FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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MARCH 17, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

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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Today we will recognize members of the <u>Journey of Faith cohort</u> who will be received as members and associate members during worship on April 14th. They are: Ann Gault, Kristin Gimelli Hemme, Patty Knudsen, Shari Krugler, Jacob Smith, Christina Avolio, (Eugene & Raymond), Pidge Peters, Matthew Toso, and Paul Winterstein.

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider C – Congregation A – Assisting Minister L - Lector ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal WOV – With One Voice

PRELUDE

Chant de la Creuse

César Franck

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.

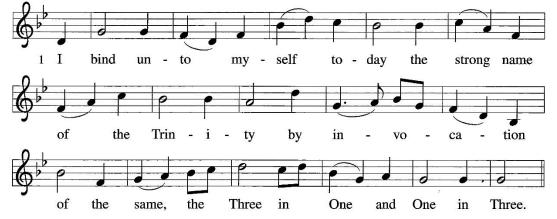
We let hurts grow into hatred.

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 I Bind Unto Myself Today

ELW #450, vs. 1-3, 5 tune: st. patrick's breastplate





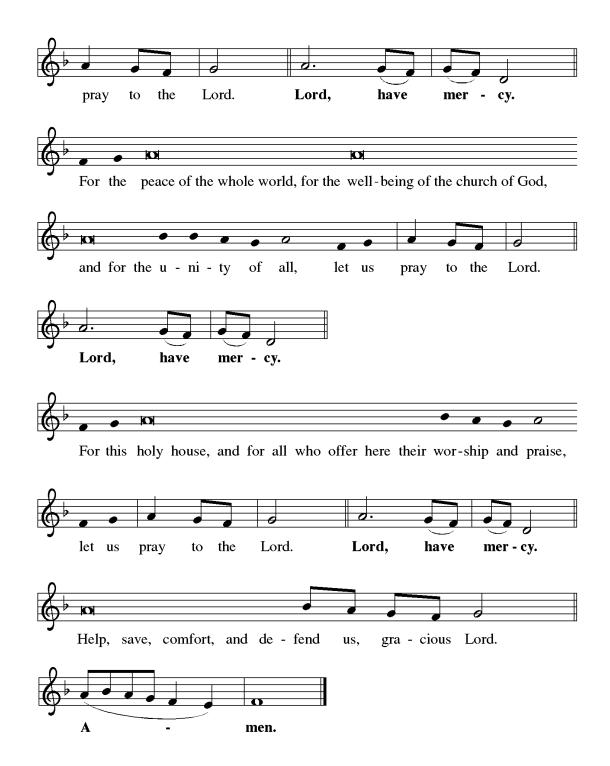
GREETING

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Thanks be to God. L The word of the Lord. С

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest,

but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

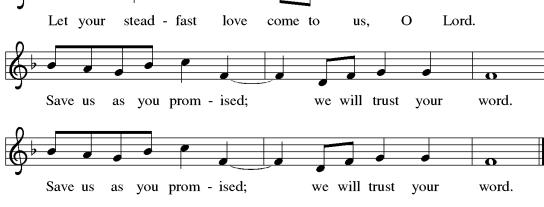
"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. L

С Thanks be to God.

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



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when the people can no longer make such a complaint. There will be no need to teach the law because God will write the holy law in their hearts.

+ WORD +

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Julie Ward

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th Chapter. Ρ
- С Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. L

С Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Julie Ward

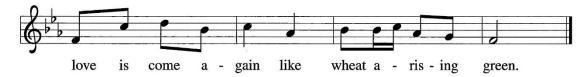
HYMN OF THE DAY Now the Green Blade Rises the green blade from the Now ris - es bur - ied grain, 1 In the laid him, love by ha - tred slain, 2 grave they 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain, When our hearts win - try, are griev - ing, or in pain, wheat that in dark earth days has man - y lain; think that he would wake ing nev - er a gain, for three days grave had lain; he that in the your touch can call us back to life gain, a _ lives dead has love a gain, that with the been; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un seen; raised from the dead. my liv - ing Lord is seen; fields dead and bare have of our hearts that been;

SERMON



ELW #379

Pastor Erik Kindem



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

- P Let us profess our faith.
- C We believe and trust in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.
 We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
 We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING OF JOURNEY OF FAITH COHORT

The Journey of Faith cohort gathers at the front of the nave. They will be received in a Rite of Welcome on April 14th.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Merciful and most high God, creator and life-giver of all that is, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. We ask you: grant grace to Ann, Kristin, Patty, Shari, Jacob, Christina, Eugene, Raymond, Pidge, Matthew, and Paul, and bless them. Raise them by your Spirit. Revive them by your word. Form them by your hand. Bring them to the water of life and to the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people they may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- A God bring you in peace and joy to the day of your baptismal renewal and to fullness of life in Christ.

C Blessed be God who chose you in Christ. Live in love as Christ loved us. *The cohort returns to their seats.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- 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.

