

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 27, 2025

Christ shows himself to Thomas, Mosaic by Rowan & Irene LeCompte,
Resurrection Chapel, National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to taste his presence, and offering us his peace.



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 April is Teen Feed, the youth designated choice. Today Jordan Van Hoozer, Administrative Director will be with us to let us know about what Teen Feed does.

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW #384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!

ELW pg. 101

Refrain S 101

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.

PASS THE HAT

Teen Feed

Jordan Van Hoozer

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Shannon Williams

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as the faithful witness, or martyr; firstborn of the dead; ruler in a kingdom of priests; the one who comes; the beginning and the end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th Chapter

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shannon Williams

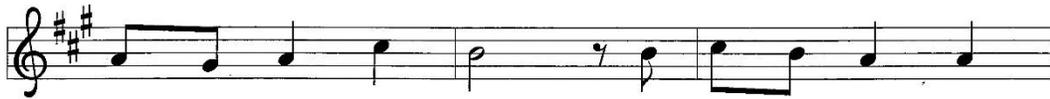
SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

QUILT BLESSING

We bless the quilts produced by the Piece Peacers quilting group and send them off to fulfill their purpose in the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

A We commend these all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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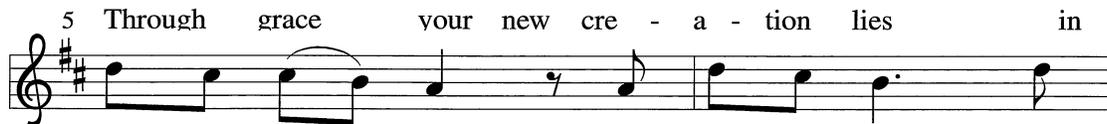
OFFERTORY HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW#690, vs 1-3, 5



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



5 Through grace your new cre - a - tion lies in

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



hands held o - pen. O Giv - er of all

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.

good - ness, come, dwell with us in our earth - ly home.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 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.

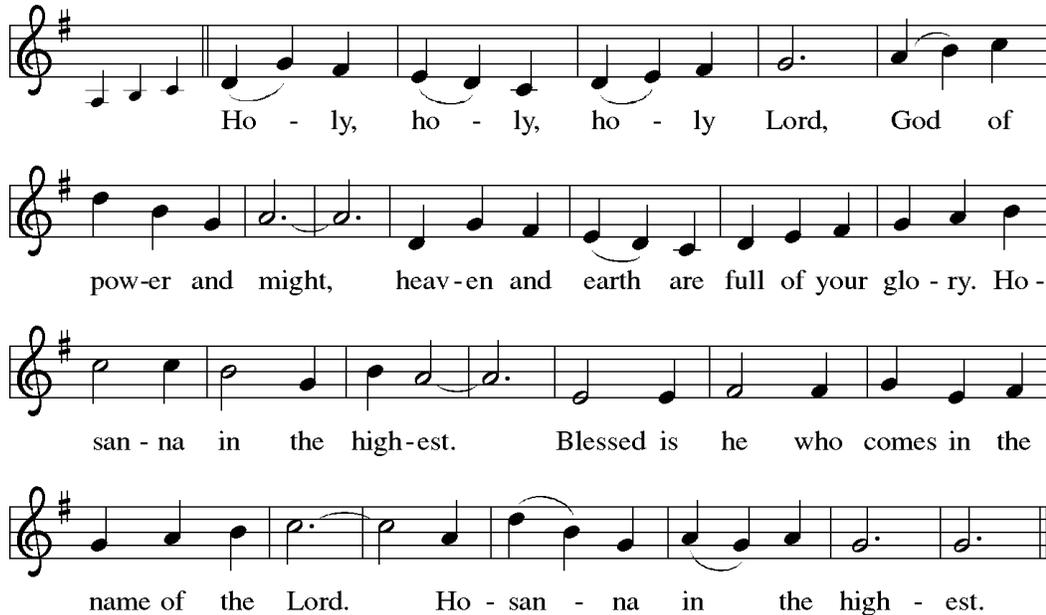


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

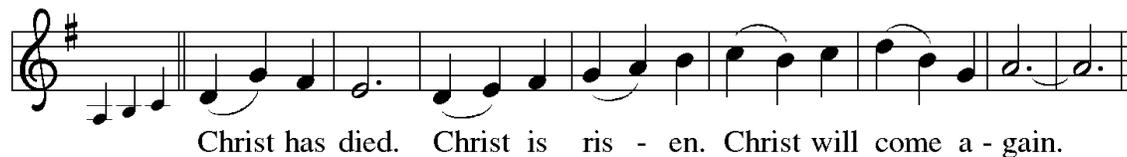
ELW pg. 108



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.

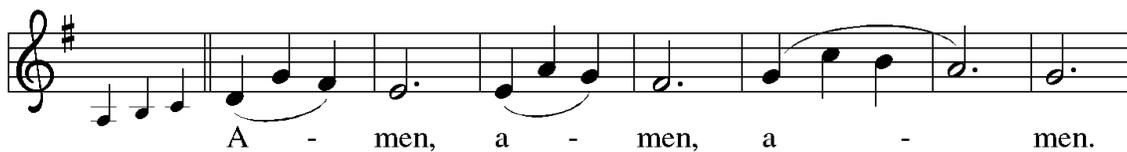
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,
because you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake...
...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,
his life given on the tree, and his rising from the grave...
...through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P With resurrection joy we are bold 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 Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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. 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.

