

# + THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP + November 26, 2025

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. Even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving."  
We give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.*

## + GATHERING +

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

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN

### *O God, Whose Word Well-Planted*

ACS #975



1 O God, whose word well - plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred -  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient



fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to  
rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its  
field will test with truth the proud-est that



those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness  
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your  
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will



scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where  
Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that  
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and



oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

P O God, eternally Generous One, source and goal of all things,  
we gather to give you thanks.

**C For breath that fills us with your life, for love that softens our hearts,  
for beauty revealed at every turn.**

P Christ redeeming and forgiving One, who is always faithful and merciful,  
we gather to give you thanks.

**C For renewal, transforming our lives, for peace calming the chaos of our souls,  
for hope restoring our faith.**

P Sustaining Spirit, compassionate One, who calls us into relationship  
with the living God, we give you thanks.

**C For caring when our hearts are aching, for supportive friends in times of need.**

P God who created the earth and the heavens, Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,  
we gather to give you thanks.

**C We come with hearts full of gratitude for all good things, giving thanks to you.**

P For the universe immense and unknown, for the earth on which we live,  
for humankind made in your image.

**C Thanks and praise to God our creator.**

For the way you entered the human story as one of us,  
For the way you poured yourself out for all,  
For dying that we might live.

**C Thanks and praise to Christ our redeemer,**

For the wonder of your indwelling presence,  
For the comfort of your guidance and direction,  
For drawing us together as one body.

**C Thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit our sustainer.**

Through your will we are made whole.  
Through your love we are renewed.  
Through your abiding presence we become one community.

**C Thanks and praise to you, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
through all eternity. Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Nancy Hauger

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to

the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

<sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9**

*Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 6:25-35**

*The day after he multiplies the bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is the bread of life.*

When they found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Praise You for the Life That Stirs*

PROSPECT

- 1 We sing your praise for autumn's glow, for harvest yield from springtime seed;  
Upon our hearts your grace bestow till faith bears fruit in living deed.
- 2 We sing your praise through winter's night, when earth in frozen silence lies,  
For promise of returning light, for life in Christ that never dies.
- 3 Praise Father/Mother, Spirit, Son, lift high your voices with the throng  
of saints and angels, joined as one in grateful, everlasting song.

THE PRAYERS

*Petitions end: Lord in mercy. Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Ecumenical*)

**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.**

THE OFFERING

*Agape Fund*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **We come to you, Lord, with hearts full of gratitude for all that we have received from your hands. In a world ripe with crises, you call us to be your presence.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to reach out through your church with these gifts.**

**May your purposes be fulfilled through our sharing, today and always. Amen.**

# + SENDING +

## BLESSING

P The love of God surround you;  
the grace of + Christ inspire you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forever.

C Amen

## SENDING HYMN

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW #840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### *Vesper Hymn*

Piano: Janet Cruse, Violin Jim Hunt

*Those who desire are welcome to hum or sing along on the postlude*

*Now, on land and sea descending,  
Brings the night its peace profound;  
Let our vesper hymn be blending  
With the holy calm around.  
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate! Amen!  
Let our vesper hymn be blending,  
With the holy calm around.*

*Soon as dies the sunset glory,  
Stars of heaven shine out above;  
Telling still the ancient story,  
Their Creator's changeless love.  
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate! Amen!  
Telling still the ancient story,  
Their Creator's changeless love.*

*Now, our wants and burdens leaving  
To God's care who cares for all;  
Cease we fearing, cease we grieving,  
Touched by God our burdens fall.  
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate! Amen!  
Cease we fearing, cease we grieving;  
touched by God our burdens fall.*

*As the darkness deepens o'er us,  
Lo! eternal stars arise;  
Hope and faith and love rise glorious,  
Shining in the Spirit's skies.  
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate! Amen!  
Hope and faith and love rise glorious,  
Shining in the Spirit's skies. Amen.*

*Please join us in the narthex for our pie potluck!*

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## 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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