

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 23, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



OUR FOCUS FOR THIS LENT: LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

There are many examples of ongoing trauma besetting our world. The Christians whose stories we'll lift up on Sundays during Lent—St. Patrick (3/16); St. Oscar Romero (3/23); Harriet Tubman & Sojourner Truth (3/30); and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (4/6)—refused to allow fear to control or silence them. These ordinary people became extraordinary witnesses, telling the truth, breaking down barriers, challenging the status quo, and putting their own lives at risk while leading others to freedom. They embody the saying, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." 1 John 4:18



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

PRELUDE

The Ash Grove

Janet Cruse, piano/Jim Hunt, violin

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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW #655



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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

ELW page 98

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 mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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 55:1-9

Shannon Williams

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their native land seems like an unbelievable promise of free food & drink for all who come to the celebration. What is more, those who return to the Lord also enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

SOLO ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

Jon Lackey, tenor
Janet Cruse, piano

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 13th Chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgement will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shannon Williams

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Our World is Rent by Violence

ACS #1052



1 When our world is rent by vio-lence and our lives are
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

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](https://www.tithe.ly) via this QR CODE.

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



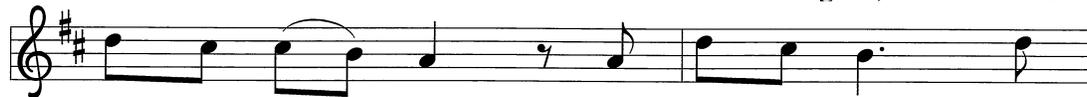
OFFERTORY

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

Rock of Ages

ELW #623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,
 let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,
 be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



CONTACT INFORMATION

8316 39th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98136

206-935-1962

Pastor Erik Kindem's mobile phone number:

206-930-3172

Pastor Erik Kindem's email:

Pastor@PeaceLutheranSeattle.org

Peace Lutheran web page:

www.PeaceLutheranSeattle.org

Kathleen Keyes Office Admin.

Office@PeaceLutheranSeattle.org

Church Office hours:

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm

Nicole Klinemeier, Youth Director

206-427-6496

Jon Lackey, Minister of Music

Music@PeaceLutheranSeattle.org

Find us on  at **People of Peace Lutheran**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. Erik Kindem
Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Guest Pianist	Janet Cruse
Violin	Jim Hunt
Liturgical Assistant	Heidi Eilers
Acolyte	Kimberly Simmons
Lector	Shannon Williams
Children's Sermon	Shannon Williams
Greeters	Marcia Olson, Shannon Williams
Ushers	Christopher and Austin Simmons
Altar Care	Chris Kindem
Communion Assistants	Naomi Kindem, Shannon Williams
Coffee Server	Heidi & Ruth Eilers
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Paul Bliss
Counters	Erika Stephens, Kathleen Keyes
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

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
03/09/25	\$ 1,968.00
03/16/25	\$ 3,575.00
Electronic	\$10,118.84
Total	\$19,094.84

Gifts and matching funds totaling \$11,530 were received in support of the Refugee Ministry of Lutheran Community Services NW. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Every day this week, see if you can replace one additional meal with plant-based options. Could you even go vegetarian (no meat) or vegan (no animal products at all) for the rest of Lent?

Pray for Creation: We pray for the leaders of the Environmental Protection Agency to reverse the rollback of environmental protections and instead use their resources to eliminate all pollutants from our air, rivers, streams, and wetlands.

WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS ARE HERE

For the next 3 Wednesdays in Lent the table will be set for you! 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.

HEALING CREATION RETREAT, SATURDAY APRIL 5

Our Synod LiVE PROJECT will host a one day retreat on the theme: **Healing Creation: Sacred Hope in Action**, on Saturday, April 5 from 9am – 3pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Everett. Hope, active in love, provokes us to join in God’s work of healing creation. Grounded in the image of the Tree of Life in Revelation, Biblical Scholar Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing will explore how God’s creation prompts the church to action and into a more expansive identity. Pastor Erik Kindem and members of the PLC Creation Care Team will explore ways to connect the dots between our worship life and the natural world. **This event is FREE to all Peace people! Use the promo code: LIVE BUNDLE2024.**

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.

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; Georgine Epley; Jeffry Epley; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Jon Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Beth Jacob-Files; 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; 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 family of Paul Julin, Alan Jarvimaki’s brother-in-law, who passed away 3/12/25 and also to the family of Renee Sprouse, Nancy Hauger’s friend.

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.

PERMISSIONS

Liturgical words from *Sundays and Seasons*. © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The Ash Grove Music: Welsh folk tune; arr. Anne Krentz Organ © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved.

Son of God, Eternal Savior Text: Somerset C. Lowry. Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*; arr. Julius Röntgen. Public domain

Kyrie, Lenten Acclamation, The Great Thanksgiving, Sanctus, Lamb of God From setting 1 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Published by Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

How Great Thou Art Text: Carl G. Boberg; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine. Music: Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine. Text and music © 1953, ren. 1981 S.K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc. Used by permission of OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved.

When Our World is Rent by Violence Text: David Bjorlin © 2015 Hope Publishing Company. Music: Carl F. Schalk © 1967 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission of OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved.

We Raise Our Hands to You Text: Svein Ellingsen; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh © Hedwig T. Durnbaugh. Music: Trond Kverno © 1978 Norsk Musikforlag. Used by permission of OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved.

Rock of Ages Text: Augustus M. Toplady. Music: Thomas Hastings. Public domain

Have No Fear, Little Flock Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1 Marjorie Jillson, sts 2-4. Music: Heinz Werner Zimmerman. Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission of OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved.