



“Even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart.”

Joel 2:12, NIV

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

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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.

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, Rick Durling
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Kaia Lucke, Sarah Grassel, Caleb Santora

Today, March 3, 2024

Leader
Musician
Reader
Flowers

Pastor Terry Merrill
Colleen Schulze
Debbi Weiler
Jan Lane

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: In our Gospel today, we find Jesus clearing the temple of all those who have made it a house of trade. Jesus disrupts not just the sinfulness of these practices, showing a different side of Him than we expect to see. He also disrupted the status quo—everyday realities that had come to be accepted in the temple. May Jesus so disrupt our lives where it is needed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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** (Green Book 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

## HYMN OF PRAISE (Green Book pg. 81-82) ♪

Leader: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

**People: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever,  
Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has  
begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: *Let us pray.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, in righteousness You disrupted the sinful lives of those in the temple, pointing them to the purpose of Your Father's house. Disrupt our sinful lives so that our church would be a home of prayer for all the nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-17

### *The Ten Commandments*

**20** And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

<sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

<sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Gospel:**

**John 2:13-22**

*Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple*

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

<sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

<sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

<sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON SONG:**

**“There is a Redeemer”**

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There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus God’s own Son  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, O my Father  
for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit  
‘til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my redeemer,  
Name above all names.  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank you, O my Father  
for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit  
‘til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I’ll serve My King forever,  
In that holy place.  
Thank you, O my Father  
for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit  
‘til the work on earth is done.

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**SERMON**

**Pastor Terry Merrill**

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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 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 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**

*We give our offerings as a sign of our lives given to the Lord in humble service.*

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## **OFFERTORY**

### **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: *For the 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: *For those who are ailing (names....) and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: *For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place. We especially uplift our partners in ministry that we support: Love INC., Friends of the Family, JP Cima and his mission efforts in Cambodia, Compassion Ministries, Camp Lutherwood, Philomath Community Services, We Care, Zion Lutheran School and the Northwest District.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: *For these and all other prayers and intercessions we have, that the petitions of our hearts may be known to the One who know and loves us all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, let Your light lead us to You. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Green Book 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.**

## **PROPER PREFACE (Green Book pg. 88)**

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

## **SANCTUS (Green Book 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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### 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

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### “People Need the Lord”

By: Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh Arr. by Henry Wiens; © 1983 River Oaks Music Co. (Tree Group)/Shepherd's Fold Music.

Every day they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eye;  
Empty people filled with care,  
headed who knows where.  
On they go through private pain,  
living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides the silent cries  
only Jesus hears.

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*Chorus: People need the Lord.  
People need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams  
He's the open door.  
People need the Lord.  
People need the Lord.  
When will we realize  
people need the Lord.*

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We are called to take His light to a world  
where wrong seems right;  
What could be too great a cost for sharing life  
with one who's lost.  
Through His love our hearts can feel  
all the grief they bear.  
They must hear the words of life  
only we can share.

*Chorus*

### “Lamb of God”

Twila Paris; 1985 Jubilee Communications Inc. (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); Mountain Spring Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

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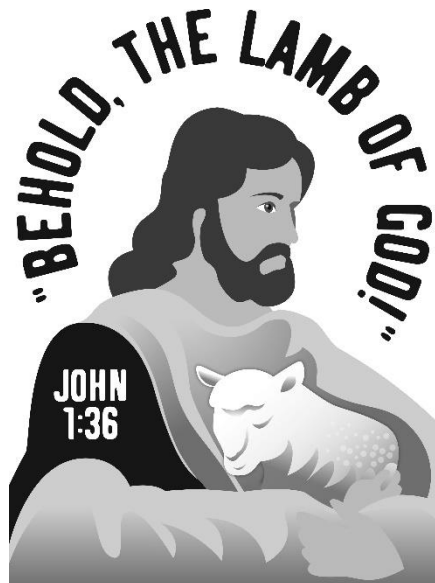
*Chorus: Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

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Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

*Chorus*

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

*Chorus*



**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**      **“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.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*Leader: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## “Oh, How I Love Jesus”

By: Fredrick Whitfield, American Melody © Public Domain

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.  
O, how I love Jesus, O,  
how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below.  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

## 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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**FLOWERS.** The new flower chart for 2024 is up in the narthex on the bulletin board. Consider signing up and providing flowers for the altar. If you have any questions, see Carole Gutbrod.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES.** The midweek services continue this Wednesday. Soup supper will start at 5:00pm and the service will start at 6:00pm.

**SOUP SUPPER SIGN UP.** Thank you so very much to everyone who volunteered to bring soup, bread, and cookies to our Soup/Supper. Lists of who volunteered to bring items are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall and on the cupboards in the kitchen.

When you bring your items to church, please arrive at 4:45 p.m. as Soup/Supper starts at 5 p.m. with our church service at 6 p.m. Crockpots can go on the serving tables in the Fellowship Hall. Instructions on your responsibilities are posted on the bulletin board and the kitchen cupboards.

Everything is self-serve and self-cleanup which means everyone is responsible for taking their dishes to the kitchen. Please clean your area if you spill. If you have questions, please let Sally know. We are so grateful for your help and your generosity is well noted. This week the following people will provide the meal:

- Soup: Rob & Colleen Schulze, Peggy Krueger, Rachel Harrington, Molly Schulze.
- Bread & Butter: Kay Glathar, Diane Heitmeyer
- Cookies: Janet Randall
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**SEDER MEAL CELEBRATION AND SIGN-UP.** Our celebration of the Seder Meal will be Thursday, March 28 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a meal rather a remembrance of the foods that the Jewish people used to remind them of their exodus from slavery from the Egyptian pharaohs. We encourage you to eat before you come. After the Seder, we will join Pastor in going to the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

To provide adequate seating and food samples, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board located in the hall to the Fellowship room. Please take a reminder ticket if you like. We also need participants to provide items for the Seder meal. Please sign up for the items you can provide on the list posted on the bulletin board. All items are to be brought to the kitchen and labeled for the Seder service by March 21. Please let Peggy, Ellen or Janette know if you would like to help with the set-up, food preparations or clean-up for the Seder celebration; we will need you. Peggy Krueger, Ellen Holroyd, and Janette Payne.



**BOOK SWAP/AUTHOR TALK:** Mark your calendar - Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 am- 12:30pm. This is a free event for the ladies of Peace as well as any friends/community members or interested parties. See Diane for any questions.

**TIME CHANGE NEXT SATURDAY.** Don't forget to spring your clocks forward an hour next Saturday night before you go to sleep. Otherwise, you will likely arrive at church just in time for fellowship.

**MITE BOX SUNDAY.** Next Sunday, March 10th, will be Mite Box Sunday. Don't forget to bring your Mites.

