

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace ~ Your Presence Enriches Our Community

In the voice of the prophet Hosea we catch a glimpse of God's compassionate heart, while Paul's letter calls us to say no to those habits and practices that prevent us from fully embracing the new life to which we were called in baptism. Finally, Jesus adds his own warning about greed, and offers a critique of the economic system and mindset that values accumulation over generosity.

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***Today we will celebrate Holy Communion. Christ is the host of this meal of grace and offers himself fully, body and blood, in the bread and wine.
All are welcome to meet him at the Table.***

+ GATHERING +

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

Making Their Way

ACS #979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris-tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

ELW #525

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-11

Heidi Messenheimer

Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities;
it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim,
for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria,
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.

ELW #174

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

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God’s reign, the “rich will be sent away empty.” Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one’s life with the value of one’s possessions rather than one’s relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Shannon Williams

SERMON

Laura Bermes

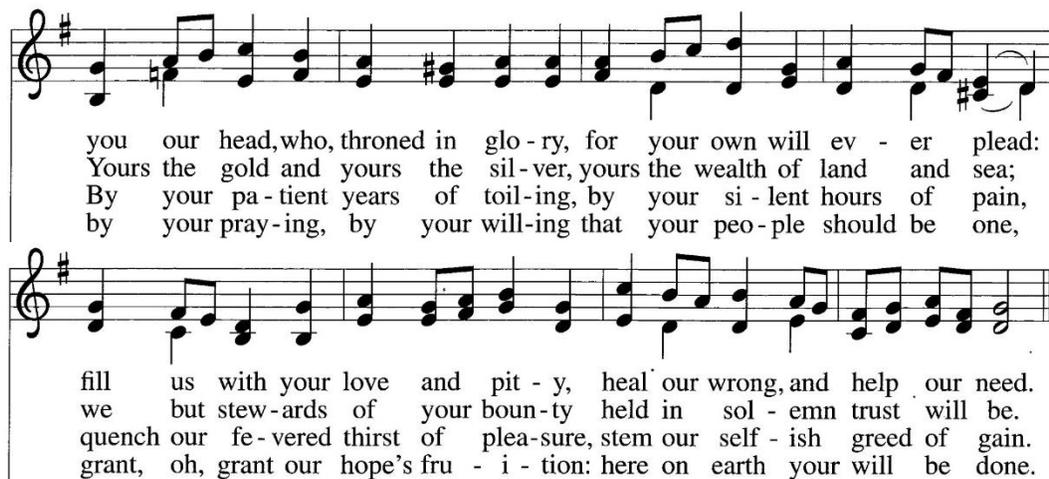
HYMN OF THE DAY

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:

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *Share a gesture of peace with your neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Creator God,

C in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the Earth and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and altender God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the creatures of earth, sea, and sky, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night he shared his final meal with his disciples, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

C Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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 In the economy of God, there is enough for all. Come to the table!

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW #545

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*In consideration for those who choose 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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Ushers	Kristin Gimelli Hemme, Audrey Zemke
Altar Care	Chris Kindem
Communion Assistants	Shannon Williams, Laura Bermes
Coffee Server	Jean Sides
Production Techs	Dustin Smith, Alex Wren
Counters	Kristin Gimelli Hemme, Jim Lukens
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received July 2025

07/06/25	\$ 4,968.00
07/13/25	\$ 2,851.00
07/20/25	\$ 2,177.00
07/27/25	\$ 1,155.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$13,649.12</u>
Total	\$24,800.12

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Shopping and returns generate a lot of greenhouse gas emissions and garbage, as many online returns are discarded and not resold. But there are ways you can help. This month, we're focusing our Acts for Creation on tips to help you be a more sustainable shopper so you can limit your environmental impact from buying stuff *and* save money in the bargain. Today's tip: Before that item goes in your physical or online shopping cart, **ask yourself why you want it**. Some stuff we buy, we need. Other stuff, not so much. What need or problem is this item going to solve? Do you already have anything that does the job? Visualize yourself with this item in one, two, or three years. Do you think you'll still want to wear it, see it, use it? If it passes those tests, buy it. If not, don't. (Source: Wirecutter)

