

Season after Pentecost



Jesus blesses the little children, by Jan van't Hoff. Used by permission

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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace! Whether you've joined us for worship "In-Person" or Live Stream know that your presence enriches our community.

***THEME FOR WORSHIP:** Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which of them is the greatest. The Framing Story Jesus offers the world tells us that the way to be great is to serve. To make this Way concrete and visible, he pulls into his arms a flesh-and-blood child.*

PASS THE HAT PARTNER TODAY: NEW FUTURES

Our Pass the Hat partner for September in New Futures, a program of SW Youth and Family Services. Their mission is to partner with families to create communities where children thrive.

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As we begin worship we respectfully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homeland of the DUWAMISH PEOPLE. We recognize the DUWAMISH and other SALISH PEOPLES, the FIRST STEWARDS of this land, who have called this region home from time immemorial.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Loving Spirit

arr. John Carter

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant


ELW #659 vs 1-2



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

GREETING

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.**

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Kathleen Keyes

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money.

The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

[Jesus and the disciples] went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Streit

"X's" marking the spots where children may sit during the children's message

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

ELW #659 vs 3-5

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need. *Petitions are offered that end with:*

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

When all petitions have been offered:

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASS THE HAT

New Futures

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#).

Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

We Are An Offering

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



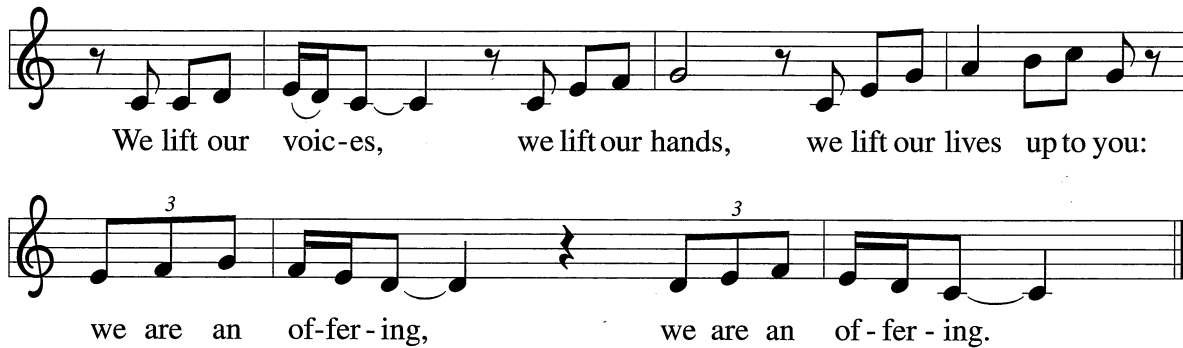
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Loving Spirit

ELW #397 vs. 1-4



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern-ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A Go in peace. The Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

This Is My Father's World

Chris Kindem, flute
Jon Lackey, piano



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS TODAY at LINCOLN PARK 11:30am. We'll exercise our faith by heading to Lincoln Park after morning worship. Arrive @ 11:30ish to enjoy a sack lunch (*Bring Your Own*) before starting the project. If you need a T-shirt, check with Pastor Kindem. NOTE: Volunteers must wear masks at the gathering/ introduction area but may remove masks once we spread out (distanced) and are working.

RALLY SUNDAY – September 26th from 9:30-10:30am on the Peace Patio!

Once again, we are having a (masked ☺) walk-by, bike-by, or drive-by Rally Sunday where you can come and see your Sunday School teachers and pick up materials needed for class! We'll have chalk and church library books ready to go and have the canopies set up for any weather! Please bring some canned or packaged food to help fill our Little Free Pantry!

PRESCHOOL – 2nd GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join Teacher Melanie and Teacher Julie to start another year of fun Bible Stories, songs, conversations, and coloring! We'll be on Zoom again beginning at 8:45am–9:15am each Sunday beginning October 3rd. ☺ Please see this [Google Doc](#) for details, schedule, and the weekly Zoom link.

2nd – 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join Chris **via Zoom** every Sunday morning from 9:15am - 10:00am beginning on 10/3. We will be talking about Baptism, Communion, and other important elements of our Christian faith! Ending at 10:00am should give families who want to attend church in person time to travel to Peace. Looking forward to a fun year!

YOUTH (6th GRADE AND UP): Join Nicole in person outside on the Peace Patio every Sunday for hot cocoa and chats about Faith and Life! 9:30–10:15am beginning October 3rd. Bring a coat and your favorite mug ☺. Come at 9:30 to get your cocoa, catch up with friends, and get settled in, so we can start our conversation at 9:45.

SCHOOL STARTS SOON!! We are inviting Peace people to help supply school kids with needed items for this year. Instead of shopping ourselves, let's send dollars to the Seattle Times school supply program. They will forward our donations to several organizations: YWCA of Seattle, Helplink, etc. Please make your donation online at Peace's website, OR write a check and deliver it to the church office. Our financial folks will forward it for you. If by website, add "School supplies" to memo line. Thank you for helping Seattle students return to their studies!

INVITE FROM PR. CHRIS ODE, LIVING STONES PRISON CONGREGATION

We invite your participation in our **ANNUAL RAFFLE**. This raffle is an important way to help sustain this ministry and your participation is deeply appreciated. This year we are offering multiple prizes. There will also be several prizes that will be handcrafted by our Living Stones men: paintings, drawings, quilted items, and crocheted projects. Our tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. All proceeds support and benefit Living Stones Prison Congregation.

Raffle tickets will be on sale via the Peace Church Office during the months of Sept. – Oct.

There are 2 ways to purchase a raffle ticket:

1. Notify Kathleen in the office by email: office@peacelutheranseattle.org, indicating the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Kathleen will confirm your order by email.
2. You can drop by Peace during Kathleen's office hours and purchase raffle tickets with a check or cash.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD OPEN HOUSE! Saturday, September 25, 10am – 4pm

You are invited to camp to spend some time exploring Grace in creation. Whether for the first time or umpteenth time, come enjoy a day of fun by the lake. Please RSVP. [Learn more here.](#)

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; Sonja Coffman; Cindy Collie; Fran Coy; Gavriella DeBoer; Donna Dickson; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Nancy Hauger; Jerry Heiland;

Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Peter Dion Kindem; Maya Marshall; Vicki Martinez; Bill Marts; Kelly & Pete McIntyre; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Frank Searfoss; Bob & Rosemary Smaliding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Alice Ward

Homebound: Al Bartol; Ruth Johnson; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff

We express our Christian sympathy to Rev. Shannyn Fuerst on the death of her husband, Rev. Jeremy Fuerst. Pastor Jeremy fell while climbing in Colorado; he served at Central Lutheran Church in Everett. Pastor Shannyn serves at Faith Lutheran Church in Seattle.

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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