



**THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*January 22, 2023*

**Peace Lutheran Church**

2540 Applegate Street  
Philomath, OR 97370  
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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. Offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we exit the sanctuary.

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### Serving You

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Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Caleb Santora, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Nora Stanley, Debbi Weiler, Daniel Dusek

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### Today, January 22, 2023

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Musician	Colleen Schulze
Reader	Brande McCormick
Flowers	Glathar Family

**AS WE GATHER...** In today's Gospel, Matthew tells us how four of the disciples of the Lord were called. In some ways, Peter and Andrew, James and John were unlikely choices of our Lord. They were not students of the Scriptures or from the nobility of Jerusalem. But Jesus had plans for them. Immediately they left their nets – and it made all the difference in their lives. Hearing the call of Jesus makes a difference in our lives as well. We, too, may be unlikely choices of our Lord. But He has great plans for each of us as well.

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHORAL ANTHEM**

***“Shelter in the Storm”***

Words & Music by Joel Raney, Utilizing Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Thomas A. Dorsey; ©1938 (Renewed) Unichappell Music Inc.

There's a shelter in the storm.  
There's a light in the darkest night.  
There's a rock that will  
stand through the ages.  
There's a shelter in the storm.

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home. Lead me home.  
Lead me Home. Lead me home.  
Precious Lord, lead me home.

There's a shelter in the storm.  
(When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord,)  
There's a light in the darkest night.  
(linger near, when my  
life is almost gone;)

There's a rock that will stand  
through the ages.  
(hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I)  
There's a shelter in the storm.  
(fall: take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.)

There's a shelter in the storm.  
There's a light in the darkest night.  
There's a rock that will stand  
through the ages.  
There's a shelter in the storm.

There's a shelter, a rock of ages,  
there is a shelter in the storm.  
Take my hand, be my shelter,  
lead me home, lead me home!

## OPENING PRAYER

Leader: *We thank You, God. Each one of us has been made in a special way by You. You have given us skills and abilities so that we can serve You and also so that we can care for each other. Bless our time together in worship that we may be strengthened to live in peace and be strengthened to share Your love and peace with others. We ask that Your presence be with us in our time together – Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. In Your name we pray.*

**People: Amen.**

## **TIME TO REFLECT**

Leader: *In peace let us pray to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Leader: *Heavenly Father,*

**People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in 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 the turmoil in this world subvert the peace You have provided us. We have not let our hearts take courage and wait for the Lord. 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: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Amen.**

**SONG OF UNITY:** *“They’ll Know We are Christians”*

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news  
that God is in our land:  
And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love.

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love.

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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**EPISTLE:**

***I Corinthians 1:10-18***

*Let there be no divisions in Christ's Church*

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

<sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 4:12-25**

*Jesus calls His first disciples*

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

<sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

<sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

<sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

<sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# Children's Message



**SERMON HYMN:**

*"Christ Be My Leader"*

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926; Tune: Irish; setting: Lutheran Service Book, 2006*

Christ be my leader  
by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness,  
for He is the way.

Gladly I follow,  
my future His care;  
Darkness is daylight  
when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher  
in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting,  
for He is the truth.

Grant me to trust Him;  
Though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me;  
in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my savior  
in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me,  
for He is the life.

Nor darkness nor doubting  
nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation:  
with Jesus I reign.

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**SERMON**

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

[Part 1](#)

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**[CONFESSING OUR FAITH](#)**

**People: 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 into hell.  
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 Holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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. We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared. Lord of the Church,*

**People: in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *We pray this day for our nation and for all nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail. Lord of all time and all people,*

**People: in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *We pray for our ministry partner, We Care of Benton County. Give them discernment and wisdom in how they bring care to those they serve. Guard them from being overwhelmed with the challenges they see in the people they serve. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ and together praise our gracious God for all He has done for us. Lord of all generations,*

**People: in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *We pray for all sorts of conditions of people, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and all those for whom our petitions are desired, [including...]. Lord of care and grace,*

**People: in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *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.**

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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 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.*

## CLOSING SONG: *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

*Text: Omer Westendorf, Tune: Wlsh Folk tune, © Public Domain*

Sent forth by God’s Blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from  
his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended,  
Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service  
in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for  
God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom  
and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev’ry day life  
we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of  
each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us,  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life  
that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ  
and his name that we bear.

## 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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**DONA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.** The memorial for Dona will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please embrace your church family here at Peace during this challenging time.

**POTATO BAR FELLOWSHIP.** We have a very special potato bar fellowship after worship next Sunday, January 29. Please stay and socialize.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5 following the worship service. This meeting will give you the opportunity to hear from your church council recapping what occurred in 2022 as well as a look forward to 2023.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY.** The Bible is not so much like a magazine that can be skimmed and put down. The Bible is more like a mine that needs to be carefully searched. All are welcome to our mining expedition of I Timothy. We'll be meeting in the fellowship hall on **Wednesday, January 25 at 2 pm.** Just bring your Bible and an open heart for discovery.

**EAT, CHAT, PRAY.** You are cordially invited to join us for Eat, Chat, Pray every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall. Our group is growing, please join us.

**SALMON & JAZZ DINNER.** This year the Philomath Rotary Club is bringing back the Salmon & Jazz dinner. It will be held on February 18 starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be your choice of salmon or chicken. The high school jazz band will perform and there will be a silent auction and will be lots of fun for everyone. It will be held at Philomath High School. Tickets are \$35 and are available from Daniel.

