



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church

2540 Applegate Street
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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.

Serving You

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

Today, January 29, 2023

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Flowers	Daniel Dusek

THEME: Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Jesus are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who don't follow Jesus. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us. We are encouraged to respond to this news in love and service today.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALLING ON GOD

Matthew 28:19

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

People: Amen.

Leader: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

Leader: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

TIME TO REFLECT ON OURSELVES & RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Leader: *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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, 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.

~~~~~ Silence ~~~~~

### SONG OF CONFESSION      “Change My Heart Oh God”

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

Leader: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: *Let us pray. Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live.*

**People: Help us to do justice and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience and sacrificial death on our behalf;**

Leader: *through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

***“Great is Thy Faithfulness”***

Thomas Obediah Chisholm; William Marion Runyan; Words: Public Domain ; Music: Public Domain

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

*Chorus:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me*

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love

*Chorus*

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside

*Chorus*

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## HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

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### **Old Testament Reading:**

### ***Micah 6:1-8***

*The Lord indicts Israel, reminds them of His care, and asks for justice and kindness.*

**6** Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

**2** Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

**3** “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!

**4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

**5** O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

**6** “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

**7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

**8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel:

## Matthew 5:1-12

*Blessings abound for people of faith no matter their circumstances.*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> 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



**SERMON HYMN:**

**“Blest are They”**

Text: Matthew 5:3-12; David Haas, b 1957; Tune: David Haas, b. 1957, Michael Joncas, b. 1951; Copyright 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
They shall be consoled.

*Chorus:*

*Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you,  
Holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
They shall have their fill.

*Chorus*

Blest are they who show mercy,  
Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
They shall see God!

*Chorus*

Blest are they who seek peace;  
They are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
The glory of God is theirs.

*Chorus*

Blest are you who suffer hate,  
All because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
Yours is the kingdom;  
Shine for all to see.

*Chorus*

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**SERMON**

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

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## AFFIRMATION OF 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.**

## PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Leader: Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

*Leader: For those who mourn, that by their faith in Christ's resurrection they would be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

*Leader: For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would raise up local and national leaders to provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

Leader: *For those who reflect the mercy of God as they tend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord,*

**People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

Leader: *For those who single-mindedly focus on sharing God's peace with conflicted people around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

Leader: *For ourselves in every difficulty, that God would remind us of Christ's having done in our stead all that He calls us to do, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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**

### **A CLOSING BLESSING**

Leader: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

Roger Jones & William Kethe; © Words: Public Domain Music: 1981 Christian Music Ministries (Admin. by Sovereign Music UK)

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.

Oh, enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**MOBILE PHONES.** Please remember to silence your mobile phone during the worship service. Even better, put it in airplane mode to reduce the chance of interference with the sound system. Thank you.

