

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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 *Plyve Kacha for Organ* (Ukrainian Folksong Lament "The Duckling Swims")

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 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 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Faith of Our Fathers

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- 1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.
- 2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed, Spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real. Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will true to you till death.
- 3. Faith of sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might, raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright. Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you, sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

GREETING

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

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pray

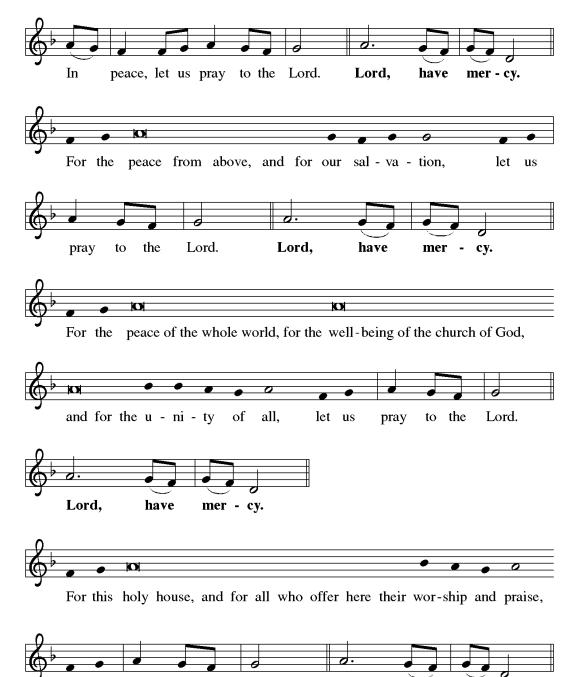
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Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of our Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

Nancy Hauger

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-22

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, 'O that Ishmael might live in your sight!' ¹⁹God said, 'No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.' ²²And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALM 22:23-31 (read responsively)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

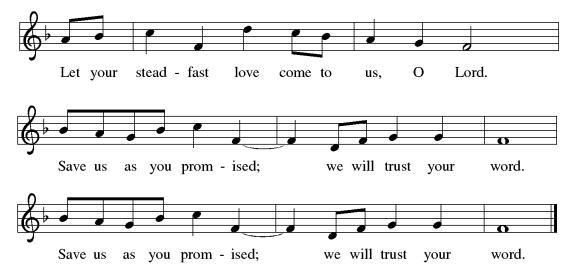
The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced

that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

- 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 Mark, the 8th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

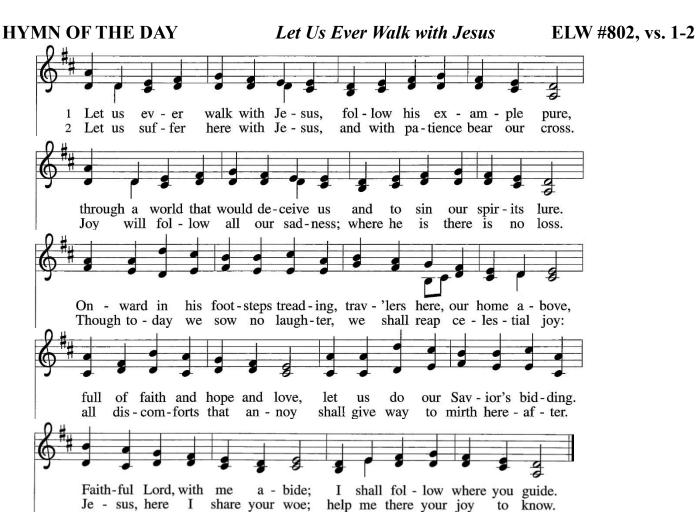
[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- L The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

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.

