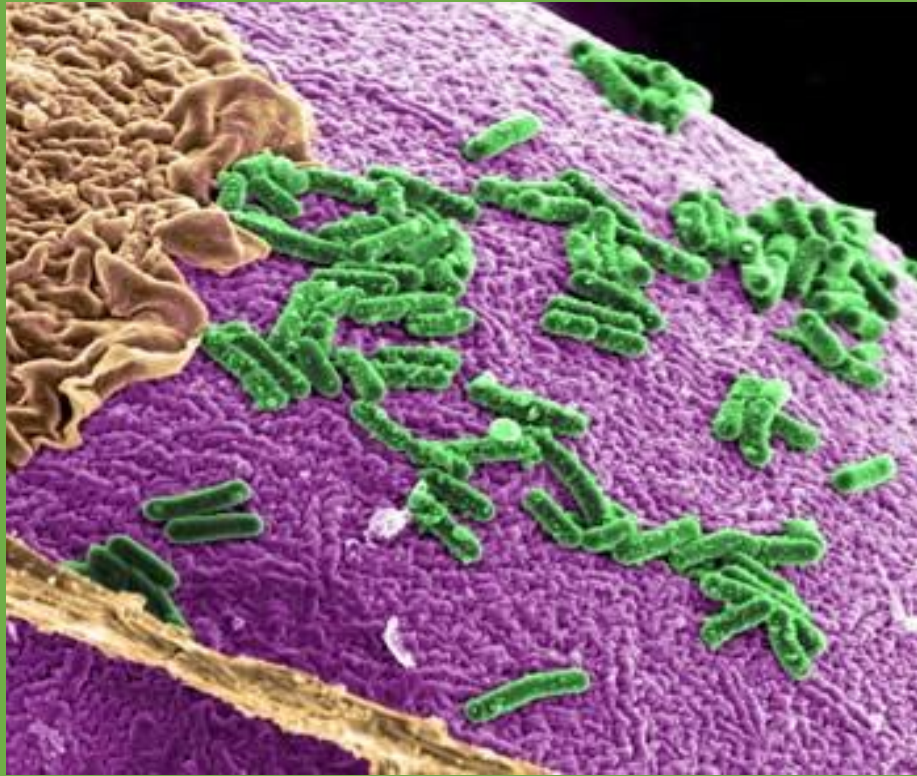


SEASON OF CREATION

From the smallest to the greatest, we are connected!



Week 1: Microbiota

June 7, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Recent decades have seen an acceleration in the study of microscopic communities and their function within the human body and other life forms. We're discovering their crucial role in the ongoing story of evolution and their contribution to keeping our planet healthy and whole.

Today, with the help of evolutionary scientist and local entomologist [Jen Paur](http://tinyscience.org), (tinyscience.org), we're exploring how connected we are at every level of existence. From the smallest microorganism to the largest stellar galaxy we are, by God's design, connected to one another.



In the Sacrament of the Table, our Lord Jesus meets us, fully embodied, in the bread and wine, his body and blood. All are invited to his Table.

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider C – Congregation L – Lector A – Assisting Minister
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship WOV – With One Voice ACS – All Creation Sings

PRELUDE

The Ash Grove Variation I

Jim Hunt, violin
Jon Lackey, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise in body or spirit as the Singing Bowl calls us into worship.*

INVOCATION

P At every moment you draw this fruitful world into your love,
O God of bounty, so that creatures everywhere may flourish.

C **You have prepared a rich table, with places for all,
only asking that we share the gifts you provide.**

P In every niche, at every scale, from microscopic to cosmic, the natural world
embodies the circle of sharing through which all receive their food in due season.

C **Breathe into us your generosity and lovingkindness!**

P Open our eyes to behold the sacred relationships between all things living.

