

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



November 27, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ's coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready"—planning, organizing, and ordering the things we'll need for holiday celebrations.

Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ's arrival disrupts—disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept. During Advent this year we'll lean into that "holy disruption."

A fourfold rhythm will mark both our Sunday liturgy and our midweek gatherings:

BREATHING...RELEASING...RECEIVING...REJOICING



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

P Breathe with me...

In the beginning, God breathed—over the chaos, through the waters, into our lungs; disrupting what was with what could be.

C **Breathe again, O Spirit!**

P In the beginning, God's Breath forged new relationships and birthed new alliances.

C **Breathe again, O Spirit!**

P On this day, in this moment, with so much at stake, God's Breath stirs us once more.

C **Breathe in us again, O Spirit!**

ADVENT SONG

Come Now, O God

ACS #902 verse 1

1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

ADVENT DIALOG / CONFESSION

L In the beginning, God breathed. But looking at our world today, I feel breath-less. Hurricanes, floods, and rising coastal waters cause millions to flee.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

L 1 in 6 Washington kids live in a home where there isn't enough food.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

L Mass shootings and violent deaths, like rising tides, set records for mayhem.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

- L For the first time ever the flow of people fleeing conflict, violence, and persecution has surpassed 100 million.
- C **Lord, have mercy!**
- L How can we stop this? It's all so frightening. Sometimes we need to take a deep breath. In the beginning, we *couldn't do a thing* until God breathed God's own breath into us. Taking a deep breath still helps us calm down in our turmoil. Let's all breathe deeply right now...
- L In the beginning, into the chaos of our world, God's Spirit – Breath – moved over the water, and order came over creation.
- C **Breathe again, O Spirit!**

ADVENT PRAYER

- L O God—sweeping Wind, life-giving Breath, cleansing and guiding Spirit—you are the source of all we are and all we can become. Your power roars and skips among the galaxies and flows delicately within our very cells, sustaining all life. You breathe mercy over us and teach us with truth and wisdom. Be with us and all your people in this season and guide us so that we find courage and confidence in your coming promise. In the name of the Holy One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C **Amen.**

The First Advent Candle is lit.

GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*
Each Winter as the Year Grows Older

ELW #252, verses 1-3

1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from

too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that

ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.

GREETING

P The steadfast love of God, the disrupting presence of Jesus Christ, and the lifegiving breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,



Ky-ri - e e - le - e - le - i - son.



Ga - thered by your love, we pray for hea - ling and hope. Lord.



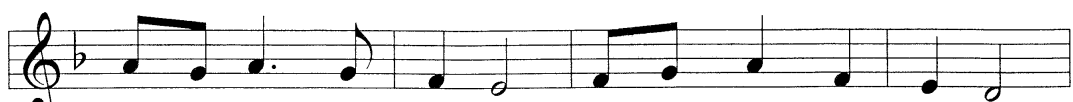
give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.



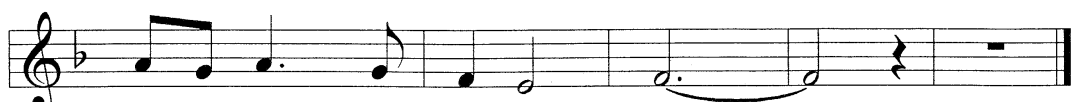
From your per - fect love, bring your per - fect reign to



ev' - ry heart, ev' - ry home; let love be known.



Lord our God have mer - cy, Je - sus Christ have mer - cy,



Save us by your mer - cy Lord. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your mercy, awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:4b-7

The Inclusive Bible

In the second story of creation, the God whose holy Wind blew over the waters in chapter one, stoops down and gets messy. With handfuls of clay, YHWH fashions a human from the humus, and breathes into it holy Breath.

At the time when YHWH made the heavens and the earth, ⁵there was still no wild bush on the earth nor had any wild plant sprung up, for YHWH had not yet sent rain to the earth, and there was no human being to till the soil. ⁶Instead, a flow of water would well up from the ground and irrigate the soil.

⁷So YHWH fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth, and blew into its nostrils the breath of life. And the earth creature became a living being.

L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95

The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Cantor: Creator God, your Breath upon the waters,
brought forth new life where none as yet had been,
disrupted chaos, seeding new beginnings. *Refrain*

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *Refrain*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

Jesus said to the disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sarah Bliss

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

In a Deep Unbounded Darkness

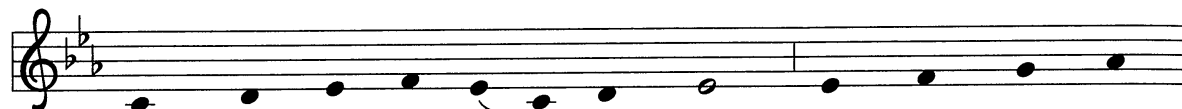
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1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,

in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
lead us home - ward, to the love - feast

as your own,
breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
glimpse your face,
of the Lamb,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence,
let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and
join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
 2 What good and blessing you bestow are
 emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
 free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
 give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
 weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,

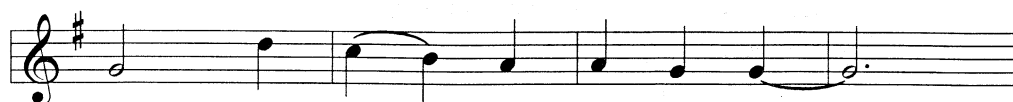
C you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: May God be with you.
 C: And al - so with you.
 P: Lift up your hearts.
 C: We lift them up to God.
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
 C: It is right to give God 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with Earth and all her creatures, with the church on Earth and all the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



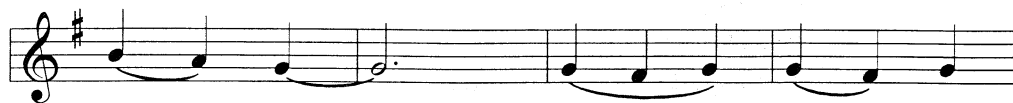
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.



