Christ Reigns Sunday









Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me. November 26, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgement. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Open Table ~ Open Invitation

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.

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PRELUDE

Etude in C Major

Louise Dumont Farrenc

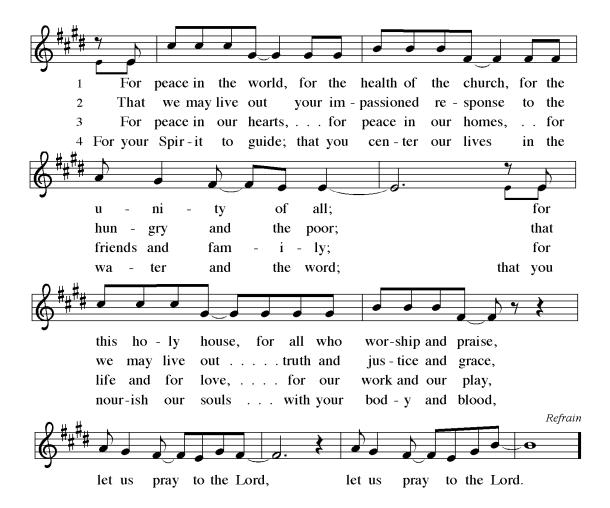
WELCOME



GREETING

- P The abounding grace of Jesus Christ, the steadfast love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 3:1-5, 11-16, 20-24

Heidi Eilers

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GoD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Love of the Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

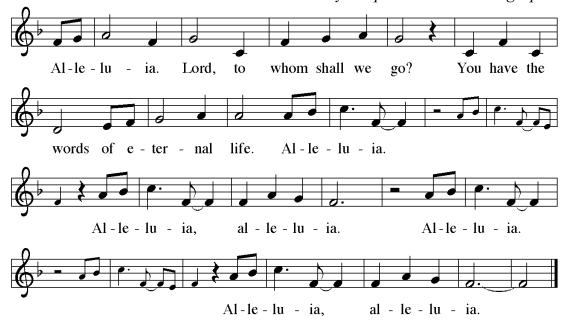
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel ELW page 188



- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

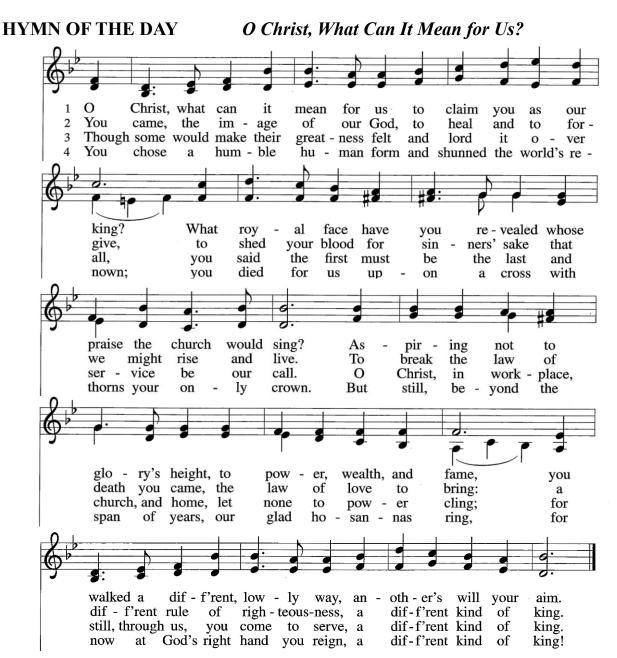
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sarah Bliss

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SERMON Rev. Erik Kindem



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

- P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you. We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.

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 <u>Tithely Giving Page</u> via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!





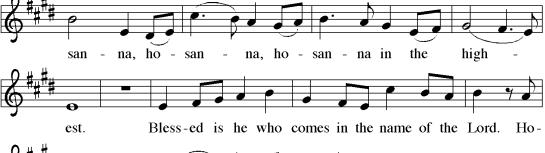
OFFERTORY PRAYER

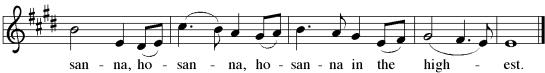
- A Let us pray. God of all goodness,
- C generations have turned to you, gathered at your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them, that we may feast upon your very self, and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

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 Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.
- C You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.
- P Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

HOLY, HOLY Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, we ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ;

- P Who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
- C Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember of me.
- P In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember of me.
- P As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ, whom we proclaim as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C 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 There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.
- 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 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.





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P The God of all creation, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
- C Amen.



