

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



In his letter to Corinth, Paul testifies to the wisdom of God hidden in Christ crucified. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we go into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



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. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

✚ GATHERING ✚

P – *Presider* C – *Congregation* A – *Assisting Minister* L – *Lector*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal* WP – *Worship & Praise Songbook*

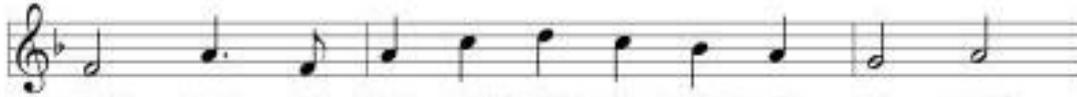
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

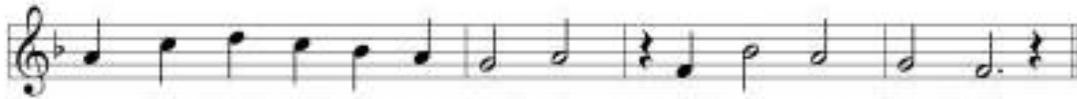
ELW #665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

PASTORAL GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



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



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.

GLORIA

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

(Refrain begins)



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;

To refrain



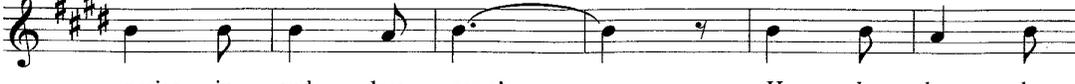
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)



All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,

To refrain



ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

Verse 3:

(Refrain begins)



The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the



proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your

To refrain



faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you.

Verse 4:

(Refrain begins)



God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you.



Je - sus the Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the

To refrain



Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, you reveal your divine wisdom in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and you call us to share his light with all the world. Illumine us by your Spirit, that we might be light bringers in places where darkness casts shadows and fear threatens. We ask this through him who is our light, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written—"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*



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!

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

You Are the Light of the World

Paul & Donna Williams

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please rise in body or spirit.

Bring Forth the Kingdom

WP #22



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the
king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,
bring forth the cit - y of God!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL *Members of the Church Council come forward.*
 2026 Church Council: *Pete Streit, Matthew Toso, Larry Cruse, David Kehle, Heidi Messenheimer, Dana Rice, Mary Jacob, Alan Jarvimaki, Kristin Gimelli Hemme, and Ben Ward*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

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

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with
you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P ♪ *It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and
 revealing to us your mercy and might.
 On the night Jesus shared his final meal with his disciples,
 he 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 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, poured out 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.

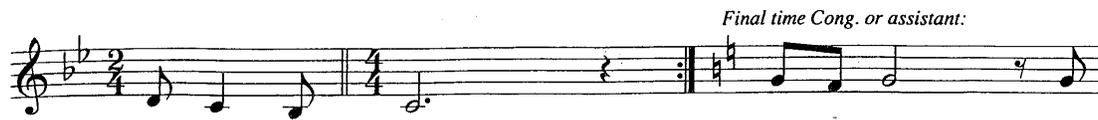
LAMB OF GOD



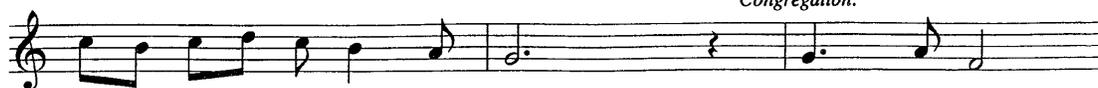
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and



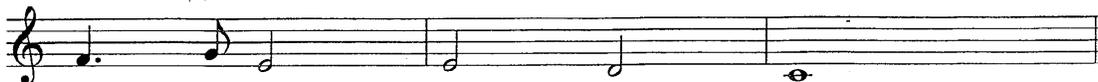
world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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

Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW # 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly with God.

