

Live Stream Worship



Forgiveness, by Sofiya Inger
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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

Host and Preacher: Pastor Erik P. Kindem.

*Musicians: Guest Organist David Boeckh (Prelude/ Postlude), Minister of Music Jon Lackey, and Accompanist James Jelasic. Lectors: John and Debi Flint. Prayers: Boots Winterstein
Production technicians: Joey DiJulio, Stuart Hunt, Alan Jarvimaki, and Scott Sunde.*

Our Pass the Hat partner this month is Campus Ministry at Western Washington in Bellingham.

***We will celebrate Holy Communion today.
If you desire to participate from your home,
please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now.***

***This Live Stream Service can be found on our YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ_kC390-EvxqHEpTQR-cxg/***

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE **Chorale Prelude on *O Mensch bewein dein Sünde groß*** J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P Faithful God, have mercy on us.

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We turn from your loving embrace and go our own way.
 We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves.
 We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
 We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
 Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
 and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
 Hear the truth that God proclaims:
 Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
 Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom by loving your neighbor
 and doing God's work in the world.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW #358, vs. 1-3

TUNE: ST. CATHERINE

1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
by pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love along.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

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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 together:

C **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will and serving our neighbor, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

John Flint

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13 *The leader reads light print and we respond with bold print.*

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be

made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW #359, vs. 1-3

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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PRAYERS

Boots Winterstein

Petitions are offered that end with:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

PASS THE HAT

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Western Washington U.

Pastor Joel Langholz and students at WWU in Bellingham share their thoughts about the impact that Lutheran Campus Ministry has had on their lives. Your monetary gifts can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing mission of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW #678, vs. 1, 3

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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*Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal.
Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time,
following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Blessed are you,
C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so with earth and sea and all their creatures,

with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy 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!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

You created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

C **You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.**

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C **Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for
the forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his life given for us, and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

C **By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all
in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.**

P Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.
C Thanks be to God!

*Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone
or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace!
Anything that remains can be incorporated into your next meal.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW #358, vs. 4-5
TUNE: ST. CATHERINE

4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while live is making all things new.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food
beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished
and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger
and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy
Spirit, now and forever.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

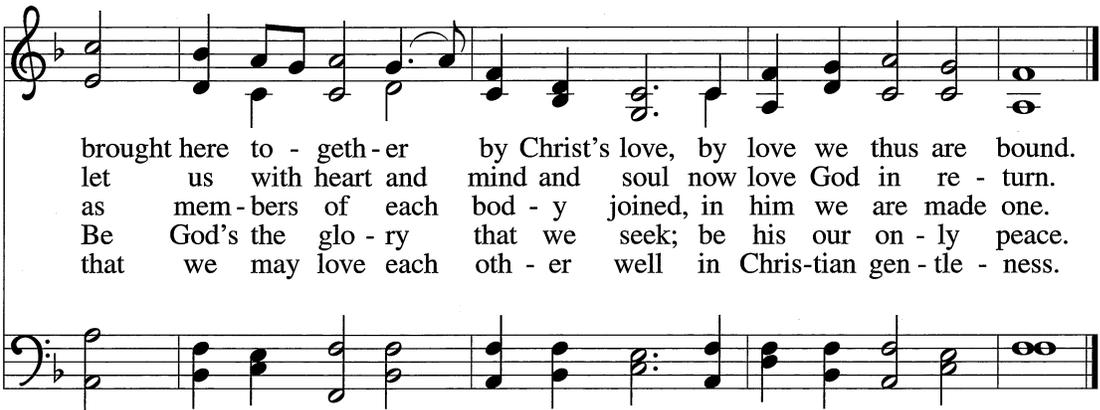
SENDING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major

J. S. Bach

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CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 20: DRIVE BY, BIKE BY, OR WALK BY RALLY SUNDAY

Drop by the Peace patio on Sunday, September 20th from 9:30am to 12:30pm for a meet and greet with your masked Sunday school teachers. We will have the supplies you need for your Zoom class plus other fun activities for you to use on your own or with your family. Bring along a nonperishable food item to help stock the new Little Free Pantry. While you are here you can check out books from the Peace Library cart. We miss you all and hope to see you even if it is from 6ft away and wearing a mask! 😊

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS - SEPTEMBER 20 This year, Rally Day and God's Work Our Hands is being combined. This summer the youth with assistance from Pastor Erik and other adult volunteers constructed a Little Free Pantry that will sit on the Peace Patio. Now we need to stock it! On September 20th bring by a nonperishable food item for the pantry between 9:30am and 12:30pm. We will store the extra food inside, so that we can keep replenishing the pantry in the weeks that follow.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU - Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS - Calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30.

GET CONNECTED - Middle school and high school youth are invited to get connected to the Bible and each other. We will be walking through the Bible with the Connect curriculum videos and drawing connections between different stories. This class will be great for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible even if you know very little. That's the book with Jesus in it, right? Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30 or so.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Lets come together and try to make sense of it asking "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS begins at 8:45am via ZOOM on SEPTEMBER 20th

If you have been a regular participant, look for a ZOOM invite in your inbox that morning. If you have not participated regularly but would like to join, email Pastor Kindem with your request. Our first discussion topic is the book: WHITE FRAGILITY: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism, by Robin DiAngelo. Acquire your own copy in advance.