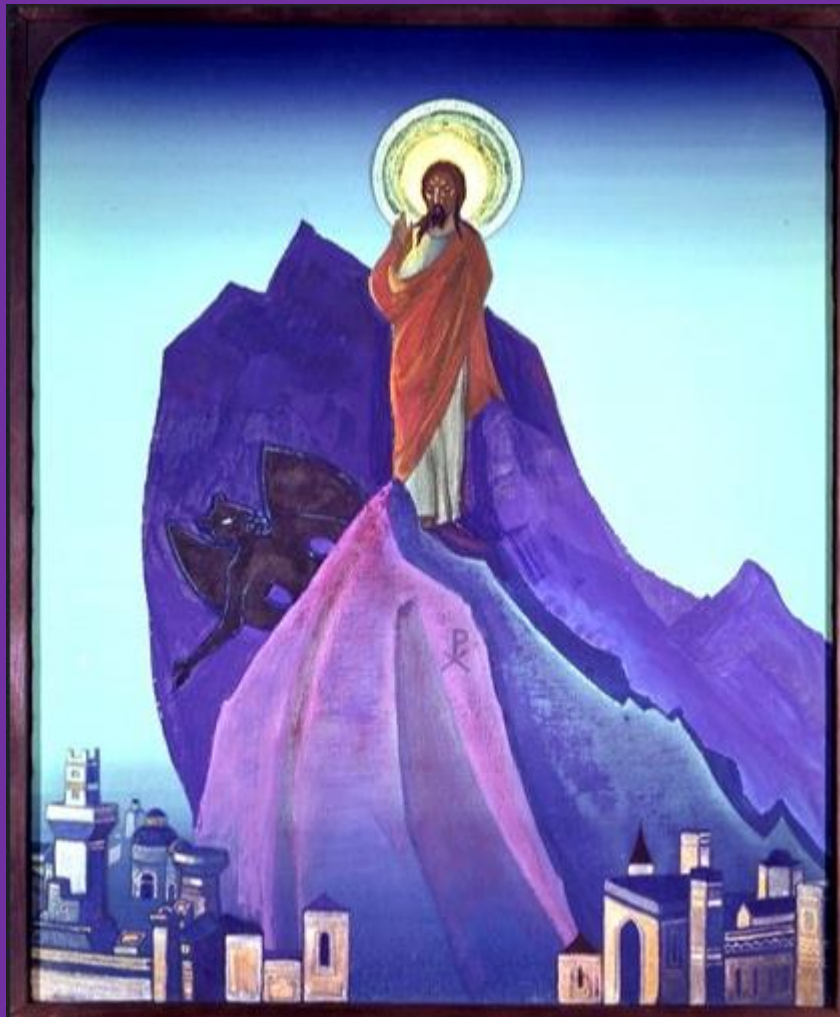


# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



*Temptation of Christ, Nicholas Roerich, 1933*

## FEBRUARY 26, 2023

***Peace Lutheran Church***



***West Seattle, Washington***

***Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.***

*Today's gospel tell of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.*

***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 +

P – *Presider*    A – *Assisting Minister*    C – *Congregation*    L – *Lector*  
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*    ACS – *All Creation Sings Hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Laura Bermes, guitar

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the font*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance  
and God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P Holy God,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

C **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *The Glory of These Forty Days*

ELW #320

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

## 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.**

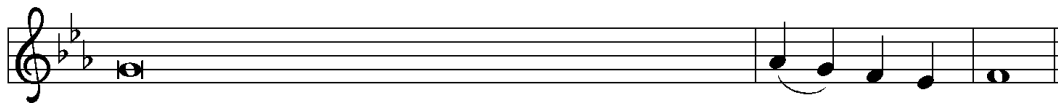
**KYRIE** *The Cantor leads the Kyrie and the congregation responds with "Lord, have mercy."*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



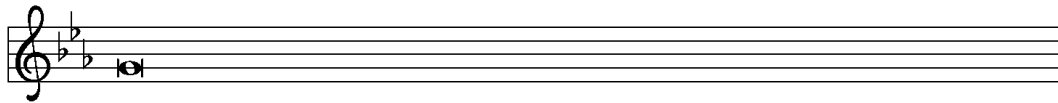
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



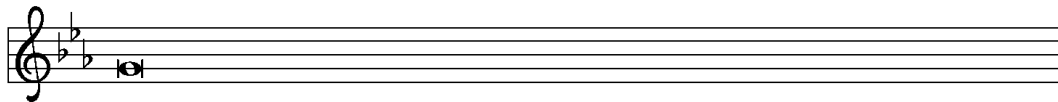
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## + WORD +

