

REFORMATION SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF



HOLY BAPTISM

October 31, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

THEME FOR WORSHIP: *Jesus states the core of God's Torah (teaching):
Love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself.
The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments,
much more important than sacrifices.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Body of Christ this day, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Violet Beatrice Lauren Zandi, daughter of Meredith and Travis Zandi, sister to Stella.
Violet's sponsors are Kristin and Marques Alfonzo

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Francois Couperin

WELCOME

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 God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law.
Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us
how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* ELW #445, vs 1 & 2



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.

+ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM +

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION *The sponsors present Violet for baptism:*

P Who do you present for baptism?

S We present *Violet Beatrice Lauren Zandi* for baptism.

Pastor Kindem addresses the parents:

P Meredith and Travis, called by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

P As you bring Violet to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

- to live with her among God's faithful people,
- to bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
- to teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures,
- and to nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your daughter grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

Pastor Kindem addresses the sponsors:

P Kristin and Marques, do you promise to nurture Violet in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

Pastor Kindem addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support *Violet* and her parents and to pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, answer, "we do."

Response: We do.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor Kindem addresses the baptismal party and congregation:

In baptism God's NO becomes our NO; and God's YES becomes our YES.

As we baptize today, and affirm our own baptisms, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, answer “I renounce them.”

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Assisting ministers pour water into the font during the thanksgiving.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
You are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

**C Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.**

P Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WASHING

The assembly sings the chant as the child is baptized.

(Alt Chords:) (Dm) (C)

1. Wa - ter of life, wa - ter of love,
2. Wa - ter of life, wa - ter of thirst,

G/B (Bb) D (Dm)

wa - ter of birth sweet - ly flow.
wa - ter of earth sweet - ly flow.

P *Violet Beatrice Lauren Zandi*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

♪ *Water of life, water of love, water of birth sweetly flow!*
Water of life, water of thirst, water of Earth sweetly flow!

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor, family members, and sponsors lay hands on Violet as a sign of blessing.

Others in the assembly are invited to extend their hands toward the child while remaining seated.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Violet with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Violet is anointed with oil in the sign of the cross.

P Violet, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

The assisting minister presents a lighted candle to the newly baptized.

A Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

All return to their places as we hear the word of God for us today.

+ WORD +

CHOIR ANTHEM

Grace, Peace Unto You

Michael Jothen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sarah Bliss

As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the Lord and to teach God's law to future generations. Verses 4-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"), which is still used in Jewish daily prayer and which forms the basis for the "greatest commandment" in today's gospel reading.

Moses said to the people, Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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 12th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you

shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'--this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sarah Bliss

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

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring

ACS #1046 vs. 1-2



1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Hear us, O God. C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

A Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

C **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 offerings 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](#) or mailing a check.

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.



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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

As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring

ACS #1046 vs. 3-4



1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

A Go in peace. The Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach



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ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/31/21

OCTOBER 31 – REFORMATION SUNDAY AND THE BAPTISM OF VIOLET

BEATRICE LAUREN ZANDI. Violet, daughter of Meredith and Travis and sister to Stella, was born April 16, 2020, early in the pandemic. We are excited and pleased to finally be able to welcome her into the body of Christ through the promise filled waters of Holy Baptism on Reformation Sunday.

PEACE IS PUTTING TOGETHER TWO BASKETS FOR THE LUTHERWOOD

AUCTION. Items are due October 31. **Our first basket theme is Kraken!** We will fill this basket with fun Kraken merchandise or hockey themed items.

Our second basket is **Family Night.** In this basket we will have games, puzzles, snacks, recipe books, other ideas? What does your family like to do together? Maybe a book you've enjoyed reading out loud?

NOVEMBER 7 – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY (*Remember to set your clock BACK ONE HOUR and get extra sleep!*)

As in past years, on All Saints Sunday we will be lifting up the lives of those Peacefolk who have joined the sacred procession among the saints in glory over the past 12 months, by pronouncing their names and lighting a candle in their memory during In Person/Live Stream worship. The people we are remembering this year include: Esther McKee (d. 12/29/20); Betty Bartol (d. 2/28/21); Mary Fasthorse (d. 3/30/21); and Ruth Johnson (10/24/21). Look for their pictures as part of the Sunday Live Stream. You are invited to bring photos of beloved ones in your life whose legacy of faith lives on in you, or to surround yourself at home with photos and memories of the ones you wish to remember on this sacred day, giving thanks for their presence in your lives. Those present In Person will have the opportunity to light a candle(s) in remembrance for folks from their circles of family and friends who dwell in God's everlasting embrace.

ADULT SUNDAY ZOOM CLASS @ 8:15am Join us as we discuss the book *Watershed Discipleship*, edited by Ched Myers. Email Pastor Erik and you will receive a ZOOM invitation.

LIVING STONES PRISON CONGREGATION RAFFLE – LAST DAY!

Today is the last day to purchase raffle tickets supporting the ministry of Living Stones prison congregation. Contact Kathleen via email to purchase: office@peacelutheranseattle.org, or place a check in today's offering. \$6 each or 5 for \$25.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Susan Alfonzo; Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Donna Dickson; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Jerry Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Kristofer Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; Mike Larson; Maya Marshall; Pastor Ron Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Bob & Rosemary Smalディング; 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 lift up with gratitude and thanksgiving the life of our sister Ruth Johnson who joined the saints on 10/24/31. May light perpetual shine on her!

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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