

# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



August 10, 2025

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Welcome to Peace ~ Your Presence Enriches Our Community*

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

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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

### *The God of Abraham Praise*

ELW #831

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

“I Am the One I Am”—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

## 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.

<sup>2</sup>  
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. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Kathleen Keyes

*Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.*

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

- <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more!
- <sup>13</sup> Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
- <sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
- <sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
- <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds  
from before my eyes; cease to do evil;
- <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;  
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.
- <sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:  
If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow?  
If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?
- <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,  
<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Nicole Klinemeier

**SERMON**

Heidi Messenheimer

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**ELW #802**

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Paul Bliss

**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**

**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, can mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*



**OFFERTORY***We Are an Offering*

ELW #692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

**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

#### *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW #618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me  
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es  
feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

### 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

Pastor	Rev. Erik Kindem
Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Guest Presider	Boots Winterstein
Guest Preacher	Heidi Messenheimer (Gray)
Guest Pianist	Jeremy Dupea
Liturgical Assistant	Paul Bliss
Acolyte	Kimberly Simmons
Lector	Kathleen Keyes
Children's Sermon	Nicole Klinemeier
Greeters	Corinne Otakie, Jean Sides
Ushers	Christopher & Austin Simmons
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Sonja & Juliana Outlaw
Coffee Server	Ginger Nehrbass
Production Techs	Matthew Toso, Alex Wren
Counters	Paul Bliss, Erika Stephens
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Offering Income received August 2025

08/03/25	\$ 1,470.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 622.32</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,092.32</b>

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Today's sustainable shopping tip: **Double-check at checkout.** Don't tell yourself "I can always return it." That's another trip or another shipment and most returned items are junked, especially by online retailers, not resold. Taking your time during checkout reduces returns and exchanges, and saves you time and frustration down the line. To avoid returns and exchanges, always double check what you've put in your cart, even for small purchases. Confirm dimensions, clothing sizes, colors, model numbers, product compatibility, and styles. And do some research: reading reviews and expert advice about who this item is for will help you avoid getting something that's an imperfect fit for your taste or the problem you want to solve. (Source: Wirecutter)

**Pray for Creation:** As climate change continues to endanger salmon habitats, we ask God to keep us mindful of how our water use impacts the water levels of the streams, creeks, and rivers on which our kin depend.

## 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.

## 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:

- 8/17 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:alex.wyatt@habitatskc.org) or 206-866-6783. **Scan the QR code 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; Jeffry Epley; Pio Escame; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Michelle G.; Bob Gaines; Nancy Hauger; Donna Heiland; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Mel Jacob; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Noah Kindem; Gordon Knight; Bree Kramer; Andrew Langford; John Lindsay; Jim Lukens; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Ted Mathews; Steve Metzler; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Stewart family; Sarah Taylor; Tracy & Ralph; Angela Walker; Pam Webber; Megan Webber.

**Homebound:** Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars

**We express our Christian sympathy to:** 1. The family of Kathleen Fueger's cousin Keith McPherson, who died on 8/2: his beloved wife Denise, son Ian and daughter-in-law Janice, his mom, siblings and their families, and the entire McPherson family. 2. The family of Pat Gorence who passed away on 8/4. Pat's husband is John Bach, and her daughter is Amy Bach, the Winterstein's daughter-in-law. 3. The family of Rev. Carol Jensen who died on 8/2. Carol's memorial service will be **Thursday, August 14, 2pm** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett, WA.

**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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