

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



7:00 PM March 5, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to all who gather this day to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Your presence enriches our community.

The journey of Lent is a journey of turning away and turning toward: AWAY from all that would separate us from God, one another, and creation; TOWARD the abundance which is ours as God's beloved ones, who are called in the waters of baptism to follow Christ and love our neighbor.

For the next five Wednesdays in Lent we will gather at Peace for a simple soup supper @ 6pm, followed by a half-hour service of Evening Prayer at 7pm. This year our Evening Prayer liturgy will be BLESS THIS NIGHT, a new liturgy from the Holden Village Community.



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table this night. 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.



ON ASH WEDNESDAY we begin our forty-day journey with Christ toward the cross and empty tomb. Marking our foreheads with ash, we acknowledge that we are destined to die and return to the Earth. At the same time, the ash traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey together through this season, our relationship with God through the covenant of baptism is renewed. Returning to our baptismal call, we are set free to more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

✝ WE GATHER IN SILENCE ✝

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of 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.**

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Boots Winterstein

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked. Sincere repentance will lead to a dramatic improvement of their condition.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 39:1-7. 12-13 *Read responsively*

¹ I said, 'I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.'

² **I was silent and still; I held my peace to no avail;
my distress grew worse, ³ my heart became hot within me.**

While I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴ **'Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.**

⁵ You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.

⁶ **Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.**

⁷ 'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.

¹² **'Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
do not hold your peace at my tears.
For I am your passing guest, an alien, like all my forebears.**

¹³ Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more.'

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *Please rise as able to receive the gospel.*

ELW page 175

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

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

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 5:27-39

After calling Levi to follow him, Jesus attends a banquet whose guest list includes sinners of all kinds. Breaking protocols, Jesus calls those who object to his behavior into the new thing God is doing in him.

²⁷After this [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸And he got up, left everything, and followed him. ²⁹Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³²I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.” ³³Then they said to him, “John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink. ³⁴Jesus said to them, “You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” ³⁶He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Things of Dust to Dust Return

ACS #920

1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.
 2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend
 3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar-ren cross

The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
 that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end
 re - mind-ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,

The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new-born young that play,
 I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
 and at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my heart to view

the leaves that fill the for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.
 yet by their wan - ing light dis-cern your own un - dy - ing fire.
 how death it - self is but a flash that dies a - way in you.

+ ASHES +

INVITATION TO LENT

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

P As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

P Most holy and merciful God,

**C we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,

and apathy that have infected our lives,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our waste and pollution of your creation,

and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty and Altender God, you created us out of the dust of Earth, our Mother, grounding us in her gifts within the circle of life. May these ashes serve as a sign of our origin and our destiny, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given the life that truly is life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” Sung continuously until all have received ashes ELW #814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

After all who desire ashes have received them, the confession concludes.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A God, in your mercy, C **receive our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

We Raise Our Hands to You

ELW #690

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
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
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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Gracious Provider,
C **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.**
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

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 merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts 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

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, renew in us 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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW #320



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



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LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

God brings new life in unexpected ways and in the most unlikely situations. This devotional reflects on how God does this in the creation of all things, the Israelites' rescue from slavery in Egypt, the dry bones and Ezekiel, the fiery furnace, the big fish and Jonah, and more. *Life Renewed* provides devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (March 5 to April 19, 2025). The devotions begin with evocative images and brief scripture readings drawn from traditional Easter Vigil texts. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

Look for these devotionals on the NARTHEX CABINET. LARGE PRINT also available.

SOUP SUPPERS ARE COMING SOON

Beginning March 12, the table will be set for you on Wednesday evenings during Lent! Come and join others for a soup supper at 6:00 before we assemble for worship at 7:00. Two choices of soup are offered each week (one will be vegetarian), and they are accompanied by bread. We still need a few folks to bring bread as well as volunteers to set up the fellowship hall or clean up after the meal. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: DINNER AND DANCING 3/22 @ 6 PM

On March 22nd, everyone at Peace is invited to a special night of DINNER & DANCING hosted by Peace youth. The festivities begin at 6pm. Funds raised will be used for helping fix up Lakeview Lodge at Lutherwood, plus camperships to attend Lutherwood this summer! Please mark your calendar!

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; Brittany Baker; Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Georgine

Epley; Jeffry Epley; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Jon Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Paul Julin; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Kathy Peters; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Mark Swanson; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Megan Kindem Webber; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars

We express our Christian sympathy to the Nelson family on the death of Larry Nelson, Carrol Andersen's brother.

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 recognize that our congregation is strengthened by diversity, the embrace of equity, and our commitment to anti-racism. We welcome and celebrate the inclusion of those of any race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into the life and mission of our congregation. We invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives.

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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