

So they pulled their
boats up on **shore,**
left everything and
followed him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025

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	Anne Schroeder & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
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Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Dan Dusek
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Ginny Tonelli, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Kaia Lucke, Anne Schroeder, John Mergl

Today, February 9, 2025

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Reader	Debbi Weiler
Flowers	Anna Colwell

AS WE GATHER..... God reaches other people through us. Sounds so simple, but we sometimes forget this truth. We are God's instruments and vessels. The Apostle Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 14 that our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church. Jesus calls Peter to catch other people—to fish for people in today's Gospel. Who is calling God inviting you to reach for the blessing of knowing God?

[WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

Draw me close to You; never let me go.
I lay it all down again,
to hear You say that I’m Your friend.
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

You’re all I want; You’re all I’ve ever needed.
You’re all I want; help me know You are near.

You are my desire; no one else will do,
‘cause nothing else could take Your place,
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

You’re all I want; You’re all I’ve ever needed.
You’re all I want; help me know You are near.
Help me know You are near.

OPENING BLESSING

Leader: Holy God! Fill us this day with new breath! And we shall be living words of praise!

People: Amen.

OPENING UP ABOUT OURSELVES

Leader: Today we are reminded of the moment in which Peter once said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” We join Peter in recognizing that we are sinful in thoughts, words and deeds. In addition to sin—we also recognize that our first response to God’s Work done in our lives is doubt and fear. We forget that God’s desire is to redeem and grant us salvation.

Silence for Reflection

Leader: Lord, we confess,

People: We lack faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our own weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Give us Your gift of faith.

RECEIVING GOOD NEWS

Leader: Our God is a great God and knows our needs for all areas of our life. God knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts, yet loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts that our Lord gives daily as we live in trust. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for this inexpressible gift of faith.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE “Behold What Manner of Love”

Behold what manner of love
the Father has Given unto us!
Behold what manner of Love
the Father has given unto us!
That We should be called
the children of God.
That We should be called
the children of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: We pray. O Lord, keep Your family the church continually in the true faith that,

People: Relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power;

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

People: Amen.

HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

First Reading:

I Corinthians 14:12b-20

Our words must not be for ourselves, but for the building up of others.

¹² So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

¹⁵ What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

¹⁶ Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.

⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?”

Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I. Send me, send me?”

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.

If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offring life and peace to all,

With your prayers and with
your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.

Let none hear you idly saying
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the master calls for you.

Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
“Here am I. Send me, send me?”

SERMON
“Be Before You Do”
Pastor Jeremy Lucke

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[AFFIRMATION OF FAITH](#)

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us... I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life...I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service...I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.

OFFERINGS GATHERED

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

[OFFERTORY](#)

[PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE](#)

Leader: O Lord, You are the Maker of Light and of all that is good. We thank and praise You that You rule all things, that You care for each of us, and that You want all people to know Your mercy and love as it has been revealed in Christ Jesus. Continue to sustain us by Your grace, that we may ever praise You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, let the light of Your Word shine in our midst and into the darkness of unbelief that surrounds us. By Your Word instruct us in Your ways, build up this congregation and all the congregations of Philomath. Bring all peoples to trust in Your salvation and to glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of mercy, hear our prayers on behalf of all those in need. Restore health to those who are ill (*especially...*), and grant them patience and renewed strength. Raise up helpers for the downcast and distressed, for those who are without sufficient food, and for those who seek meaningful employment. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all compassion, watch over those who suffer the effects of war, violence, and natural catastrophe. According to Your will, provide sustenance to the needy. For those who are being persecuted, bring about a cessation of hostility. Grant to Your Church renewed vigor to take the good news of salvation to all those who are without the hope of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

Before you, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above And
Rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we Bring in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise to you, our king!

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The nation you have blest
May well your love declare,
From Foes and fears at rest,

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Protected by your care.
For this bright Day, for this fair land -
Gifts of your hand - our thanks we pay.

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May ev’ry maountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine In your Word’s pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry Tongue be tuned to praise
And join to raise a grateful song.

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Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;
Your great redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
and worship him alone.
Cast down your pride your sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r he comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing
To heav'n's high king salvation's song!

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY..... Are you desiring a closer walk with Jesus in 2025? Pastor is holding online zoom sessions to share how you can walk with Jesus in everyday life. Let him know if you'd like to be a part of the discussion and he will share the zoom link with you. This week's session begins at 10 am on Wednesday and will last 45 minutes. We'll be discussing how important it is to be about the multiplication process. Jesus desires us to make disciples who will then make disciples. This is the why and how a church grows. "See you" on Wednesday!

TABLES OF PEACE..... Would you like to get to know the members of the congregation better? If so, consider signing up to join a Tables of Peace group. Each group gets together monthly either at the church or in someone's home to share a meal and engage in conversation. It's a great way to socialize with your Peace family. The sign-up sheets for February to April are in the hallway between the narthex and the fellowship hall.

FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY..... Peace makes meals to help those who are in need of a meal. Those in need of a meal could really be anyone in the congregation. It could be someone recovering from surgery. It could be someone who is going through a tough transition in life. It could be someone running low on supplies. Consider utilizing this ministry for your needs. The team is meeting this Thursday to cook meals. If you'd like to help, contact Janette or let Pastor know.

BLOOD DRIVE..... Peace is hosting the Red Cross Philomath Blood Drive this Friday, February 14 from noon to 5 pm. Consider sharing a treat for those donating. Treats can be dropped off on the kitchen counter on Thursday or Friday morning. Consider donating too. As of February 4, there are still eight openings.

PHILOMATH ROTARY..... The Philomath Rotary is meeting on February 18th at noon to hear a presentation by Mr. Gem Munro, the co-founder of Amarok Society. Amarok exists to help people gain an education. Did you know that every month--6 million children turn 10 without knowing how to read? Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Lindy if you will be attending so the proper amount of food can be ordered.

BACKPACK MINISTRY WORK PARTY..... On Monday, February 17th at 11:00 am, we will be having our last backpack work party for the year. The party lasts about an hour and needs volunteers to help place warming items (hats and scarves) into a backpack, as well as hygiene items and food/snack offerings. The plan is to pack 110 backpacks. Please see Diane Crocker if you have any questions!

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE..... Philomath Community Services is organizing a food drive that will benefit the food bank and the PCS Gleaners. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute information tags and bags to the doorknobs of certain areas in Philomath. This will happen on Saturday, February 22 from 9 am to 11 am. The bags will be picked up on March 1 from 9 am to 11 am. Can you help? We hope so as the need is great. Please let the Pastor know if you could assist. Thank you!



“From now
on you will



be catching
people.”

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

*At once
they left their
nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20, NIV

