

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 9, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who accompanies us in all we face, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn.

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of Christ, in bread and wine, water and word, sustains us.



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.

Our Pass the Hat Partner for March is Compass Housing Alliance. Today Christopher Ross, President, will be with us to give us an update. Rev. Kristy Daniels will be our guest preacher.

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please rise in body or spirit and face 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. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the service begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We place our needs and desires above those of others, at great cost to them. We squander the very gifts with which you sustain life on Earth. For all these reasons and others we struggle to name, we seek your forgiveness and the will to begin anew. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross, in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Wisdom, Show Your Face

Ruth Duck

TUNE: ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. O Holy Wisdom, show your face
Beyond the Father's fearful mask.
We seek your healing and your grace;
For battered lives your peace we ask.
2. O Well of Silence, send your voice
beyond the words of wonton pow'r.
O Word of Love, may we rejoice
to hear you speaking in this hour.
3. O Fragrant Scent of Liberty,
with your aroma wrap us round.
O Blessed Heart of Harmony,
unite us in a rainbow sound.
4. Reveal your image in us each,
Long bound by patriarch's decree.
Resound as silence comes to speech
And Truth returns to set us free.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

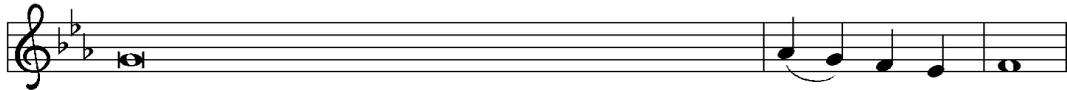
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



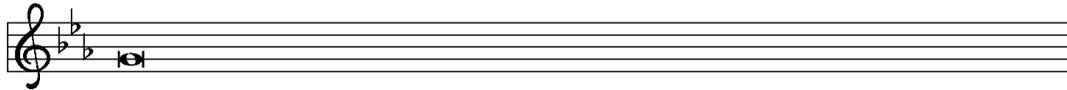
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



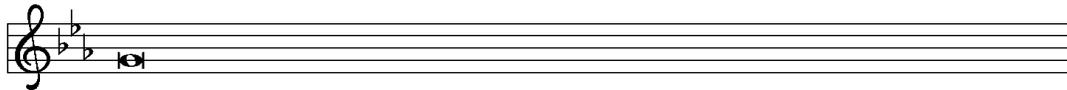
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

Compass Housing Alliance

Christopher Ross

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Vicki Martinez

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.* **ELW page 103**

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 4th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-14a

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "The Son of God."

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHORAL ANTHEM

Be Still, My Soul

Roy Hopp

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Rev. Kristy Daniels

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ruth Duck

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

Paul Bliss

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 +

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 [Tithe.ly Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE.

Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



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.

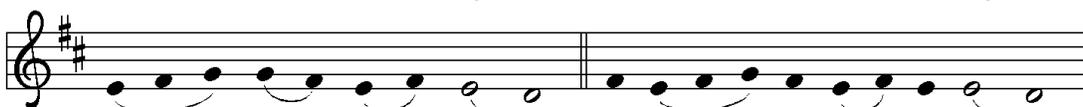
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 107



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.

PREFACE *Sung by Presider*

♪ *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW page 108



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. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Renew 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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

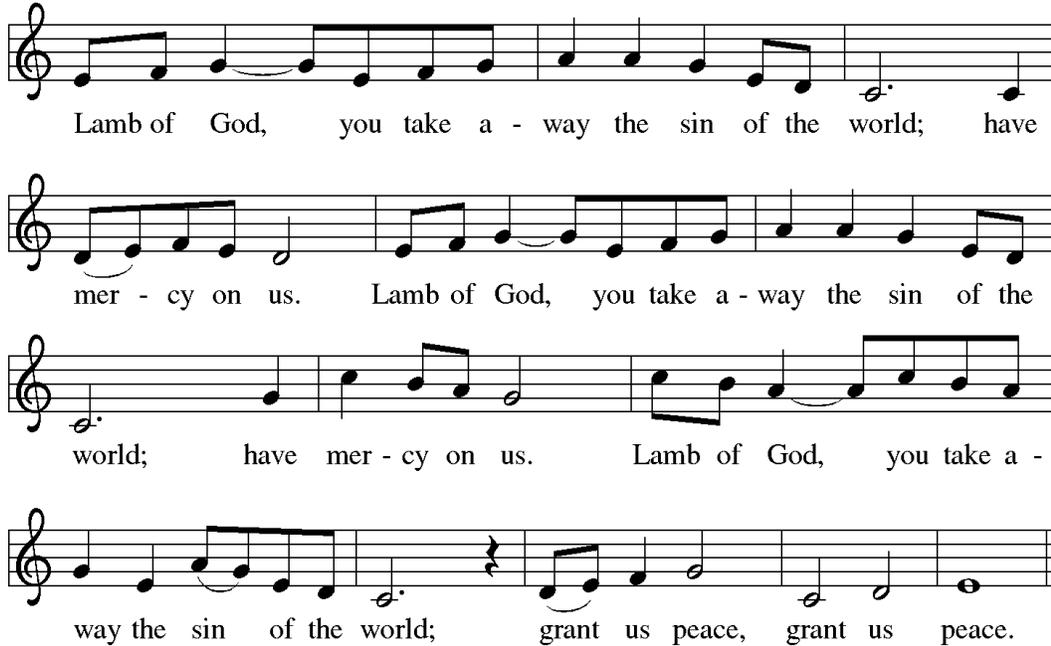
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW page 112

