

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



JANUARY 25, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.



We celebrate Christ’s presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. All are welcome to the Lord’s Table.

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Please rise in body or spirit

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.

PASTORAL GREETING

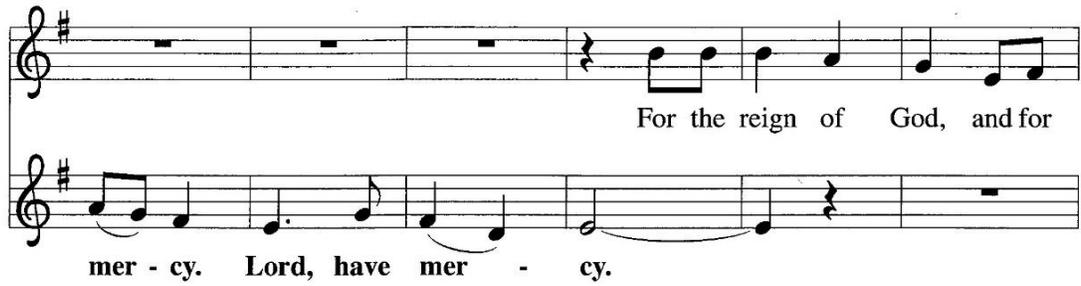
P The grace, love and peace of the Triune + God be with you all.

C And also with you.

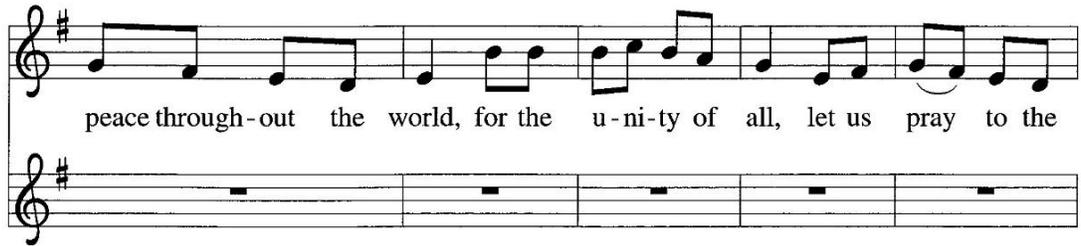
KYRIE

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

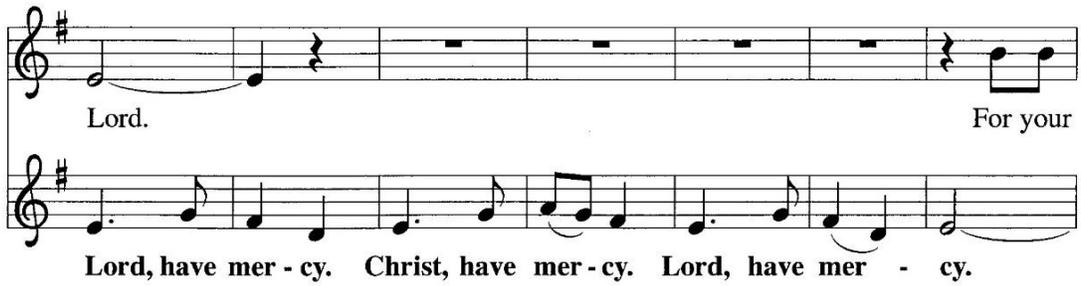
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



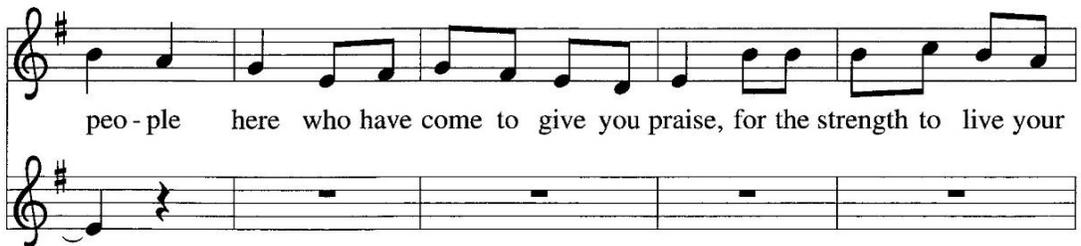
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Helen Hundley

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel.

Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ.

Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power 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.*

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod.