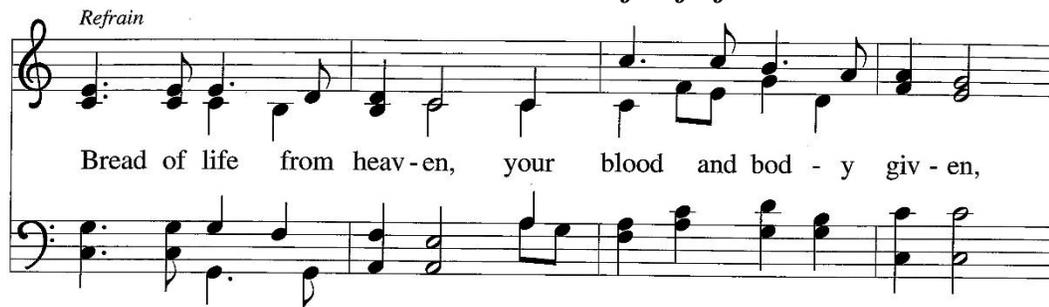
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474



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1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

DISMISSAL

- A Christ is risen.
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude, those who depart are invited to do so quietly.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Acolyte	Kimberly Simmons
Lector	Shannon Williams
Children’s Sermon	Shannon Williams

Greeters	Helen Hundley, Jean Sides
Ushers	Christopher & Austin Simmons
Altar Care	Chris Kindem
Communion Assistants	Sonja & Juliana Outlaw
Coffee Server	Barbara Hillier, Betty Beller
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Alex Wren
Counters	Alan Jarvimaki, Kathleen Keyes

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Offering Income received in April 2025

04/06/25	\$ 1,588.00
04/13/25	\$ 2,005.00
04/20/25	\$ 5,518.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$10,988.81</u>
Total	\$20,099.81

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Earth Month continues this week with its embrace of a powerful, renewable future. Did you know PSE has a voluntary program called Green Up? By supporting this program, you are adding clean, renewable energy to the regional and local power grid for as little as \$1 a month per 100kWh and all the way up to matching 100% of your electricity use. Learn more at <https://www.seattle.gov/city-light/residential-services/home-energy-solutions/renewable-energy-credits>

Pray for Creation: We give thanks for the persistent and passionate advocacy of Pope Francis as he called us to be God's instruments of mercy toward all creation.

EASTER FLOWERS

For those of you who paid for an Easter flower, you are welcome to pick it up and take it home. Thank you so much for your generosity.

TODAY IS QUILT BLESSING SUNDAY

Tied in Faith, Sent in Hope, Wrapped in Love The quilts that bedeck our sanctuary today are the fruit of the *Peace Piecers ministry*. These quilts, adult and baby size, will be given to Lutheran World Relief and Westside Baby. Lutheran World Relief distributes thousands of quilts each year, made in the U.S., to countries that need help for their people. Westside Baby, here in West Seattle, gives hundreds of layettes to poor women each year, all of which include a blanket or quilt. We are grateful for all the volunteers—from within and beyond our congregation—who give their time and energy to this ministry. They are: Betty Beller, Sharon Clark, Colleen Cooke, Marty Dedrickson, Jacquelyn Nash, Sarah Killinger, Nancy Kiser, Lisa & Kimberly Simmons, and Barbara Hillier. We thank God for you! If you are able, please share in the mission of the Peace Piecers by contributing to the cost of shipping the quilts. We are shipping them out this week. Checks can be made payable to Peace Lutheran Church with Quilts noted on the memo line. Thank you!

POETRY READING AT PEACE TODAY @ 1:30pm

Connecting Communities: Weaving People, Poetry, & Possibility today at 1:30pm Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for community connection and unabashed sharing of poetry and possibility! We'll also share stories, songs and art, our voices and laughter, optimism and despairs with generous listening of one another. Please bring a gift of nature for our center: stones, flowers, seeds, moss, leaves, water, feathers, or other bits of Earth. Why come? Re-center your internal heart strength, Re-new your vigor and vitality, Reinforce your capacity for generosity, Re-envision opportunities of appreciation, and expect to spread your good around! Together, let's unfold like springtime, tender and strong, beautiful and temporary.

Judy Todd-Guest Poet & Facilitator & Colleen Cooke-Organizer and Contact 360-840-0885

CONFIRMANDS ON FINAL RETREAT MAY 2-4

Pastor Erik and Nicole are leading our Confirmands on their final retreat, Friday, May 2–Sunday, May 4, at the Grunewald Guild, north of Leavenworth. Please hold them in prayer as they reflect together on life and faith and how they are being called by the Spirit to live within the covenant God made with them in Holy Baptism. Confirmands include: Jaxson Coy, Luna Churchill, Wyatt Gray, Esme Klinemeier. Mateo Leon-Stephens, Kimberly Simmons, and Ben Ward. **The *Rite of Confirmation* will take place Sunday, June 8th, at 10:30am.**

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO REFUGEES RECENTLY RESETTLED IN OUR COMMUNITY!

This Wednesday, April 30, is the last day for receiving desperately-needed kitchenware and infant clothing to be distributed by Lutheran Community Services Northwest to our new neighbors .(See items on full display in Peace's downstairs entry hall as well as in the narthex!)
Questions? Contact Marcia Olson at 206-937-3765 or Boots Winterstein at 206-802-8949.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS 5/4

-- *already!*-- **next Sunday, May 4.** Special request for May: tab top cans of ready-to-eat food items. Shelf-stable foods are always welcome, too. We share our bounty with our own Little Free Pantry, the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center, and the White Center Food Bank. Thank you!

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; Cortney; Mike & Marsha Davis; Georgine Epley; Jeffrey Epley; Stephen Fuller; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Jon Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Beth Jacob-Files; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Gordon Knight; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Kathy Peters; Michelle Pierce; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Angela Walker; 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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