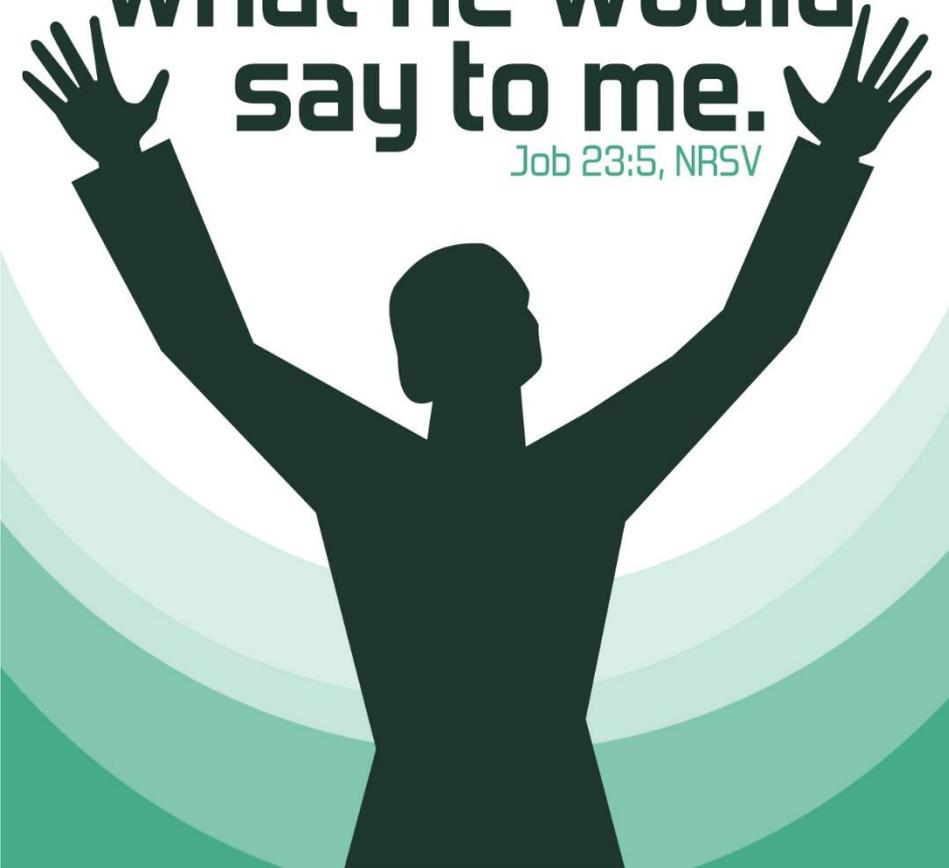


I would learn  
**what he would  
answer me,**  
and understand  
**what he would  
say to me.**

Job 23:5, NRSV



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*March 15, 2026*

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## March 15, 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 15, 2026**

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Sharon Starr & Debbie Weiler
Reader	Kathy Hanna
Fellowship	Sally Stouder & Maggie Baker
Flowers	Bill & Cheryl Narver
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

### **Next Sunday, March 22, 2026**

Ushers	Jim & Lynn Reams
Reader	Ryan Harrington
Fellowship	
Flowers	Donna Whitaker & Scott Kinder

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER...** There's a plan where all things work for our good and the Father's glory. The secret is in understanding how it all works together. Job puts it this way—"When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (Job 23:10)

**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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### OPENING HYMN      **"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"** **LBW (Green Book) 245 (v 1-2)**

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Roger Jones & William Kethe © Words: Public Domain  
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All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

### CALLING ON GOD

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Leader: Loving and merciful Father, when overcome by grief like Job, we wonder what happened to Your love and Your plan for our lives.*

**People: It feels as though our prayers fall on deaf ears.**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, empower us to believe that when You have tested us, we will come forth as gold, for You work all things together for our good and Your everlasting glory; 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 READING**

**Job 23:1-17**

23 Then Job answered and said: <sup>2</sup> “Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning. <sup>3</sup> Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! <sup>4</sup> I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me.

<sup>7</sup> There an upright man could argue with him, and I would be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup> “Behold, I go forward, but he is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive him; <sup>9</sup> on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him. <sup>10</sup> But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.