Heidi Eilers

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

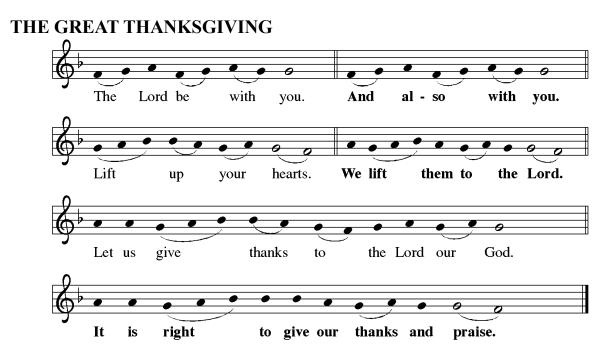
Your monetary gifts can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure <u>Tithely Giving Page</u>. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank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



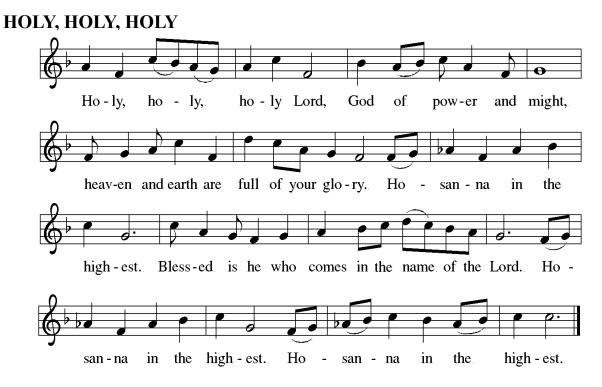


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. 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. Today our offerings include these messages to our elected officials in Washington D.C., including Senators Cantwell and Murray and Representative Jayapal, measures to eliminate hunger and promote passage of the Farm Bill. May these messages be a clear and bold call for justice, peace, and care for our planet home. Use them to change the hearts and minds of members of Congress. We pray this in the name of our brother Jesus.
- C Amen.



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



EUCHARISTIC 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.

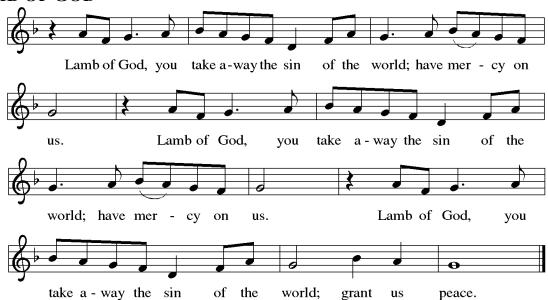
LORD'S PRAYER Traditional

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!
- C Thanks be to God.





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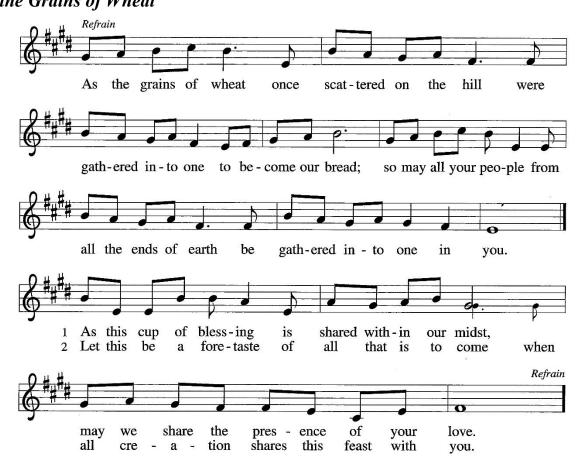
We commune at the rail with individual cups. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Word of God is Source and Seed*

Jon Lackey, tenor

COMMUNION HYMN *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465



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 Christ the Same

WOV #778



A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Andante in F Major

J. Blied

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 March 2024

3/03/24	\$ 2,380.00
3/10/24	\$ 2,490.00

Electronic	\$ 5,876.99
Total	\$10,746.99

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!

Make a "Replacing Plastics" household plan. Using your notes from your Week 1 Assessment, and the experience you've gained during Lent, consider how you can build upon the changes you've made these past few weeks and keep replacing plastics in your home. Learn more about single-use plastics at <u>https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-single-use-plastics/</u>.

Pray for Creation: This week we pray that Congress act courageously to pass a strong Farm Bill which not only eliminates hunger here and abroad, but also promotes sustainable agricultural practices and brings healing to our planet.

REVISIONING AT PEACE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Please Sign Up! The Re:Visioning Team would love to invite you into a conversation with your fellow community members at Peace Lutheran Church! We are hoping to create a vision and plan for what the next 10+ years will look like for our congregation. <u>Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and needed!</u> Please choose a date and time that will work for your household...we are expecting these meetings to last about 60-75 minutes. A huge thank you to the wonderful folks who are willing to host! Please note: The meeting on March 17 after church at Peace



will have childcare available in the nursery. Sign up online <u>or</u> on the hard copy in the narthex. Sign Up Link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning</u>.

OFFERING OF LETTERS TODAY

Today, as part of the offering, we join faith communities throughout the U.S. in praying for God's blessings on our Offering of Letters in which we urge our senators and representatives to enact strong measures to eliminate hunger in the US and throughout the world. Specifically, we pray for passage of a robust Farm Bill which includes specific actions to heal our planet.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAMILY OF JUSTIN CLINE TODAY

Justin Cline, the beloved co-owner of Full Tilt Ice Cream, died on March 2, nearly a month after he had a massive heart attack. He was 49 years old. There will be a dinner and auction **March 17 from 5-7:30pm at West Seattle Eagles Club 4426 California Avenue SW.** Tickets are \$30, cash only please. All the proceeds from the auction will go towards the family of Justin Cline. If you can't make it, feel free to drop off a donation at a time convenient for you. For any information, contact Khalid at 206-226-3184.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY MEAL AND WORSHIP

This coming Wednesday is our final 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.

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 Easter Brunch from 9:00am – 10:00am served by our young people, followed by <u>Children's activities</u> at 9:45am. <u>Festival Worship begins @ 10:30am</u>, 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; Rick & Charlene Coulson; Marsha Davis; Joe Flint; Deena Fuller; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Jeff & Dolly; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Evelyn Martinez; Pete McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Susan Munn; Eleanor Ness; Clifford & Minda Olson; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Remsey; Joey Roberts; Rosemary; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; John Truog; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke. <u>Homebound</u>: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen

<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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