

ASCENSION SUNDAY



Peace Scholarship Sunday
June 1, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We, too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

*Today is scholarship Sunday at Peace and graduating seniors **Jesse Dabbs and Vinh Le-Truong** will each receive a **\$1,500 Peace Scholarship**. The purpose of the Peace Scholarship is to offer support to high school graduates from Peace and who develop a plan to further their education and/or prepare themselves for lives of service in the world. The scholarship is a tangible gesture of our congregation's investment in them as persons, our enduring interest in their lives, and our conviction that God desires to use them as "salt and light" in the world.*



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* 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855, vs. 1-3

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.

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. Almighty and Altender God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Janet Cruse

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have

heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, as I remember you in my prayers; ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

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 Luke, the 24th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Voice, Alleluia

Sally Albrecht

CHILDREN’S TIME

Shannon Williams

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

ELW #393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l’wers
sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they
sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

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:

P We commend these and 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.**

PRESENTATION OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Jesse Dabbs, Vinh Le-Truong

Scholarship Committee: Donna Kehle, Nicole Klinemeier, Pastor Erik Kindem

Congregational President: Pete Streit

+ 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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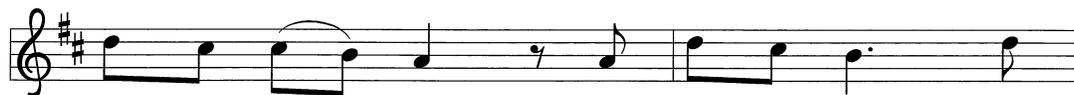
OFFERTORY HYMN

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 creation 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second staff contains 'pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff contains 'name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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



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

Here is Bread

ELW #483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855, vs. 4-5



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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



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| Communion Assistants | Naomi Kindem, Esme Klinemeier |
| Coffee Server | Jean Sides |
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| Nursery Attendant | Heidi Coy |

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 May 2025

05/04/25	\$ 2,047.00
05/11/25	\$ 1,599.00
05/18/25	\$ 3,304.00
05/25/25	\$11,355.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$13,487.86</u>
Total	\$31,792.86

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Shoreline's GoNatives! Nursery recently alerted customers that the climate crisis has "turned the Northwest's 1 month of sun in August to now as much as 5 months of potentially sunny dry weather." This means what you planted even last fall will likely need some supplemental watering this summer, even if those plants are drought tolerant and you have mulch or chips helping prevent evaporation. Days with no rain and low humidity prevent plants from safely photo-respiring. Conifers may be particularly threatened in the upcoming years. To check if you should water, stick your finger all the way into the soil by the base of the plant. If it's dry, you need to water—not a sprinkle, but a dowsing at the base of the plant so you water the entire plant's roots completely.

Pray for Creation: We pray that the indifference and inaction of government and industry toward the health of our planet will not deter us from our own responsibility as Earth-tenders.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS TODAY

This Sunday, June 1, is *First Sunday Food for our Neighbors*. Your donations of shelf-stable food will be distributed through Peace's Little Free Pantry, the White Center Food Bank, and the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center. June special feature: fruit--dried, canned, or fresh, if safely transportable. Please bring your items to the front pews or place them in the marked drawer in the narthex. Thanks!

PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY JUNE 8

Next Sunday is Pentecost—remember to wear red. It is also Confirmation Sunday. Seven Peace youth will be confirmed on this day. They are: Luna Churchill, Wyatt Gray, Esme Klinemeier, Mateo Leon-Stephens, Kimberly Simmons, Jaxson Troupe, and Ben Ward. There will be a reception for our seven Confirmands that will take place in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following the service. *Please join in supporting our young people in this significant milestone of their faith journey!*

NO ATTENDANT IN NURSERY JUNE 8

Heidi Coy will not be in the nursery on June 8, because her son Jaxson is being confirmed. She will be participating in the service with him.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE TO 9:30 BEGINNING 6/15

Beginning June 15 our service time will switch to 9:30 am for the summer. It will remain at 9:30 through Labor Day and will revert to 10:30 on September 7.

PREVIEW OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

We'll be marking a 3-week long Season of Creation this year on **June 15, 22, 29**, using themes inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book: *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*. We have 14 copies of the book available for \$12 each. Make checks payable to PLC with a note/memo: "Serviceberry book."



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; Brittany Baker; Deric Bevier; Marlen Boivin; Mary Bocker; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; Jeffry Epley; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Michelle G.; Bob Gaines; Caity Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Noah Kindem; Gordon Knight; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Don Maier; Evelyn Martinez; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Angela Walker; Pam Webber.

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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