God of po - wer and might.



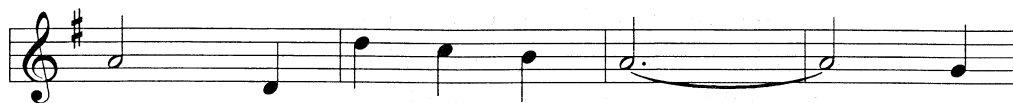
Hea - ven and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na



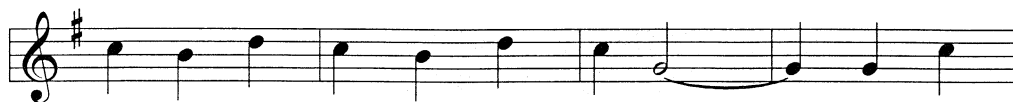
in the high - est. Bless - ed is the



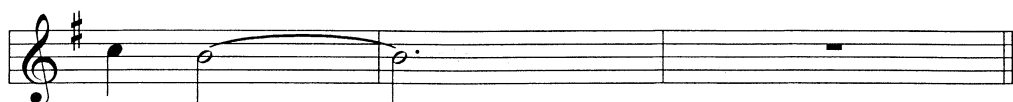
one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho -



san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the



high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P On 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, given for you.
Do this for the 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 forgiveness and healing.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Holy Breath:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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 Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

Today we commune at the rail. Choose a small cup as you come forward and find a place, kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the pouring chalices. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

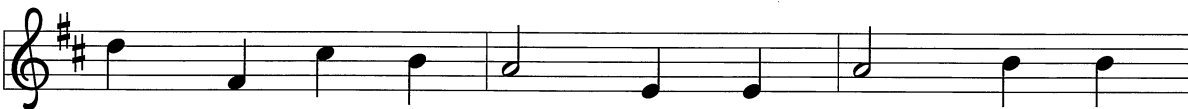
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1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
3 As the moon re - flects the sun
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older

ELW #252, verses 4-5



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!


A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. Erik Kindem
Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Advent Dialogue	Nancy Hauger, Chris, Kai & Naomi Kindem
Liturgical Assistant	Paul Bliss
Acolyte	Ben Ward
Lector	Scott Sunde
Children's Sermon	Sarah Bliss
Cantor	Kjersta Larson Smith
Greeters	Helen Hundley (host), Jean Sides, Rae Ann Marrelli
Ushers	Barbara Hillier, Kristin Gimelli-Hemme
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Keyes, Jean Sides
Coffee Server	Helen Hundley
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy
Production Techs	Joey DiJulio, Alex Wren
Counters	Joey DiJulio, Kristin Gimelli-Hemme

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received NOVEMBER 2022

Our mission goal for 2022 anticipates receiving offering income of \$23,678 each month

11/06/22	\$ 2,880.00
11/13/22	\$ 3,890.00
11/20/22	\$ 2,164.00
electronic	<u>\$10,389.71</u>
Total	\$19,323.71

*Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace,
in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA*

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

The ELCA is developing an ELCA social message on climate care. The draft is available for public feedback until Fri., Dec. 2nd. Please [read the social message draft](#) and then use their [survey](#) to share your input. You can learn more and find the links at <https://elca.org/climatecare>.

Pray for Creation: We pray this week that our holiday preparations build up, rather than destroy, the interconnected web of life on planet Earth and beyond.

Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 13, 20 – Wednesday Advent Services at Winterstein Home @ 7pm

Boots and Paul Winterstein are hosts for this year's Midweek Advent Services beginning November 30th @ 7:00pm. These services of Evening Prayer will build on the theme for this Advent:

BREATHING...RELEASING...RECEIVING...REJOICING. Because of the rising counts of COVID and other viruses, Paul and Boots request that attendees are vaccinated and masked. For more information call: 206/762-1362

DECEMBER 4: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION

Early in December each year the council provides an opportunity to preview and comment on the coming year's draft budget, which is now under development now for 2023. This year, that opportunity is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th following Worship. This meeting will be in-person only.

PLU Christmas Concert December 5!

Monday, December 5, 7:30pm – Benaroya Concert Hall, Seattle. Join PLU for their popular, beloved holiday tradition, as the Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present the annual PLU Christmas Concert. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Dan Forrest, Jocelyn Hagen, and Cecilia McDowall mix with traditional carols and other seasonal favorites as we seek peace, renewal, and joy in this Christmas season.

Learn more and get tickets here: <https://www.plu.edu/christmas/>

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS!!

Please bring new athletic socks to our sock bin in the narthex! We will deliver the socks to Operation Nightwatch on **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR WELCOME TABLE!

As in past few years, Peace members are invited to fill a big bag with essentials and some fun things, too. Find 15 large plastic bags in the Narthex; list of needed items included. Please consider signing up for one (or more!) bags. Then return them to church; they will be delivered to the Welcome Table for distribution on Saturday, December 17. This is a great family project! Questions: Marcia Olson

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Chris Kindem, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29th.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Ferol Allison; Seneca Corpuz; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Patrick Fenton; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Jeanne Martinez; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer;

Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Wade & Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Paulette Zimmerman. **Homebound:** Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

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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