He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Helen Hundley

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please rise in body or spirit.

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

ELW #312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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



OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, —
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

to Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of majesty,

C no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow the Way of justice and love. And so with the church on Earth, all creation and host of heaven, we praise you 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 On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember 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 to remember me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer of Jesus:

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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

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

Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW #696

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please rise in body or spirit.*

A Let us pray. Radiant God,

C we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
 and tuned your heart for praise, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C May it be so! Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude,
those who depart are invited to do so quietly.*



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region,
and internationally through the ELCA!*

Offering Income received in January 2026

01/04/26	\$ 3,115.00
01/11/26	\$ 1,278.00
01/18/26	\$ 3,072.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$10,198.48</u>
Total	\$18,194.48

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

We meet today to reflect on our progress as People of Peace and our plans for the future. Our proposed new mission statement includes “seeking just relationships with all people and all creation.” Indigenous cultures understand that all things are alive, interconnected, and interrelated. This week, consider how such an understanding might change how you view the world around you and what that might mean for your daily activities. **Pray for Creation:** We give thanks for our Creation Care ministry which motivates and equips us to live into our call as individuals and as a congregation to tend the earth, beginning at home.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 AVAILABLE

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available for pick-up for those of you who do not donate electronically. They are on a counter in the narthex closest to the office.

YEAR END STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Year-end statements are available in the narthex for you to pick up. If you have any questions, please call Dave Kehle.

POTLUCK PROJECT EVENT: FEBRUARY 1st 5:30-7:30pm

Our second Potluck Project gathering will take place on Sunday, February 1, 5:30-7:30, and the people of Kol HaNeshamah will once again host. 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. [NOTE: *These occasions are appropriate for mature teens and adults.*] Our hosts will provide main dishes (vegetarian, nut-free) and drinks. Our contribution will be vegetarian side dishes and desserts—(only nut-free please.) The address: 6115 SW Hinds St., Seattle, WA, 98116. **Please use this [SIGN UP LINK](#) to reserve a spot for yourself and to let us know what you plan to bring. Sign ups close @ 12 noon on Saturday, January 31st.**

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 1, IS 1ST SUNDAY FOOD FOR NEIGHBORS

February focus: breakfast items and nutritious snacks. (Other shelf-stable foods are always welcome, too.) Please bring your gifts to the chancel for a blessing before distribution to our neighbors served by our own Little Free Pantry on the patio, the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center, and the White Center Food Bank.

BUILDING MASON BEE HOUSES NEXT SUNDAY 2/1/26

We're building *really* tiny houses on February 1—mason bee houses! Our native bees are threatened by habitat loss, pesticides and climate change. But we can give them the safe spaces to live and raise their young right in your own backyards. How? Come downstairs after our February 1 service and help build some bee houses and learn what you can do to help our little power pollinators. It'll *bee* great! See you there.

LUTHERWOOD ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2026

We invite you to attend the **2026 Lutherwood Annual Meeting on February 7, 2026 at the Lutherwood Chapel.** Guests are welcome to arrive starting at 9am for refreshments, and the meeting begins at 10am. **Each voting member congregation gets 1 rostered leader and 2 lay leader** voting spots. However, you are welcome to bring as many people as you wish who want to celebrate 2025 and hear about the upcoming excitement of 2026 and the 79th year of camp on Lake Samish.

FAT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 9:15AM

Join our Cross Generational Fat Sunday Gathering Sunday, February 8 beginning at 9:15am, with a pile of pancakes and activities for all ages to help you prepare for the Lenten journey. (Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18 – during Midwinter Break Seattle Schools.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Georgia Apodoca; Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Cindy Collie; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Jeffrey Epley; Herman Fleck; Betty Fleck; Stephen Fuller; Nick Griffin; Donna Heiland; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Mel Jacob; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Dan M; Evelyn Martinez; Carol Mikesell; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; David Porch; Gail Price; Hadyn Prugh; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; Sarah Taylor; Kristy W.; Pam Webber; Megan Webber; Willy.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Helen Nesbitt; Inta Zagars

We express our Christian sympathy to: 1. The Spannaus Family on the death of Nancy Spannaus, Boots Winterstein's sister-in-law 2. Jan Madsen and her family on the death of her sister, Betty Gilbertson 3. Vicki Martinez and her family on the death of her brother, Christopher.

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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