are no more he will not awake or be roused out of his sleep. <sup>13</sup> Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! <sup>14</sup> If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come.

<sup>15</sup> You would call, and I would answer you; you would long for the work of your hands. <sup>16</sup> For then you would number my steps; you would not keep watch over my sin; <sup>17</sup> my transgression would be sealed up in a bag, and you would cover over my iniquity. <sup>18</sup> “But the mountain falls and crumbles away, and the rock is removed from its place;

<sup>19</sup> the waters wear away the stones; the torrents wash away the soil of the earth; so you destroy the hope of man.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

## **2 Corinthians 4:8-18**

<sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also

14 speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

1 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.

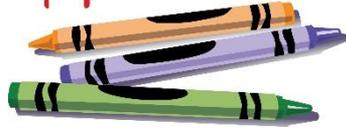
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# Children's Message



## SERMON HYMN

### “Take My Life, That I May Be” LBW (Green Book) 406

“Take My Life, That I May Be” Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: William H. Havergal CCLI License #11470020

Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

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SERMON  
“One Detail”  
Pastor Jeremy Lucke

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**CREED**

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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

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

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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*Leader: Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal its divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We also make our petitions for the sick, the homebound, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, (especially.....), that their prayers may soon be answered and that they may be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Almighty God, since You have given us grace to make our requests to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will hear their requests. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

**People: 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**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Leader: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“My Hope is Built” LBW (Green Book) 293**

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **MINISTRY PARTNER UPDATE: Dementia Warriors**

### **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. How do we care for someone going through a hard time? What doesn't help is trying to change the person's feelings. What also doesn't help is pointing the finger at the person about what they did that was wrong. What does work? Being with the person! Praying for the person! Next week we'll discover more ways to be a help to someone going through a tough time as we read Job 11-15.

**MIDWEEK LENT SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE.....** We are already halfway through Lent. Peace is offering a soup supper at 5:00 pm with a brief service at 6:00 pm (March 11). All are welcome!

**PEACE CLEANUP DAY.....** Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28 at 9 am. We will be cleaning both the inside and outside of the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows as we spread the bark. Donuts will be provided! See Tim or Sally if you have any questions.

**PEACE PRAYER CHAIN.....** Did you know about Peace's Prayer Chain? Each week prayers are shared via email for specific prayers requested. Let Pastor or Peggy Krueger know if you would like to be included in the email. A praying congregation is a healthy congregation!

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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*), Sandi L., Kirsten W., Diane C., 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, Oscar





March 9	10am Pieces by Peace (at Jani's House)
March 11	4pm Elders Meeting 5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship Service
March 15	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service w/Communion
March 17	12pm Rotary Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting
March 18	2:30pm Dementia Warriors 5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship Service
March 19	12pm Chamber of Commerce
March 22	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Thank you for Kelly)
March 25	5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship Service