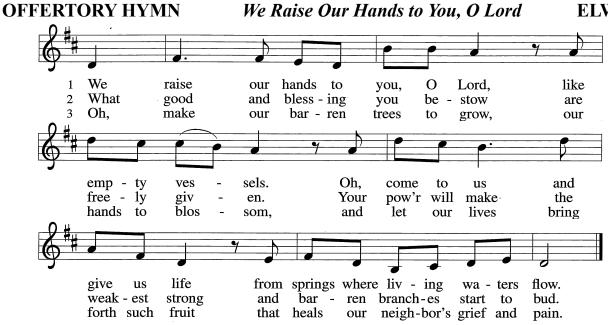
+ MEAL +

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

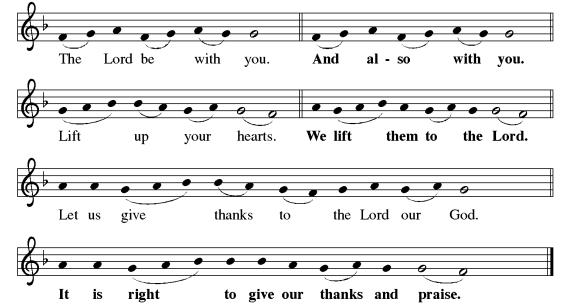




OFFERTORY PRAYER

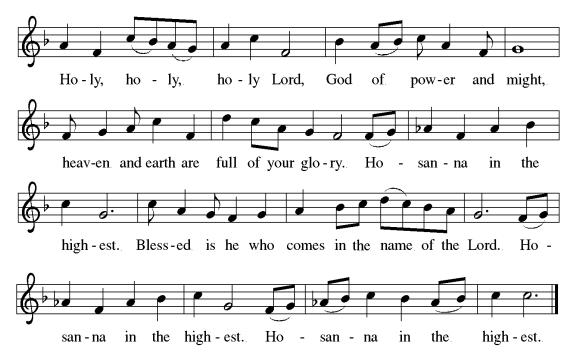
- A Let us pray.
- C Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food, but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P J It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, might, 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.

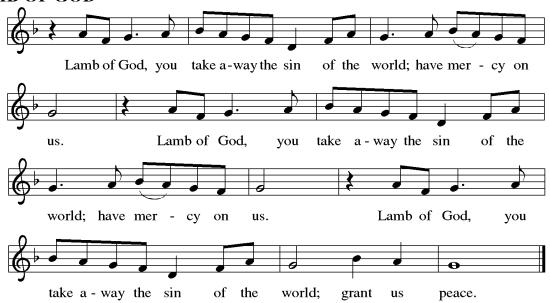
LORD'S PRAYER Traditional

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!
- **C** Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

We commune at the rail with individual cups. 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.

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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 on 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802, vs. 3-4



P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Kyrie

Nivers

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 \$<u>26,477 monthly</u>. 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

Total	\$14,878.06	
Electronic	\$ 8,333.54	
2/18/24	\$ 2,329.00	
2/11/24	\$ 1,405.00	
2/04/24	\$ 2,920.00	

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!

Replace plastic beverage bottles. Buy refillable water bottles and give them to every family member. Buy drinks in cans instead of plastic bottles (aluminum is almost endlessly recyclable!). Buy milk in recyclable cardboard cartons or glass bottles.

Pray for Creation: We pray for the efforts of global negotiators who are working to write a treaty to end plastic pollution.

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.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY MEAL AND WORSHIP

On Wednesdays during Lent we host a soup/bread meal @ 6pm followed by 30 minute evening prayer @ 7pm. This year we're exploring the Psalms of lament seeking a better understanding of the role of lament within the Hebrew tradition and how we can use it constructively today.

SOUP SUPPER OPPORTUNITY Many hands make light work! You are invited to assist with soup suppers. You may offer to set tables, make a soup, bring bread/crackers, or clean up. On Sunday, a sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK ~ MARCH 24-31

The Following Services will take place during Holy Week—mark your calendars:

March 24, PALM/PASSION SUNDAY March 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7pm

March 29 GOOD FRIDAY @ 7pm

March 30 EASTER VIGIL @ 7pm

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION – MARCH 31st

Easter at Peace begins with <u>Breakfast</u> from 8:30am – 9:30am served by our young people, followed by <u>Children's activities</u> at 9:45am. <u>Worship</u> begins @ 10:30am, with special music provided by the Peace Ringers and the Peace Choir.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: <u>Sick/Recovering</u>: Cay Bell; Jan Burt; Melanie Coulson; Karl Coy; Larry Cruse; Marsha Davis; Joe Flint; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Jeff & Chale; Ken Keyes; 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 Remsey; 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; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen **We express our Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of Jon Layzer, a good friend and colleague of Heather Marx. **<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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