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month. At the end of October we were approximately \$8,500 under our giving goal year to date.

Offering Income received November 2023

11/05/23 \$ 6,574.00 11/12/23 \$ 3,370.00 11/19/26 \$ 1,741.75 Electronic \$ 7,770.52 **Total** \$19,456.27

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

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

As part of our *Building a Culture of Generosity Stewardship* campaign, each Peace household has been mailed a *Statement of Intent* card. These cards are being received in worship through <u>December 10</u>. You may also mail in or scan and email your Intent card so that we can include your generosity as we share our campaign's progress. Thank you for your generous support of God's mission through Peace!

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Comfort tired feet. Lift weary spirits. Give someone hope. Operation Nightwatch has a goal of collecting 30,000 pairs of socks in the next six months. Will you help? Find the Blue Tub in the narthex. Socks are critical to the comfort and well-being of homeless people. Imagine what it must be like to have the same pair of nasty, wet socks on your feet, 24-hours a day. Not good. There will be an open house December 3, 2023 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Shelter Dispatch Center. For more information, call 206-323-4359, email info@seattlenightwatch.org or click here: Find Out More

ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 3, 9:00-10:15 AM

All your favorite traditions as we begin a new Advent Season and Church Year - Advent logs, paperwhites, card making, and more! Bring the whole family. Light breakfast will be served.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Giving Tuesday is this week, a day intended to unleash the generosity of people everywhere. It's a great opportunity to think about the organizations your donations support <u>and</u> the companies profiting from your spending. Check sites such as <u>ethical consumer.org</u> to learn about companies' sustainability and ethics. If you don't find a brand you want, ask the company for the information! Truly ethical companies are guided by mission statements on corporate behavior backed by full traceability for all products. If a brand doesn't know where the raw materials for their products come from, they probably aren't being very careful with creation. Be particularly demanding with clothes, coffee and chocolate. Sadly, modern-day slavery is still rife in these industries.

Pray for Creation: As the dark deepens and the year comes to an end, we pray that we practice methods of soil and water protection which ensure that your creation rests safely, awaiting the coming season of renewal.

CHIEF SEALTH HIGH SCHOOL AUCTION

For the first time in four years, Chief Sealth International High School is hosting an auction. We're so excited to be celebrating our school, its successes, and our students, teachers, and staff with an event that's sure to sparkle and amaze. The auction will be <u>December 2nd at 5:30 pm at the Brockey Center, South Seattle College.</u> The funds raised at auction are hugely impactful for our school.

To Buy tickets, donate funds or auction items, and learn more on our <u>CSIHS</u> auction website. You can preview what's already been donated <u>here</u> – including ticket packs for the Mariners and the Seahawks, ski and snowboard equipment, gift cards from all sorts of local West Seattle businesses. and a lakeside cabin getaway. P.S. Along with sponsorships and item donations, the PTSA <u>welcomes</u> auction volunteers too. You can also contact <u>Chris Kindem</u>, who serves on the Auction Committee.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: ALL CREATION WAITS

Aided by a special grant from THRIVENT, the Creation Care and Worship Teams have purchased Advent devotionals for Peace Households: <u>All Creation Waits</u>. These beautifully illustrated books, written by Gail Boss and illustrated by David Klein, include meditations for each day of December focused on how wild animals adapt when darkness and cold descend. The book reflects what some call the first Bible—the Bible of nature. Our worship during Advent this year will build upon connections between the texts of scripture and text of the book.

Be sure to pick up a copy for your household and join in upcoming Zoom meetings with author Gayle Boss on December 3rd and 10th. During our Advent Festival on December 3rd, Gayle will read from her Children's Edition. The following week, at noon, adults can learn more about the devotional and how to use it. A light lunch will be provided for those who stay at church and a link will be provided for those who want to join remotely.

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; Cay Bell; Joyce Bitner; Barbara Brocker; Mary Brocker; Jan Burt; Melanie Coulson; Heidi Coy; Karl Coy; Marsha Davis; Laura Dwyer; Ruth Eilers; Georgine Epley; Sean Fenton; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; Caity Gerhardt; Sandy Goodale; Dawn Gringorten; Signa Gustafson; Donna Heiland; Dave Hemme; Robert Allen Hoffman III; Mary Jacob; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Justin Makboul; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Rachel; Irma Runge; David Salazar; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Pam Webber; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder.

<u>Homebound</u>: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Jan Madsen <u>We express our Christian sympathy</u> to the family of <u>Colleen</u> who passed away on 11/19/23. <u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> 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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