Pray for Creation: We grieve the potential environmental damage as our country continues to expand its nuclear arsenal, and we ask God to make us courageous advocates for peace.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS 8/3

Today, August 3, is--already! -- First Sunday Food for our Neighbors. August's special emphasis: breakfast and healthy snack items. NEW THIS MONTH: pet food for our neighbors' cat and dog companions. Thank you, Ginger Nehrbass, for providing this service at The Welcome Table!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Plants are an integral part of the circle of life and a beautiful reminder of our connection with all of Creation. Could you enhance our weekly worship with flowers or foliage from your garden (or floral shop or farmers' market)? Just sign up for a specific Sunday on the new flower chart in the narthex by the serving counter. You don't need to be a professional "flower arranger." Simple is good. Thanks.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND GREETERS NEEDED

We are in great need of more communion assistants and greeters. Some volunteers are taking on roles quite a few Sundays to make sure all are served. Both are pretty straightforward roles. Greeters need to be here about half an hour early, and once the service starts, they are done. Serving communion happens during the service and requires no extra preparation. If you are already here, you could step up to serve communion. Please let Kathleen Keyes in the office know if you are interested. Training will be provided.

GUEST PREACHERS AND MUSICIANS IN AUGUST

Pastor Kindem will be taking Continuing Education and Vacation weeks the first four Sundays of August. Minister of Music Jon Lackey will also be taking some time off in August. We look forward to welcoming the following preachers, presiders, and organists this month:

- 8/3 Preacher Laura Bermes; Presider Boots Winterstein; Organist Jon Lackey
- 8/10 Preacher Heidi Messenheimer (Gray); Presider Heidi Eilers; Pianist Jeremy Dupea
- 8/17 Preacher and Presider Rev. Kristy Daniels; Pianist Diane Lemcio
- 8/24 Preacher and Presider Rev. Kristy Daniels; Organist Jon Lackey

Pastor Kindem will return to the pulpit on August 31st.

MID-YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Mid-year contribution statements are available for pick up on a counter in the Narthex. Please pick up your statement even if you don't need it for tax purposes. You can review it for accuracy and let David Kehle know if there are any errors.

HABITAT INTERFAITH BUILD SEPTEMBER 13

Once again we'll join other communities of faith on Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build in South Park on Saturday, September 13th. Peace folk will be providing the lunch that day (see Nicole K for details.) Site volunteers must be at least 16 years old. All the tools, safety equipment, and supervision needed for the day will be provided. Questions? Check with Pastor Erik or with Alex Wyatt, Director of Corporate and Community Programs at alex.wyatt@habitatskc.org or 206-866-6783. **Scan the QR code to register.**



2025 Interfaith Build
SCAN TO REGISTER

POTLUCK PROJECT, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 @ 5:30-7:30pm

Over the past nine months Pastor Erik Kindem and Rabbi Allison Flash of Kol HaNeshamah Synagogue (Alki) have been in conversation about bringing our communities together using the model developed by Paths to Understanding called **POTLUCK PROJECT**. **Our first gathering is set to take place on Sunday, September 14, 5:30-7:30**. The Kol HaNeshamah Congregation will host.

What is POTLUCK PROJECT? In a time when there's an epidemic of loneliness and our country is deeply divided, many of us long for connections that allow us to discover our common humanity. The Potluck Project gathering provides a safe container for enjoying a meal and getting to know one another through a carefully curated set of questions. *No debates, no politics – just people sharing stories about their life and their hopes for our community.* It will be fun—and we'd love you to be part of it. **NOTE: This first occasion is more appropriate for mature young people and adults.** Look for a sign up email in your inbox soon. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Erik.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Brittany Baker; Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Vonda Cuchine; Jeffery Epley; Pio Escame; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Michelle G.; Bob Gaines; Nancy Hauger; Donna Heiland; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Mel Jacob; Carol Jensen; Ken

Keyes; Kari Kindem; Noah Kindem; Gordon Knight; Bree Kramer; Andrew Langford; John Lindsay; Jim Lukens; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Ted Mathews; Keith McPherson; Steve Metzler; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; the Stewart family; Sarah Taylor; Tracy and Ralph; Angela Walker; Pam Webber; Megan 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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