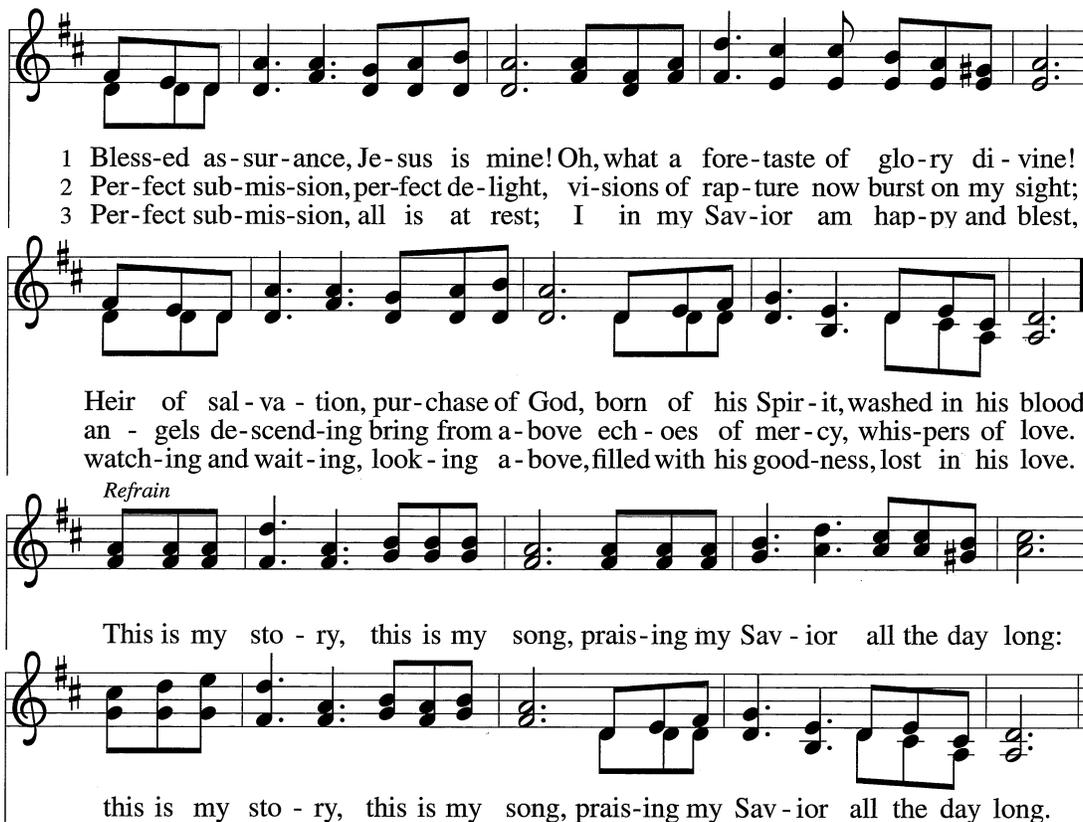


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Crosby
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 *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

African American Spiritual

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,

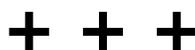
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Lector	Vicki Martinez
Children's Sermon	Nicole Klinemeier
Greeters	Jean Sides, Shannon Williams
Ushers	David Kehle, Audrey Zemke
Altar Care	Esme Klinemeier
Communion Assistants	Sonja & Juliana Outlaw
Coffee Server	Barbara Hillier, Shannon Williams
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Alan Jarvimaki
Counters	Paul Bliss, Jim Lukens
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

CELEBRATING WOMEN COMPOSERS

Today, with communities of faith around the world, we feature the contribution of women composers. Hymns today include two by Ruth Duck, one by Fanny Crosby, and an African American Spiritual. On her hymn *O Holy Wisdom, Show your Face*, Ruth Duck writes: "Many are aware today of the need for a broader range of imagery about God. I find, however, that I cannot always identify images to express my faith authentically. The old images reflect patriarchy, but the new seem contrived and inadequate to the faith experience. This text, written in 1988, prays that God will guide the search for new, healing, liberating images, for the truth that sets us free (John 8:32)" The spiritual, *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, is wedded to the tune that bears the name, SOJOURNER, and is named for Isabella Baumfree who took the name Sojourner Truth. She was a slave in New York. After being sold more than once, beaten, and treated cruelly, she escaped and began to preach, sing, and advocate for women's rights and abolition. We will remember her on March 30th.

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 March 2025

03/02/25	\$ 3,433.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 3,122.41</u>
Total	\$ 6,555.41

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

As you continue to decide on your *Forty Ways to Care for Creation* during Lent, include time to appreciate the wonder of God's creation. Notice the old trees when you walk through Lincoln Park, stop to admire a soaring eagle or osprey on the hunt. Maybe stay up late this Thursday, March 13th, and witness the total lunar eclipse.

Pray for Creation: We pray for a reversal of our national leaders' decisions to strike down all governmental actions to combat climate change. We ask God to give us courage to be bold witnesses to God's plan for Earth and its inhabitants.

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.

THANK YOU FOR FOOD DONATIONS!

130 pounds of food were distributed this week from last Sunday's Food for our Neighbors donations! Thank you! Special requests to keep in mind as you shop this month for our April 6 collection: tortillas and canned corn.

CODE RED BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

More blood is being transfused to local patients than is being donated, and we're running out – fast. Blood donors are urgently needed to combat a severe shortage: less than half of the donors needed in March have signed up to give. Patient need is high locally and requests for emergency shipments of blood are coming in from across the country. We can change that by booking appointments today at **Bloodworks donor centers** and **drives** to donate in the weeks ahead. **How can you help?** We're urging everyone who is **eligible** and feeling healthy to fill immediate appointments at a donor center or blood drive near you. To make your next appointment, visit **BloodworksNW.org**, call **800-398-7888**, or text **BWAPP** to **999-777** to download and book an appointment on the new Bloodworks App.

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; Jeffrey 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; Gordon Knight; 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

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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