

# Season after Pentecost



November 10, 2024

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. What can we learn from them? Are they objects of pity? Emblems of divine agency? Victims? Actors in God's divine drama? Jesus doesn't see the woman at the Temple merely as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*



***Welcome to Peace! We pray you experience God's presence today as you join us in worship.***

*There are times during the service when you'll be invited to "rise in body or spirit."*

*You have full permission to care for yourself and your physical well-being, so if getting up and down is difficult, we encourage you to do whatever you need to do to care for yourself, including remaining seated.*

***Parents, know that if your young ones need to move around, we're cool with that!***



*We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table. 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    L – Lector    A – Assisting Minister  
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship    ACS – All Creation Sings

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

*We hold all veterans and active duty service members and their families close in thought and prayer as we pray for God’s dream of Shalom for this world to become a reality. Today we recognize veterans and active duty personnel who are part of our congregation’s “extended family.”*

Gene Outlaw	<i>Air Force</i>	1952-1956
Bob Gaines	<i>Marines</i>	1955-1959
David Kehle	<i>Air Force Reserve</i>	1970-1976
Mel Jacob	<i>Army Reserve (chaplain)</i>	1976-2006
Jon Lackey	<i>Air Force</i>	1979-1982
Jenn Ramirez-Robson	<i>Air Force</i>	1988-1990
Gered Bagocki	<i>Marines</i>	1998-2004
Kyle Bernd	<i>Army</i>	2021 – Active duty

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW #756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O God, our hope and ref - uge sure, when storms, e - rupt - ing,



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
shake our core: through ac - tions true, not an - gry sound, lead



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
us to find new com - mon ground; that we may live in



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
har - mo - ny with hu - man kin, earth, sky, and sea.

## 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.

## KYRIE

ELW page 184

*Refrain*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for

hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,

life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

# + WORD +

## FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Scott Sunde

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and evil ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!<sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Nicole Klinemeier

**SERMON**

Rev. Erik Kindem

*Time for Reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Build a Longer Table*

**ACS #1062**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Janet Cruse

**A** Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all creation.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

**A** Merciful God.

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

**P** We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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

*On the Path Together*

Alan Jarvimaki

### 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 [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*



### OFFERTORY *Please rise in body or spirit. We Are an Offering*

ELW #692



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

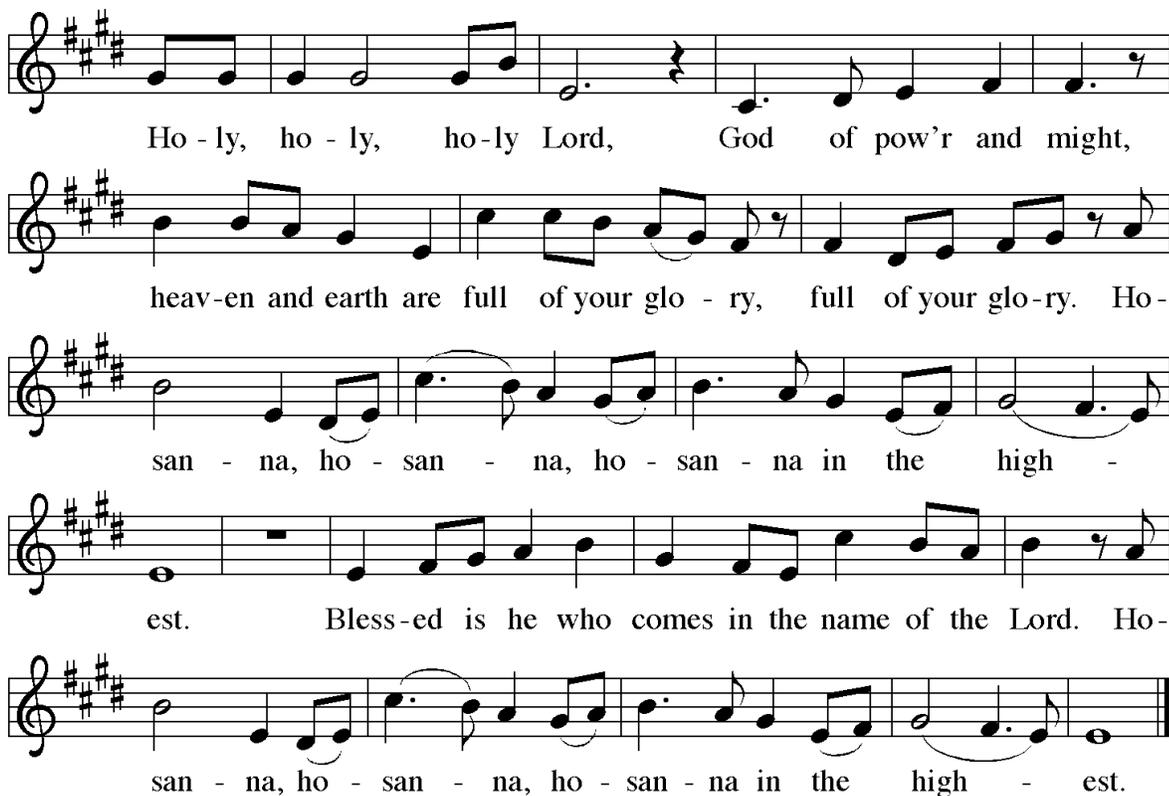
A Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
C **you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