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

Helen Hundley

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the Creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

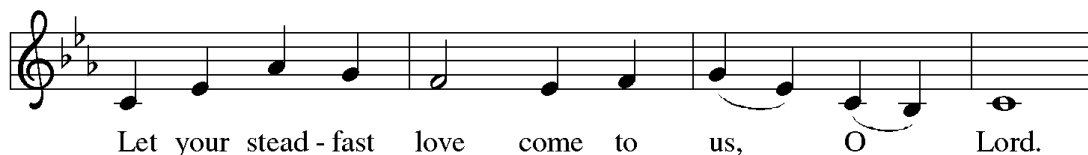
Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned--<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION** *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel*



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,  
<sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,  
 'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written,  
 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of  
 the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall  
 down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*When We Are Tested*

**ACS #922**



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL** *Members of the Church Council come forward.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Paul Bliss

**A** Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*Petitions are offered, ending with the response:*

**A** Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer

*When all petitions have been offered:*

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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!*



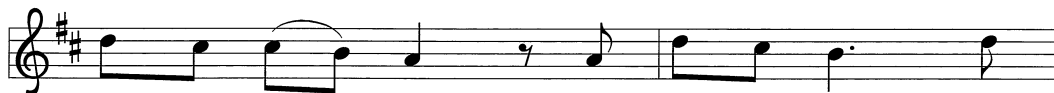
**OFFERTORY HYMN**

***We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord***

**ELW #690**



1	We	raise	our hands to	you, O Lord,	like
2	What	good	and bless - ing	you be - stow	are
3	Oh,	make	our bar - ren	trees to grow,	our
4	As	sum -	mer fol - lows	spring-time's rain,	grace
5	Through	grace	your new cre -	a - tion lies	in



emp - ty	ves -	sels.	Oh, come to us	and
free - ly	giv -	en.	Your pow'r will make	the
hands to	blos -	som,	and let our lives	bring
fol - lows	sor -	row,	and grief and joy	shall
hands held	o -	pen.	O Giv - er of	all



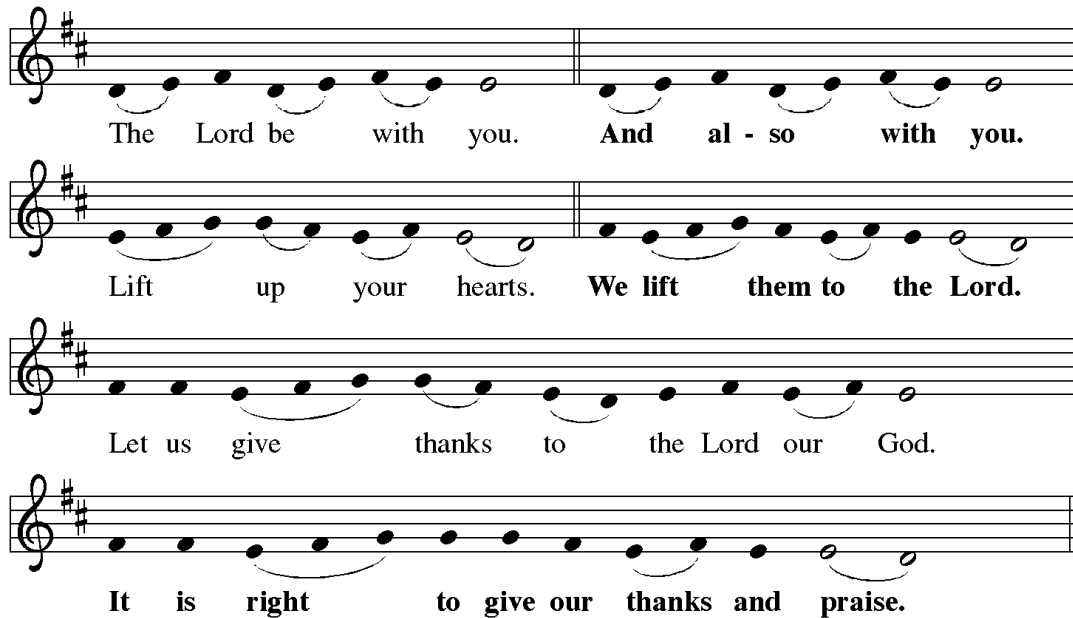
give us life	from springs where liv - ing	wa - ters	flow.
weak - est strong	and bar - ren branch - es	start to	bud.
forth such fruit	that heals our neigh - bor's	grief and	pain.
bear much fruit,	though hid - den from our hu - man	eyes.	
good - ness, come,	dwelt with us in our earth - ly	home.	