<sup>11</sup> My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside. <sup>12</sup> I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food. <sup>13</sup> But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does. <sup>14</sup> For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him. <sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has

terrified me; <sup>17</sup> yet I am not silenced because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covers my face.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 14:25-32**

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

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

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

## **SERMON HYMN**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

**TOSB (Red Book) 155**

***From the Song Selection Box***

"On Eagle's Wings" Words & Music by Michael Joncas 1971 by William J. Gaither, The Fellowship Publication, Edina, MN CCLI License #11470020

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord,  
"My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust."

*Chorus: And He will raise you up on eagle wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler  
will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

*Chorus*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
not the arrow that flies by day,  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.

*Chorus*

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Chorus*

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## SERMON

### **“Understanding How it All Works Together”**

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

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When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. Job 23:10

S \_\_\_\_\_ When your \_\_\_\_\_ falls (Job 2:13)

S \_\_\_\_\_ When God \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 23:8-9)

S \_\_\_\_\_ When you don't \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 23:2,17)

S \_\_\_\_\_ When God turns \_\_\_\_\_ into  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 42:10; Romans 8:28-29)

S \_\_\_\_\_ When we use our \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory.

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

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.*

*God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us from the temptations that come our way to profane Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all sinners and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## DISTRIBUTION

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### “Bind Us Together”

**TOSB (Red Book) 14**

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Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken,  
Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one body,  
That is why I sing.

Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken,  
Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with love.

### ”It is Well With My Soul”

**TOSB (Red Book) 106**

”It is Well With My Soul” Ben Fielding, Horatio Gates Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss, Reuben Morgan;  
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When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Chorus:*

*It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
the trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own  
blood for my soul.

*Chorus*

My sin oh, the bliss of  
this glorious tho't:  
My sin not in part,  
but the whole  
Is nail'd to the cross  
and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul.

*Chorus*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound  
and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

*Chorus*

## **BENEDICTION**

*Pastor: 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**

### **“How Firm a Foundation” LBW (Green Book) 507**

“How Firm a Foundation” Text: J. Rippon, A selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Tune: early American  
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How firm a foundation,  
O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in

His excellent word!  
What more can He say  
than to you He has said,  
who unto the Savior  
for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you,  
Oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God,  
and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you,  
and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous,  
omnipotent hand.”

When through fiery trials  
your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient,  
shall be your supply;  
The flames shall not hurt you;  
I only design  
your dross to consume,  
and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime  
my people shall prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal,  
unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs  
shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still  
in my bosom be borne.

## **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. Have you ever wondered about the afterlife? The Egyptians did. They buried their dead thinking that the dead person would come back to life. The Greeks did. They thought people existed in a sad world of the shadows under the earth. This place was called Hades. People still think about what the afterlife will look like. Some people claim that we just cease to exist. Some claim that only the soul will continue on. Some believe in reincarnation. Next week in Bible class we'll discuss what Job believed. Job says, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God....." (Job 19:25-27) Read Job 16-21 to be best prepared for discussion on Sunday, March 22.

**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 18). 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.

**ROTARY.....** Please come to the Philomath Rotary Club meeting on March 17th at noon in the fellowship hall at Peace. The presentation is titled, "Help Us, Help You" by Chancy Ferguson, the Fire Chief of Philomath. It will help us be better informed on wildfire preparedness and answer questions about the upcoming levy. RSVP with Linday if you plan to make it. This helps Lindy plan for lunch.

**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!

**LILLIES FOR EASTER.....** Please consider bringing an Easter lily to church to help decorate the Sanctuary. Place them in the kitchen on the counter.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS.....**Every year a wooden cross is placed at the entrance to the church, and it is decorated with cut flowers. Please bring cut flowers to help decorate the cross anytime on Good Friday up until Saturday at noon when the cross will be decorated. Flowers can be placed in the buckets of water in front of the church. Be looking in your yard and think about contributing flowers.

**EASTER FELLOWSHIP & EGG HUNT.....** Please consider bringing finger foods only so that we can have an easy cleanup. Please note that this Sunday will not be a Potluck Fellowship. The Easter egg hunt for children through 6th grade will immediately follow the church service, around 11:15.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Homebound:** 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, 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, Dick, Jan and Fred, Summer (*relative of Cheryl*), Diane (*eye surgery--friend of Sharon*), Sandi L., Kirsten W., Marianne J (*cousin of Elaine S.*), Martha W. (*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.*), Oscar, Brian and Callie, Joyce M., Kathy H., Glen W. (*surgery on March 19*)

Families of Bill Harris and Jim MacDonald



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 Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Thank you for Kelly)
March 25	5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship Service
March 28	9am Peace Cleanup Work Day
March 29	9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Palm Sunday)