

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



The Deluge. Gustave Doré

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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Our Pass the Hat partner during the month of February is the Duwamish River Community Coalition. Robin Schwartz is with us today to offer an update on their work, followed by a special offering opportunity.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the font.*

*During the season of Lent the Font is placed near the entrance to the nave,
reminding us that in baptism we enter into fellowship with Christ, and the church.*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who writes the law in our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

P Dearly Beloved—here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us.

Hearing our lament, God breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

O Love, How Deep

ELW #322 vs 1-3



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.

GREETING

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

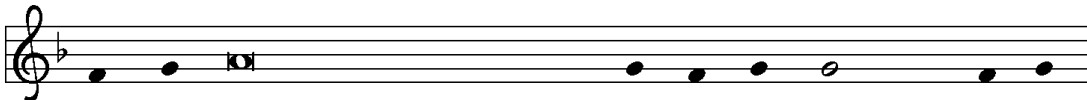
C And also with you.

KYRIE

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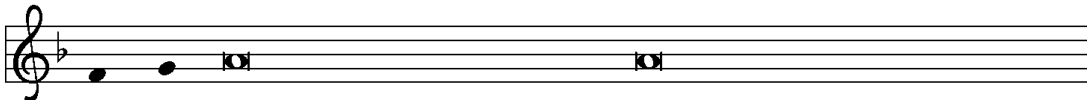
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



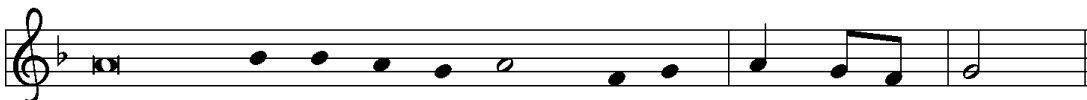
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



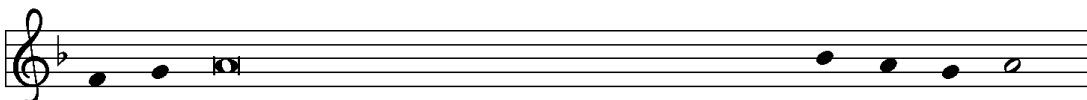
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



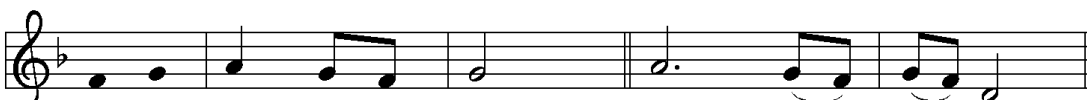
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you save the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew in us the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PASS THE HAT

Duwamish River Community Coalition

Robin Schwartz

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

David Wold

Today's reading centers on the conclusion to the flood story. The Lord destroys the earth by flood, except for Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet, divine destruction, because of human sinfulness, gives way to divine commitment as God blesses the human community and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10 *(read responsively)*

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

O, Lord Hear Me

Hal Hopson

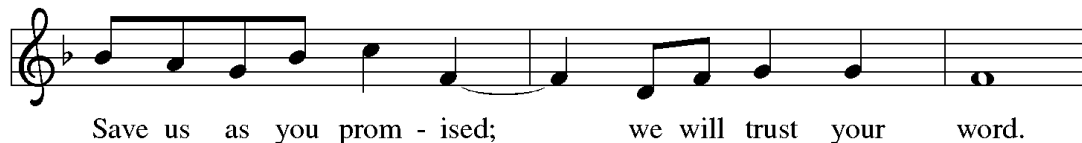
CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

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



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the gospel of God's reign.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ MEAL +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW #690 vs. 1-3



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
 2 What good and blessing you bestow are
 3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our
 4 As summer follows spring-time's rain, grace
 5 Through grace your new crea - 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, dwell with us in our earth - ly home.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food, but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray in your name. 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... 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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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:

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional*

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION

We commune at the rail either kneeling or standing. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are found 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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW #325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Love, How Deep

ELW #322 vs 4-7



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



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or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.


P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plans anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. The disruption caused by the rupture of our heating system in January forced us to forego in-person offerings for three Sundays in January. Please consider an extra gift to help bring our giving total in line with expectations. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received February 2024

2/04/24	\$ 2,920.00
2/11/24	\$ 1,445.00
Electronic	\$ 6,641.69
Total	\$11,006.69

RE-VISIONING TASK FORCE WANTS YOUR INPUT

The Re-Vision Task Force would very much like to know your thoughts about how we can respond to God's call to engage with each other in our congregation and with our wider community. Many of us will meet in small groups in homes or at church. Others may choose to respond to an online or paper survey. On the table in the narthex, you will find a form on which you may indicate how you would like to participate in our-re-visioning process.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

This year, our Creation Care Action Plan included a focus on combating plastics pollution by reducing how much we individually use. To help us all do that, we invite you to accept our *Replacing Plastics For Lent Challenge*. Every week, we'll share an activity to help your household use fewer plastics and seek more sustainable alternatives. Please join us!

Refuse plastics. We have choices other than plastics more often than it might seem. In restaurants, refuse plastic straws and other disposable plastics for take-outs. Bring your own mug to the coffee shop. Avoid products that contain microbeads, those tiny plastic balls found in some facial scrubs and toothpastes that find their way into our water systems and into the creatures living in the Salish Sea.

Pray for Creation: We pray that our desire for justice for the Duwamish River and its surrounding communities is accompanied by our purposeful actions.

WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN THIS WEEK

Beginning 2/21/24 we gather for a soup/bread meal @ 6:00pm, followed by a ½ hour service of Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. Many hands make light work! You are invited to assist with the soup and bread suppers. You may offer to set tables, make a soup, bring bread/crackers, or clean up. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the narthex.

Evening Prayer this year will explore the Psalms of lament and reflect on the laments we carry individually and communally. We'll seek better understanding of the role of lament within the Hebrew tradition and how it can be used constructively today.

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; Jeff & Chale; Ken Keyes; Jon Lackey; Dee Levy; Justin Makboul; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Clifford & Minda Olson; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Ramsey; Rosemary; Irma Runge; Salia; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Judy Wiggins; Roger Wingfield; 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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