

SEASON OF CREATION WEEK 1



KEEPERS OF THE GARDEN 6/11/23

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

“And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the human he had formed...to till it and keep it.” Genesis 2: 8, 15

From the beginning God has entrusted the human community with tending and caring for Earth—our common home. In this time of unprecedented threats to the planetary systems that sustain life, we commit ourselves to the vocation of creation care once more. We recognize the interconnectivity and worth of all of God’s glorious creation and commit ourselves to care for the land, the air, the water, and the fellow creatures with whom we share this home.

(Caring for Creation mission emphasis, Peace Lutheran Church Annual Meeting, 2022)

*During this year’s Season of Creation, we consider all of God’s creation as a garden. The Gospel readings assigned for these three Sundays tell about Jesus’ ministry to people. How do these readings, then, relate to our garden theme? People are both part of and symbolic of creation. What we experience as humans is also experienced by nature (and vice versa). People are broken and need forgiveness and healing. Likewise, the earth is broken and in need of healing. In John 20:21, Jesus says to his disciples, “As God has sent me, so I send you.” Perhaps the original context of this commission can be extended to include us working for restoration of the planet. In doing so, we follow God’s original mandate to tend and care for the earth. Created in the image of God, we are **Keepers of the Garden.***

✦ GATHERING ✦

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

PRELUDE

Laura Bermes

WELCOME

Listen to some sounds from God's garden.

CALL TO WORSHIP: ADSUM – I AM HERE!

(RS = Right Side; LS = Left Side)

P In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit + the breath of life.

ALL Amen.

P Holy God, in whom everything on Earth and in the heavens is bound in perfect harmony,
open our eyes to behold your creation.

ALL Adsum!

**RS Incarnate Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection offer renewed life to the world,
root in us a commitment equal to the challenges and joys these days bring.**

ALL Adsum!

**LS Creative Spirit, whose breath stirred life in the womb of this world, quicken us,
body, mind, and soul, for the great work to which you are calling us.**

ALL Adsum!

**ALL In all things, at all times, grant that we may walk in sacred manner upon the Earth,
ever conscious of our calling, ever conscious that it is your garden and we are its
keepers. Adsum!**

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal, creating God, in the beginning you formed us and all things in your gentle hands, and you breathed life into us and asked us to join you in tending your garden. By your life-giving Spirit inspire us to work in this garden that it might produce fruit for all your creatures, through Jesus Christ who came to give life for all. Amen.

CONFESSION

P Many things grow in this garden—some of them are the weeds and thorns that we produce:

C **Our own attitudes toward who and what is important.**

P Sometimes other creatures in the garden are the objects of our dislike.

C **Other times it is our sense of what we do with the whole creation. We think we can use whatever we want and throw away anything that doesn't suit us.**

P We tend to ignore the fact that the air, the minerals, and water can be polluted and wasted.

C **We don't consider that the pollution we put in the air, water, and ground is the source of our very being. We poison ourselves.**

P Pardon our selfish shortsightedness.

C **Forgive our arrogance.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* ACS #1049, v. 1-3

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dv - ing.

FORGIVENESS

P In spite of the weeds and thorns, God's garden produces plentifully. God's Son entered the creation, became part of it, lived and died to show God's profound care for us and the garden.

C **In mercy given through Jesus Christ there is new possibility for the garden.**

P The grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies to provide abundant fruit. Trees take in carbon dioxide and give fresh oxygen to breathe. Blossoms become the fruit for the nourishment of our lives.

C As people who have received such abundance from our Creator, we have a responsibility, a task. Life-giving God, help us to join you in being faithful keepers of the garden. Amen.

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

ACS #1049, v. 4

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

SONG *Winter Spirits* Flute: David Stoeltzing-Ghosh
 By Katherine Hoover, a celebrated Native American composer (1937-2018)

PASS THE HAT *Earth Ministry* Keah Calluccie

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:4b-23 Helen Hundley

Last week in the Genesis 1 reading, God spoke, and the creation happened. This week in Genesis 2 God says almost nothing, but molds the male out of the dirt with hands, and not until God breathes does the man live. Then out of the same dirt God forms all the creatures, but does not find a companion for the man. So God forms the woman from the rib of the man—bone of bone, flesh of flesh—made for companionship.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

L Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Nicole Klinemeier

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*

Listen to the Word

ACS #974

Sung first by the cantor; congregation joins the second time.



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th Chapter

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable.
Even the dead receive new life.*

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

L The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Winterstein

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

ELW #342, v 1-4

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From: *Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth* by Dr. Norman Habel, a Lutheran pastor, theologian, and architect of the Season of Creation.

P Let us confess our faith.

C We believe in God who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water, who heals all the wounds of Earth.

We believe in the book of Earth, the book of life unfolding, the book revealing the mysteries of God’s wisdom.

We believe in Jesus Christ as the revelation and Wisdom of God, joining the web of life as human flesh, Jesus is the love of God immersed in the cosmos.

We believe in an Earth community, a community where lives of all creatures and habitats are interconnected.

We believe in Life forever, empowered by the breath of the Spirit of God, connected with our cosmic Christ and celebrated by all creation.

We know this. And it is true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ACS #1067

Petitions are offered that end: “We lift this prayer to you.”

The congregation responds with the refrain below.

