

Season After Pentecost Veterans Recognition



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November 14, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.



*Our Pass the Hat Partner during November is Operation Nightwatch.
Executive Director Rick Reynolds joins us today to share an update on this ministry.
New men's socks for the Sock it to the Homeless campaign can be placed in the box in the narthex.*

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Canzona

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Today we hold all Veterans and active duty service members and their families close in thought and prayer, as we pray for God's dream of Shalom for this world to become a reality. It is our tradition to recognize all Veterans who are connected to our congregation.

Al Bartol	<i>Navy</i>	1943-1946
Jack McBride	<i>Navy</i>	1952-1954
Gene Outlaw	<i>Air Force</i>	1952-1956
Bob Gaines	<i>Marines</i>	1955-1959
Jim Baker	<i>Army National Guard</i>	1960-1970
David Kehle	<i>Air Force Reserve</i>	1970-1976
Jon Lackey	<i>Air Force</i>	1979-1982
Jenn Ramirez-Robson	<i>Air Force</i>	1988-1990
Gered Bagocki	<i>Marines</i>	1998-2004
Kyle Bernd	<i>Army</i>	2021 – Active duty

PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son Jesus. Today we lift up the lives of all veterans and their families. Preserve in health and safety all the service men and women of our nation and their families, and bless the ministry of chaplains who serve among our forces. As Jesus taught us to live, so may we live, day by day, that your dream of *Shalom* will be realized, and your will be done here on earth as in heaven.

In the name of him who gave his life for all, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW #756

The final verse of our gathering hymn is from a hymn by Marty Haugen, *God Bless the Hands*, in the *All Creation Sings* hymnal.



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
earth and ri - ver, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and Altender God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PASS THE HAT

Operation Nightwatch

Rick Reynolds

+ WORD +

READING: Daniel 12:1-3

Scott Sunde

The book of Daniel represents a kind of literature called "apocalyptic," which is full of bizarre visions, strange symbolism, and supernatural happenings. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature employs a vivid language that prevents outsiders to the faith from understanding its content. Overall, it is concerned with God's revelation about the end-time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Please rise in body or in spirit as we prepare to receive the gospel.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will

lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

L The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Small Our Span of Life

ELW #636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of the world.

Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your monetary can help to support our Pass the Hat partner OPERATION NIGHTWATCH, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) or by mailing a check to the church office. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840, vs. 1-2

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
C **Holy God, the Earth his yours and everything in it. Dwelling among your creatures you provide all we need for life and health and every good. Receive our offerings as emblems of our gratitude and as signs of our commitment to freely share what you have first given us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of all creation, in whose image we are made, strengthen you for service, and give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Domenico Zipoli



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SERVING IN WORSHIP 11/14/2021

Pastor	Rev. Erik Kindem
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Children's Sermon	Nicole Klinemeier
Greeters	Corinne Otakie (host), Shannon Williams, Erika Stephens
Usher	Alan Jarvimaki
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Dustin Smith

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Deyhdra Dennis-Weiss; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Jerry Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Kristofer Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman
Homebound: Al Bartol; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Pastor Ron Marshall – wife Jane Harty and children Susannah, Ruth, and Anders, upon his death on November 9th after a brief illness. Pastor Marshall served First Lutheran Church of West Seattle. We hold the people of First Lutheran in prayer as they discern a path forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/14/21

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Operation Nightwatch is in the middle of its annual “**SOCK IT TO THE HOMELESS**” **sock drive**. You are invited to collect new men’s athletic socks for those without permanent housing and to either bring them to church on Sunday, 11/14 to share with Rick Reynolds, or drop them by the church sometime this month. Marcia Olson will be willing to deliver any socks received between 11/14 and 11/30.

NOVEMBER 21 IS HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Christ Reigns Sunday, November 21st, we will celebrate Holy Communion.

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

And even though we are not able to be together for our cross-generational Advent Fest this year, we can still mark some of our Peace Advent traditions at home! The education team is assembling “Advent Kits” which include the essential Advent Log, and other favorites from our traditional Advent Fest celebration! ***You can sign up for a kit for your household by using this form:*** <https://forms.gle/KwN21c7r4ZM54Ncc9> Please also indicate **how** you would like to receive your kit—we have both **delivery** and **pick-up** options.

Please reserve your Kit BEFORE next Sunday, November 22nd!

NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIE POTLUCK

Due to the pandemic, we will not be hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service and pie potluck this year. However, you are invited to consider making a donation either to the Peace **AGAPE FUND** or to the **ELCA HUNGER APPEAL**. This can be done online or via mailing a check. Some families have a tradition of sharing a circle of gratitude at some point during the meal. However you mark this year’s Thanksgiving, whomever is with you at your table, know that God is present, inviting us into rhythms of sharing, generosity, and compassion.

DECEMBER 12: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION IN 2022

Early in December the council provides an opportunity to preview and comment on the coming year’s budget, which is now under development now for 2022. That opportunity is scheduled for December 12th following Worship. We will be utilizing ZOOM and YouTube to enable remote participation. Specific directions for how to connect will be shared closer to December 12th.

WELCA!! WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT PEACE

Our monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17, at 1 pm in the Narthex. Our third session on "Spiritual Gifts" is in your November Gather magazine -- additional copies available. Spiritual Gifts inventories will be reviewed and shared! Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Questions: Jean Sides, Marcia Olson

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ’s call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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VETERANS SUNDAY

In 1918 Armistice Day was designated to commemorate the end of hostilities in World War I, the “war to end all wars.” In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to recognize the great sacrifices of veterans and their families and to rededicate our national efforts to the cause of world peace. Increasingly, Americans are becoming aware of the physical, psychological, and soul wounding that can be lifelong for those who engage in war. The impact of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and war toxins, such as Agent Orange and depleted uranium, can even be multi-generational.

War has always left its mark on the human spirit. Those who survive alive and without physical injury count themselves among the fortunate. Yet, returned soldiers have eloquently testified to the horror they experienced when threatened with death, when killing others, and when witnessing the destruction of homes and cities. Veterans of recent wars, like their counterparts in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, often prefer not to speak of those experiences. No one who has experienced combat returns to civilian life the same as when he/she left.

Veterans Day is an appropriate time to recognize the service of veterans with gratitude, even while we lament the continuing destruction of war and our failure to live together in peace with God as our Sovereign. We pray that we will keep our eyes on the prize of reflecting God’s vision of a world without violence, injustice, and oppression.

A Veteran’s Prayer

Great and Holy Spirit, as I begin my walk out of the darkness and turmoil of conflict, give me the strength to find a lasting, gentle existence. Give me the desire to treat all living creatures with respect. Help me to do no harm for the rest of my life. To accept who I am now, not who I have been in the past. To remember the good and to dim—but not forget—the tragic past. Take my experiences and teach me to use them to understand others wherever I go. To ban fear, hate and violence from my brain. Let me understand how one person can make the world a better place. Show me the reasons I am still here and what it is I am to do. Give me the strength to face the time I have left here and to reconnect with humanity. To feel, accept and give love. Make me whole again. Amen.