

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.



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.

Today's liturgy has been abbreviated to accommodate Peace households with children attending the Annual Meeting, which follows after worship.

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Robin Thomas

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW #532, verses 1-2



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

PASTORAL GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace, love and peace of the Triune + God be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Vicki Martinez

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the One who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

ELW #171

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - van.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Erik Kindem

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them, and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

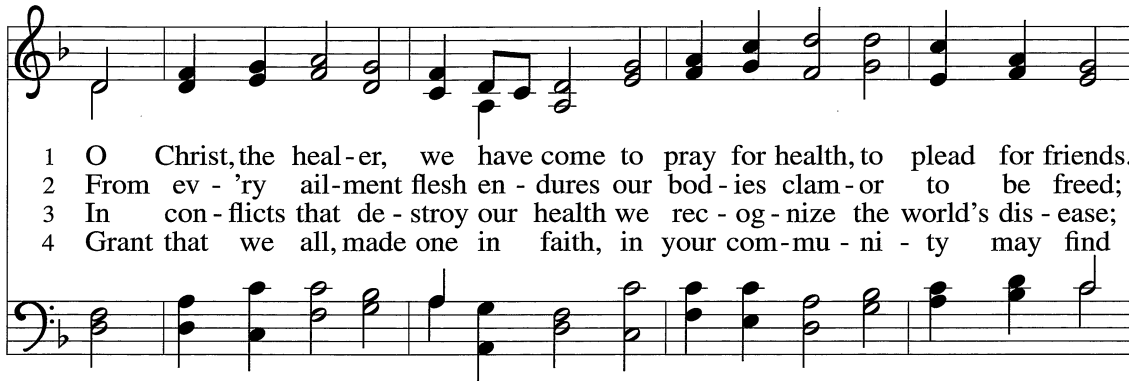
SERMON

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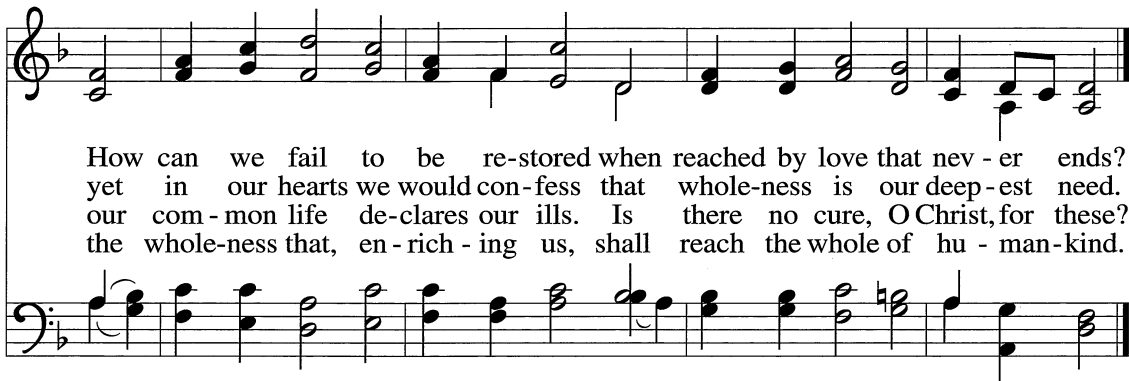
HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW #610



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

THE PRAYERS

Chris Kindem

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all creation.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A God of grace,

C receive our prayer

When all petitions have been offered:

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
 Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

**C Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
 In bread and cup you open yourself to us and open us to one another.
 Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek
 and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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 altender God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see!

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.

CALL US HOME

God, Cre - a - tor, _____ call us home. God, Christ

Je - sus, _____ call us home. _____ God, Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____ call us

home. God, we're long - ing _____ to come home. home.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a repeat sign. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics 'God, Cre - a - tor, _____ call us home. God, Christ'. The second staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus, _____ call us home. _____ God, Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____ call us'. The third staff has the lyrics 'home. God, we're long - ing _____ to come home. home.' and includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.) for the final phrase.

COMMUNION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power, for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



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 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
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we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
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 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

DISMISSAL

A Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received JANUARY 2024

01/07/24	\$ 2,647.00
01/14/24	\$ 2,863.00
01/21/24	did not count this week, counted all on 1/28
01/28/24	\$ 3,673.00
electronic	<u>\$10,721.20</u>
Total	\$19,904.20

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

Globally, food waste accounts for an estimated 8-10% of greenhouse gas emissions. About a third of food goes to waste in the U.S., according to the EPA. The USDA reports that the average family of four in the US will lose \$1,500 annually to food waste! So when you shop, pay special attention to dates on meat, fish, dairy, or eggs, searching for ones with a longer shelf life. Also, know that you can safely eat milk and eggs past their dates, so long as they don't smell or look rotten.

Pray for Creation: As whale populations are in a losing struggle to thrive, we pray for marine scientists and others who are tireless in their efforts to provide safe habitats for these creatures.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR THE WELCOME TABLE

Reminder: This Sunday, February 4, please bring First Sunday food items for The Welcome Table. They are very much appreciated.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION HUB MEETING 2/7 @ 6:30

Please join the members of the Peace Lutheran Church and surrounding neighbors to learn more about the Seattle Emergency Communication Hub at the Peace Lutheran Church. This session will offer an overview of the Hub and help the group reboot after the long COVID disruption. The program will include information about basic emergency preparedness for both individuals and families. By learning more about the Hub and preparedness, you can be in a position help your community after a disaster. Everyone is welcome! **Date and time: Wednesday, February 7, 6:30–8 pm in the Narthex**

BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE 2/7/24

Preparing our blood supply for extreme weather is critical for patients. Please book your blood donation appointment today as part of your emergency preparedness plan!

Peace Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive on **Wednesday February 7** in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the QR code and [sign up](#) to give blood! Appointments are required. In October, Bloodworks switched to a [new appointment portal](#). If you need help booking your appointment, please e-mail Bloodworks **Donor Care Team** at schedule@BloodworksNW.org or call 1-800-398-7888. For info about [eligibility](#), recent [FDA updates](#) and more, please visit www.BloodworksNW.org



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Offering envelopes for those households who use them are available on the table in the narthex.

NEW LUTHERWOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rev. Kevin Beebe has accepted the call to be Executive Director of **Camp Lutherwood!** We look forward to welcoming Pastor Kevin, his spouse, Pastor Kelsey Beebe, and their son Gabriel to the synod! He will be installed in a service at the Camp on Saturday, February 10th, and we'd like to bring a couple carloads of Peacefolk up to the Camp for the occasion. If you're interested, please talk to Nicole K.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2/11/24

Bring your nonperishable food items to score against hunger before you cheer on your team to score big in the game.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

The *Season of Lent* comes early this year – commencing with *Ash Wednesday, on February 14th*. Once again we will host Wednesday evening Soup/Bread Suppers @ 6pm, followed by a 30 minute service of Evening Prayer. Those Wednesdays are: Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, & 20. Stay tuned!



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Cay Bell; Jan Burt; Melanie Coulson; Karl Coy; Larry Cruse; Marsha Davis; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Ken Keyes; Erik Kindem; Dee Levy; Justin Makboul; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Ramsey; Rosemary; Irma Runge; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Pam Webber; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Jan Madsen

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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