We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
 prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

Final refrain:

Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to
 God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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SONG

Kokopelli

Flute: David Stoeltzing-Ghosh

By Katherine Hoover

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879, v 1

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
Refrain
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of the Garden and giver of all gifts,

C **Bless these gifts for the care of your garden, and us to its keeping. 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!**

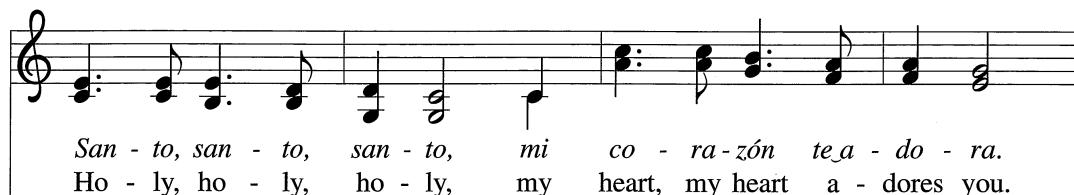
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW #473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

P O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

C **The earth is full of your glory.**

P O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

C **The earth is full of your glory.**

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love and for this earth.

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: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This Cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P Amen, and amen.

C Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, feast at the table of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

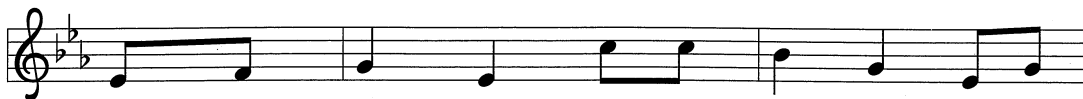
As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

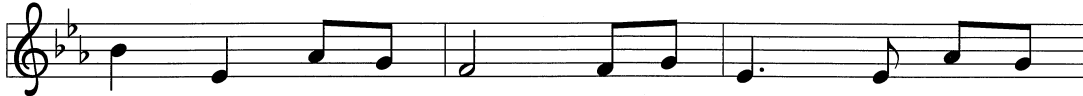
Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below each corresponding staff.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

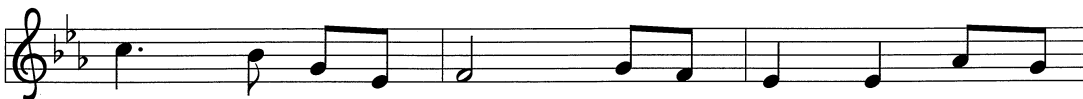


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Gracious God, you have fed us with the fruits of your garden, and the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. For all your gifts, thanks be to God!

C **Amen.**

THE CALL AND BLESSING

P Hear your call, beloved:

Support each other.

Resist the forces of complacency and denial.

Remain steadfast in your calling to be keepers of God's garden.

And may God, the Source of life

God, the Word of life

God, the Spirit of life

bless you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

There in God's Garden

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

ELW #342, v 5-6

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Tend the Garden!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Jon Lackey



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Offering Income received JUNE 2023

06/04/23	\$ 2,218.00
Total	\$ 2,218.00

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

Instead of buying Dad *something* for Fathers Day this year, how about [gifting him a tree](#) that will be planted as part of Amazon rainforest restoration? Or if Dad loves his electronics, how about a [portable solar charger](#)? Or treat him to a [solar camping lantern](#)! For more Creation-friendly gift ideas, check out <https://earth911.com/how-and-buy/eco-friendly-fathers-day-gift-ideas/>.

Pray for Creation: We ask the Creator to turn us toward the natural world to learn from it rather than to take from it, and to hold us accountable to all of our kin in creation.

SEASON OF CREATION: KEEPERS OF THE GARDEN 6/11-25

“And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the human he had formed...to till it and keep it.” (Genesis 2: 8, 15) We celebrate all the wonders that God placed in the garden. However, as part of that garden, we humans are broken and need forgiveness and healing. Likewise, the earth is broken and in need of healing. As **Keepers of the Garden**, we work for restoration of the planet. Join us as we consider both the gift and the task we have as keepers.

In the narthex today, you will see a banner which is being used during our celebration of the Season of Creation. Beginning this Sunday, you will be invited to add a leaf, a butterfly, a fish, or another “critter” on which you have responded to one or all of the following prompts: What is something in God's Garden for which you are grateful? What tip/s do you have to help others be Keepers of the Garden? In what way/s are you a Keeper of the Garden?

Today, **June 11**, you are invited to stay after Worship for a showing of **The Letter** -- a reference to Pope Francis's 2015 Creation-care message, Laudato Si. Since its writing and world-wide reading, numerous stories have been gathered that tell of its results globally. This film shares many of those amazing stories of life-changing practices. **Join us after worship in the fellowship hall for the film and a light plant-based lunch!**

PASS THE HAT 6/11/23 IS EARTH MINISTRY

Earth Ministry is our Pass the Hat Partner this month. Keah Calluccie, Multifaith Program Manager will be here to tell us what they do. Earth Ministry transforms faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment. They organize people of faith to advocate for strong environmental policies and provide strategic guidance to religious communities working toward environmental justice. Earth Ministry's Washington Interfaith Power & Light (WAIPL) project organizes an interfaith religious response to climate change and is part of a national Interfaith Power & Light network that is 40 states strong and growing.

INTERMENT OF RAE ANN MARRELLI'S ASHES 6/16/23

Rae Ann Marrelli's ashes will be interred at Tahoma National Cemetery at 1 pm on Friday, June 16. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. It is important to be on time.

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; Arlene; Beth; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Mark Engelman; Sean Fenton; Marge Flint; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H.; Heather Jennings; Tony Jilek; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan

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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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