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of good gifts,

C receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

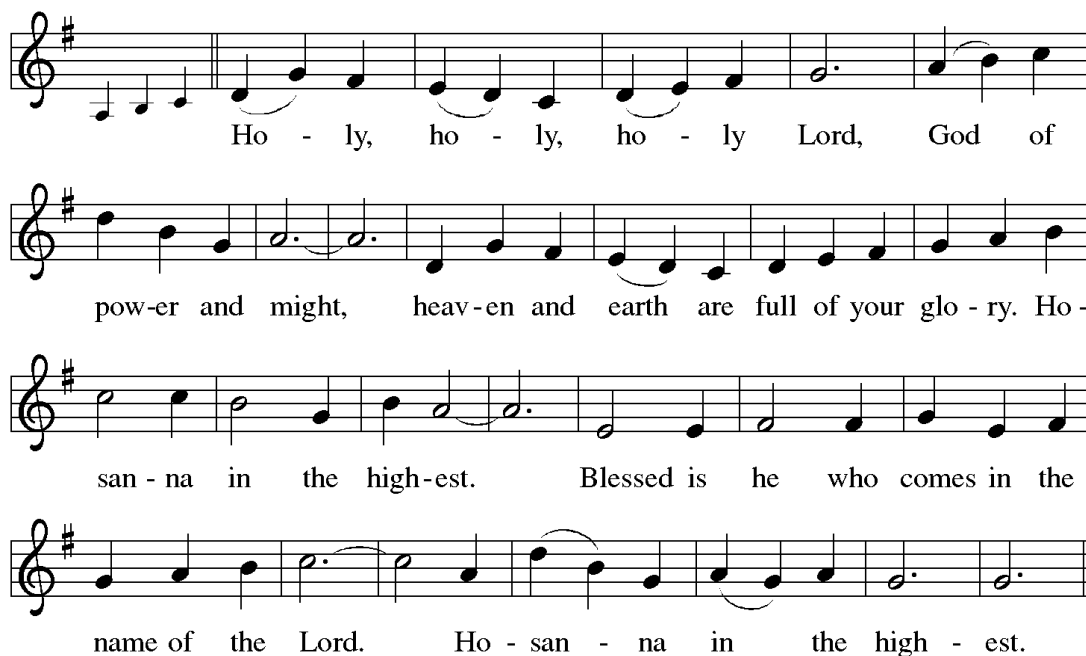
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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

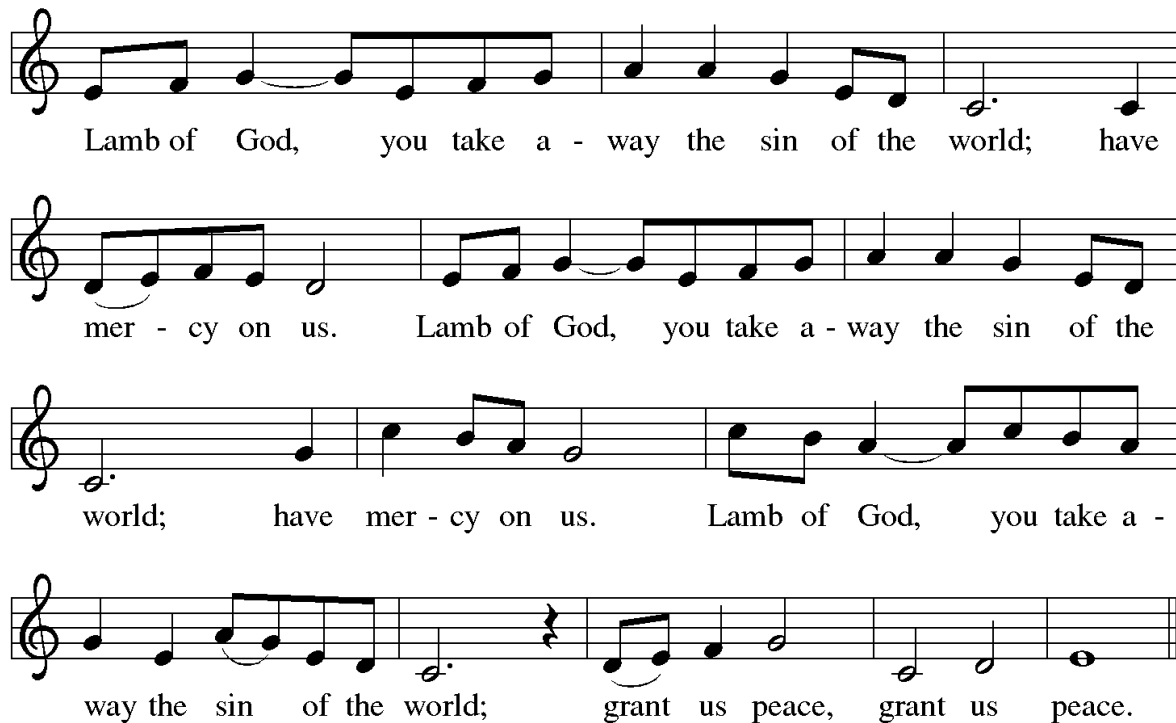
**P** Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### DISTRIBUTION