## 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, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on the cross broke down the dividing wall of hostility between human beings, reconciling the world to God; and who by his glorious resurrection opened the path of everlasting life to all.  
And so with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Page 190



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 -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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 crossed borders to heal the sick,  
who breached boundaries to touch the suffering;  
who brought good news to the marginalized poor,  
and on the cross opened his arms to all.

**P** In the night in which he was handed over to death,  
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.**

**P** Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death  
and the victory of his resurrection,  
we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.  
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine  
And on all who share in the body and blood of your Son.  
Teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ, through whom all  
glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and 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** Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation!

**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.*

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW #638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,  
 Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*  
 This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:  
 this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

# + SENDING +

## BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW #632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region, and internationally through the ELCA!*

### Offering Income received in November 2024

11/03/24	\$ 2,390.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 559.65</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,949.65</b>

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

We're in the holiday season—a wonderful time of celebrations, but also one of rampant waste. The EPA reports household waste can increase by *more than 25%* from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, which amounts to a million extra tons of trash each week! First on our list is reducing your holiday food waste with a great tool for estimating how much food you'll need for your Thanksgiving table. It's the Guestimator from SaveTheFood.com. Get it at <https://savethefood.com/guestimator/guests#guest-container>.

**Pray for Creation:** We pray that God create a zeal for justice in us and leaders in all branches of government, regardless of political persuasion, that together we commit to being resourceful and effective stewards of this beloved creation in all of its God-given diversity.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY LAST SUNDAY

We delivered over 100 pounds of fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods to the White Center Food Bank, the Welcome Table, and, of course, our own Little Free Pantry on the patio! December 1 emphasis: ready-to-eat foods, including pull-tab cans for our neighbors who lack cooking utensils.

## BAKE SALE: YUMMIES AND YARN NOVEMBER 23

*Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the Peace Annual Bake Sale PLUS!\**

This event will take place on **Saturday, November 23 from 9am- 3pm** in the Peace Fellowship Hall. We need bakers, workers, and financial donations. If you're a baker, here are some ideas of the kinds of things we're hoping to have donated: pies, cakes, breads, cookies, home-canned jams, jellies, preserves, etc., gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan baked goods, and anything else you would like to bring! In addition, monetary donations are welcome from folks who would like to contribute, but who are not bakers. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to Peace Lutheran Church and the Neighborhood Community. Bake Sale Committee: **Lisa Boeckh, Nancy Hauger, Helen Hundley, Mary Jacob, Chris Kindem, Marcia Olson, Pidge Peters** Thanks!

## STEWARDSHIP INTENT & 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK 11/24

We're marking the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace on November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Join the celebration of Peace's 80th Anniversary on November 24th immediately following church. The celebration will include a potluck and short program along with the activities mentioned in the ReVision update.

## 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?** 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. Socks won't solve our community's homeless crisis. But socks can keep homeless people hopeful, knowing there are neighbors like you, who care.

**DEPOSIT SOCKS IN THE NARTHEX TUB THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.**

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 11/26 @ 7 PM

**OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP** will be held **Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm**, with our traditional “pie potluck” following. This year you are invited to consider a donation to the Agape Fund. Donations will be received throughout the month.

## ADVENT FEST! DECEMBER 1, 9:15—10:15 AM

**ADVENT begins December 1<sup>st</sup>** and our annual Advent Feast will include all your favorite traditions - Advent logs, paperwhites, card making, and more! Bring the whole family. Light breakfast served.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:** **Sick/Recovering**: Rich Albers; Carrol Andersen; Bailey Byam; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Ixchela Castaneda; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Joe DiJulio, Sr.; Joe Flint; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Peter Dion Kindem; Kari Kindem; Kyle Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Janet Peck; Michelle Pierce; Marlene Quam; Joey Roberts; Aaden Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Don Spangler; Pat Spangler; Nancy Spannaus; Sean Stephens; Rick Steves; Kaity Streit; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Megan Kindem Webber; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Audrey Zemke.

**Homebound**: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; 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.*



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**We respectfully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homeland of the DUWAMISH PEOPLE.** We recognize the DUWAMISH and other SALISH PEOPLES, the FIRST STEWARDS of this land, who have called this region home—and continue to call it home—from time immemorial. We join with them and with all people who see the Earth, its creatures, watersheds, and habitats, as part of an integral whole reflecting our Creator's intention for wholeness and balance.

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