

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



August 17, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace ~ Your Presence Enriches Our Community

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”



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.

Our Pass the Hat partner this month is Lutheran Community Services NW. Bee Dellepiane and Program Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services, Justin Estep will be with us to let us know about the impact we at Peace have made for the refugees and a broader overview of LCSNW’s programs.

+ GATHERING +

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW #876

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise to our al - might - y king!”
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!”
“Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

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

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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PASS THE HAT

Lutheran Community Services NW

Bee Dellepiane
Justin Estep

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Julie Ward

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29- 12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Rev. Kristy Daniels

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ACS #1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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Greeters	Ginger Nehrbass, Jean Sides
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Altar Care	Will & Ben Ward
Communion Assistants	Will Ward, Kathleen Keyes
Coffee Server	Heidi & Ruth Eilers
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Alex Wren
Counters	Kathleen Keyes, Jim Hunt
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received August 2025

08/03/25	\$ 1,470.00
08/10/25	\$ 4,135.00
Electronic	\$ 6,542.67
Total	\$12,147.67

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Today's sustainable shopping tip: Shop secondhand. Take advantage of local second-hand stores, rental services, swapping or Buy Nothing networks, yard and stoop sales, and online marketplaces like ThredUp, Facebook Marketplace, or eBay. Many big clothing, furniture, and appliance retailers—such as Patagonia, WestElm, and Vitamix—as well as boutique brands are increasingly offering trade-in programs and secondhand marketplaces, so you may want to check on your favorites. (Source: Wirecutter)

Pray for Creation: We pray for the courage to hold those who govern accountable for their disregard of the many contributions science gives to the health of our planet.

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:

- 8/17 Preacher and Presider Rev. Kristy Daniels; Organist 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; the family of Betty Edgmon; 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; the Stewart family; Sarah Taylor; Tracy and Ralph; Angela Walker; Pam Webber; Megan Webber.

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

We express our Christian sympathy to Linda Morrell and the rest of the Morrell family on the death of Bill Morrell on August 9.

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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