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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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Acolyte | Brooks Johnson |
| Lector | Julie Ward |
| Children's Sermon | Julie Ward |
| Greeters | Jean Sides, Helen Hundley |
| Ushers | Christopher & Austin Simmons |
| Altar Care | Will & Ben Ward |
| Communion Assistants | Will & Ben Ward |
| Coffee Server | Helen Hundley, Kimberly Simmons |
| Production Techs | Alan Jarvimaki |
| Counters | Alan Jarvimaki, Kathleen Keyes |
| Nursery Attendant | Heidi Coy |

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The 2026 budget authorized by the congregation at the Annual Meeting calls for an average of \$30,477 in offering income monthly. 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

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| 02/01/26 | \$2,619.00 |
| <u>Electronic</u> | <u>unavailable</u> |
| Total for February | \$2,619.00 |

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

This is Black History Month. You can honor the fact that Black history is vital *American* history by relying only on accurate narratives of Black resilience and historical impact, rejecting attempts to erase that history, and recognizing that Black, Indigenous and people of color are unequally and unfairly impacted by environmental injustices. To learn about the inextricable link between environmentalism, racism, and privilege, make "The Intersectional Environmentalist" by Leah Thomas your book of the month.

YEAR END STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Please pick up your 2025 giving statements in the narthex and help us save on mailing costs. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Secretary Dave Kehle.

SOUP SUPPERS AND LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. There will be a service at 7pm with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. In the five Wednesdays that follow we will host soup suppers at 6 pm followed by Lenten Evening Prayer using *That You May Have Life*, a setting by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen. More information to follow, including signup sheets for soup and bread.

SOUPER SING-ALONG YOUTH FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 28

This summer the high school youth are headed to California Lutheran University for the Western States Youth Gathering. During their trip they will hear inspiring speeches, meet youth from the Western half of the United States, sing together in large gatherings, participate in a service project, and learn together about God's amazing love. They will play hard and work hard and explore their faith on a deeper level.

Help make this opportunity possible by supporting them in their fundraising efforts! On February 28th they will host a Souper Sing Along from 5:30-8pm. Soup begins at 5:30 and singing

starts at 6. This is an all ages event. Bring the whole family and perhaps a friend or two to sing along to classic and contemporary musicals. They will appreciate your free will donations of any amount.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM FEB -MARCH *Did God Kill Jesus?*

What meaning are we to make of the cross of Jesus? What did Christ's crucifixion accomplish? Was it necessary to heal a rift between God and humanity? For two millennia theologians have proposed various "theories of the atonement" for understanding what took place on Good Friday. In his book, *Did God Kill Jesus?* Tony Jones makes a critical appraisal of several prominent theories of atonement. How we understand the cross reflects directly what kind of God we worship. If you'd like to participate please contact Pastor Erik: Pastor@PeaceLutheranSeattle.org.

MONDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY @ 7:00pm

Monday evening Bible Study via Zoom continues weekly, 7-8:30 pm, with Pastor Paul Winterstein providing background and leading discussion on the meaning of the following Sunday's readings for our lives. Like to visit? Email bandpwinterstein@gmail.com for an invite.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 18

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, @ 7pm. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. In the words of Psalm 51 we pray, "Create in us clean hearts, O God," and so we begin our 40 day sojourn with Christ, recalling God's covenant with us in the waters of baptism, and our commitment to follow Jesus on his journey to the cross and resurrection.

MEDITATIVE PRAYER AT PEACE

The Sunday afternoon meditative prayer group will meet on the following dates in February/March: February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22. Sessions are Sunday 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Peace narthex. You are welcome to attend and experience the peace of silent meditative prayer and sharing time. Participants are invited to share how they may be called to take what arises in meditative silent prayer out into the world in their lives with others. If you're interested and would like to attend, or have questions contact Mary Jacob at 407-252-8807 (call or text) or email at: maryjacob1946@gmail.com.

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; Jeffry Epley; Herman Fleck; Betty Fleck; Stephen Fuller; Nick Griffin; Donna Heiland; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Mel Jacob; Jacqueline; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Sandy King; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Dan M; Evelyn Martinez; Carol Mikesell; Michael Pawlowski; Michelle Pierce; David Porch; Gail Price; Hadyn Prugh; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; Sarah Taylor; Kristy W.; Angela Walker; Dan Walters; Pam Webber; Megan Webber; Willy. **Homebound:** Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Helen Nesbitt; Inta Zagars
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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