*Today we commune at the rail, either kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. 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.*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C Amen.

**+ SENDING +**

**BLESSING**

P God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth, bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW #624

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,  
 way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,  
 guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve in love.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Laura Bermes, guitar

*In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude,  
those who depart are invited to do so quietly.*



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Lector	Helen Hundley
Children's Sermon	Erik Kindem
Greeters	Helen Hundley (host), Deena Fuller, Kathleen Keyes
Ushers	David Kehle, Jean Sides
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Barbara Hillier, Kathleen Keyes
Coffee Server	Helen Hundley
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Alex Wren
Counters	Paul Bliss, Karl Coy
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month.*

### **Offering Income received FEBRUARY 2023**

02/05/23	\$ 3,625.00
02/12/23	\$ 1,620.00
02/19/23	\$ 1,107.00
electronic	\$ 9,850.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,202.74</b>

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Church Council, which will be installed today during worship. Officers were elected at the February 15 Council meeting. They are: Vicki Martinez - President; Peter Streit - Vice President; Derek Lunde - Secretary; Michael Truog - Treasurer; David Kehle- Financial Secretary. Council members at large include: Randy Hernandez, Helen Hundley, Erika Stephens, Noah Marx, Alan Jarvimaki, Larry Cruse, and Elizabeth Menstell Coyle.

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Attend **today's** workshop with Earth Ministry/WAIPL and learn about advocating for creation and environmental justice. Why environmental justice? A 2021 EPA report stated that Black and African Americans are 34% more likely to now live in areas with the highest projected increases in childhood asthma diagnoses from a 3.6°F rise in global warming, and 40% more likely to now live in areas with the highest projected increases in extreme temperature related deaths. Learn more from Princeton's *Racial Disparities and Climate Change* project

<https://psci.princeton.edu/tips/2020/8/15/racial-disparities-and-climate-change>.

**Pray for Creation:** We pray for the restoration of the West Duwamish Greenbelt and for the wildlife who make it their home.

## GIVE NOW FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Two powerful earthquakes have hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Turkey, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 2,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. A cold and snowy weather system now moving through the region complicates the response efforts.

**Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are prepared to accompany our neighbors impacted by these earthquakes. One hundred percent of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region.**

**GIVE NOW**

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

**Beginning Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, we return to our Wednesday Evening Lenten tradition of Soup Suppers @ 6pm, followed by Evening Prayer from 7:00–7:30pm. **Look for the Soup Supper Sign-up Sheet on the SIGN-IN TABLE in the narthex for how you can participate.**

## FAITHFUL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP TODAY

**Welcome to Rev. AC Churchill** (they/them), Executive Director of Earth Ministry/WAIPL. AC is leading today's eagerly anticipated workshop on Faithful Advocacy. The workshop will follow a chili lunch provided by your Creation Care Team.

**All are Welcome from Noon – 1:30pm for the Faithful Advocacy Workshop downstairs.**

*Are you curious about what effective advocacy entails? Or a skilled advocate wanting to energize your efforts? Come learn and experience how we at Peace Lutheran can communicate our faith, and priorities to our elected officials.* Can't make the workshop? Click [here](#) for a video of a previous Earth Ministry/WAIPL workshop or click this [link](#) to watch it on YouTube.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:** **Sick/Recovering:** Kathy Anderson; Mark Brocker; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Grayson Eller; Mark Engelman; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Garrison Hernandez; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Jack McBride; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Bill Morrell; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; Charlie Spangler; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder.

**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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