

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



St. Lucia before the Judge, Lorenzo Lotto 1532

October 19, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace ~ Your Presence Enriches Our Community

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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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. Receiving him, we become what we have partaken: the body of Christ for the world. 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

CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS *At the font. Please rise in body or spirit.*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are a stiff-necked people.**

We grumble over the grace you show others.

We trample on the needy, ignore the hungry, and count ourselves blessed.

Have mercy on us.

Open our tight-fisted minds; divest us of our greed.

Awaken us to the needs of neighbors nearby and far away.

Make us agents and advocates for your beloved community!

P Siblings in Christ—though we are faith-less, God remains faith-full.

Jesus Christ came into the world to liberate us from all that binds us.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Now, follow him on the Way.

C **Jesus is the one whom we follow.**

His eyes become our eyes, his heart our heart.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

How Long, O God

ELW #698



1 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
5 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us 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.

KYRIE

ELW page 184

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Julie Ward

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Love of God

Women's Chorus

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

Time for Reflection

Refrain - All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Lord of the harvest,
C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 earth, sea, and sky and all their creatures, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, our Bread of Life, our Table and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah.
 You provided for Hagar and Ishmael.
 You fed your children with manna from heaven.
 You sent your Son Jesus to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.
- 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 of them 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.**
- P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,
 his life given for us, and his rising from the grave,
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

P Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that, nurtured by this meal,
we may serve all in hunger and want and so become your body for the world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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

ELW Page 191



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, Lamb of God.

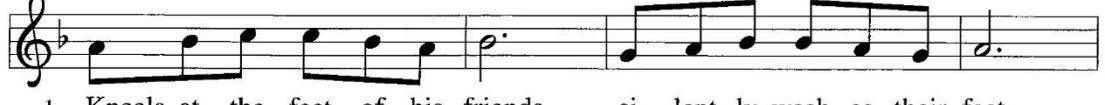
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P The God of mercy, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received October 2025

10/5/25	\$ 1,578.00
10/12/25	\$ 2,675.00
Electronic	\$ 7,703.80
Total	\$11,956.80

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

This Friday is International Day of Climate Action which makes this week a great time to take three simple steps toward using less energy at home. 1) Swap incandescent bulbs for energy-efficient LEDs, which use roughly 75% less energy and last longer. 2) Turn off lights and unplug electronics and chargers when they're not in use. Many draw energy even when they're off but still plugged in. Make it easier with smart power strips. There are even models with timers to automatically cut power to those electronics. 3) Lower your heating setting when you're away or asleep.

Pray for Creation: May the changing of the seasons remind us that our time is in the hands of our Creator whose care for us is constant.

OFFERING OF LETTERS TOAY, OCTOBER 19

This Sunday, October 19: Join us in prayer and action for a change in national priorities and an end to hunger. Watch for a special opportunity to respond (in the comfort of your own home) to Calls to Action from the **ELCA and Bread for the World**. This is an important time for people of faith and compassion to stand together. For helpful information in the meantime, you can check with Bread.org or ELCA.org/Advocacy

BLESSING OF QUILTS OCTOBER 26

Next week beautiful and cozy quilts sewn by *Peace Piecers* will be blessed and sent on their way. The Blessing of Quilts is a bi-annual event during which “Oohs” and “Ahhs” can be heard as worshippers appreciate the quilts draped over every pew. As expressed during our current visioning process, our congregation hopes that neighbors—including those unchurched or of other faith traditions—will participate in our mission and outreach. Peace Piecers is one group that has a long history with just that! This cross-generational group, coordinated by Barbara Hillier, includes PLC members, friends, relatives, *and neighbors*: Betty Beller, Sharon Clark, Colleen Cooke, Marty Dedrickson, Jacquelyn Nash, Sarah Killinger, Nancy Kiser, Lisa & Kimberly Simmons, and Barbara Hillier. The benefit is far reaching with each quilt being donated to Lutheran World Relief and Westside Baby who distribute them to grateful individuals near and far. Westside Baby, here in West Seattle, gives hundreds of layettes to women each year, all of which include a blanket or quilt. All of us, whether we sew or not, are invited to participate in this inspired group. Join in recognizing, blessing, and celebrating the work of *Peace Piecers* on Reformation Sunday, October 26th. If you are able, please share in the mission of the Peace Piecers by contributing to the cost of shipping the quilts. Checks can be made payable to Peace Lutheran Church with Quilts noted on the memo line. Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Thrivent members! (If you have an account with Thrivent, you are a Thrivent member). Thrivent Action Team grants are available for projects that benefit the community. When projects are proposed in conjunction with a congregation, the "seed money" that Thrivent supplies (\$250) can be expanded to help make the project a success.

Applying for a grant as a member is easy. It can be done online and project approval generally occurs soon after applications are submitted. Mary Jacob is available to assist with grant ideas and applications. Contact her at 407-252-8807 or maryjacob1946@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS NOV. 2

November 2nd is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, and keeping with tradition, all are invited to bring photos or other remembrances of the dear ones who are now part of the “great cloud of witnesses.” We will be remembering in particular the following people who have died in the last year: *Carrol Andersen, JoAnne Spangler, and Jim Meyer*.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Vonda Cuchine; Jeffrey Epley; Pio Escame; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Michelle G.; Jon Gault; Nick Griffin; Donna Heiland; Cade Howard; Helen Hundley; Maria Iriarte; Kara J.; Mary Jacob; Mel Jacob; Peter Kalen; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Evelyn Martinez; Helen McBride; Steve Metzler; Carol Mikesell; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Wes Price; Kelly Renfro; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Sarah Taylor; Tracy and Ralph; Angela Walker; Pam Webber; Megan Webber; Jeannette Whitworth.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars
We express our Christian sympathy to 1. The Stansbury family and Dave's wife Lois on the death of Dave Stansbury who passed away on 10/11/25. He was a friend of Jean Sides' family. 2. The family of Jeremy (Kathleen Fueger's friend) who passed away recently.

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.

PERMISSIONS

On the cover page is a painting by Lorenzo Lotto entitled, "Saint Lucy before the Judge." A woman gestures fiercely at a judge high above her on his bench while two court officials try to hold her back and a child runs toward her. Witness to the scene is the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove.

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