C **Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.**

GATHERING HYMN

Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS #1064

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,

from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace, beauty, and abundance of the Creator be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C **as we behold the world you brought into being, we are awed by the breadth and depth of its intricate order. From microscopic organisms to great whales, the world teems with life. Open our eyes, that we might see anew the miracles that surround us. Open our minds, that we might understand our role within the circle of beings and your desire to make us whole again. In the name of Christ who unites heaven and Earth in a single piece. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

P After midwifing this world into being, God placed humankind in Eden to till it and keep it.

C **God saw that it was good—that it was *very* good.**

P God saw that it was good, but we saw that we could exploit Eden for our purposes.

C **We confess that we have seen the natural world as a domain to be conquered rather than a Garden in which all creatures great and small have a role and place.**

P Turn us from habits that injure the communities of creatures who share our planet home.

C **Turn us toward habits that restore balance and bring renewal to the habitats and watersheds we share with all living things.**

SONG OF CONFESSION

God Marked a Line, vs. 1-4

Thomas Troeger

TUNE: DISTRESS

God marked a line and told the sea its
God set one limit in the glade where
The line, the limit, and the law are
But, discontent with finite powers, we

surg-ing tides and waves were free to trav-el up the
temp-ting, fruit-ed branch-es swayed, And that first lim-it
pat-terns meant to help us draw a bound be-tween what
reach to take what is not ours and then de-fend our

slop-ing strand but not to ov-ver-take the land.
stands be-hind the lim-its that the law de-fined.
life re-quires and all the things our heart de-sires.
claim by force, and swerve from life's in-tend-ed course.

ASSURANCE

- P** Dear Siblings, the Holy One hears our confession and offers us a way forward. The ripples of Divine grace touch every space and reach every shore, transforming our fear into faith and our complacency into action. Because the risen Christ is with us still, we can begin anew to honor and love Earth.
- C** **Creator, lead us to honor and love Earth. Restore us to our calling as lovers, partners and tenders of all that you have made. Lord, teach us to care!**

God Marked a Line, vs. 5

The image shows a musical score for three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "We are not free when we're con - fined to". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "ev - ery wish that sweeps the mind. But free when fre - ly". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "we ac - cept the sac - red bounds that must be - kept." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:24

Mary Jacob

On the 6th day of creation, God invites Earth to bring forth land creatures of every kind.

God said, “Earth—bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the Earth of every kind.” And it was so. And God saw that it was good.

L Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: *From the writings of John Muir*

“The world, we are told, was made especially for humans—a presumption not supported by all the facts... Why should humanity value itself as more than a small part of the one great unit of creation? And what creature of all that the Lord has taken the pains to make is not essential to the completeness of that unit—the cosmos? The universe would be incomplete without humans; but it would also be incomplete without the smallest transmicroscopic creature that dwells beyond our conceitful eyes and knowledge. From the dust of the earth, from the common elementary fund, the Creator has made homo sapiens. From the same material God has made every other creature, however noxious and insignificant to us. They are earth-born companions and our fellow mortals.”

SKIT: *The Scientist, the Student, and the Germ*

An encounter with a friendly member of the microbiome expands the minds of all involved.

JEN PAUR — *Learning from Insects and other Tiny Things*


Following Jen’s talk, all are invited to come forward to one of the tables and to explore some of the tiny mysteries that Life holds. When you hear the bell, stop and listen for directions.

HYMN OF THE DAY


All Things Bright and Beautiful

WOV #767

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *HIGH* = high voices *LOW* = low voices

- ALL** God creates all things, renews all things, & celebrates all things. This we believe.
- HIGH* Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God’s presence, a home for us to share with all creatures. This we believe.
- LOW** God became incarnate, a part of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation. This we believe.
- HIGH* The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos. This we believe.
- LOW** The Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of all creation. This we believe.
- ALL** We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

A Drawn into God's sacred embrace, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of all creatures and all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Creator of all, **C** **teach us to care.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Jesus, Incarnate one, teach us to be at one with Earth.

C **Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries from all our kin.**
Christ, teach us to care. 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

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 Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY

OFFERING HYMN

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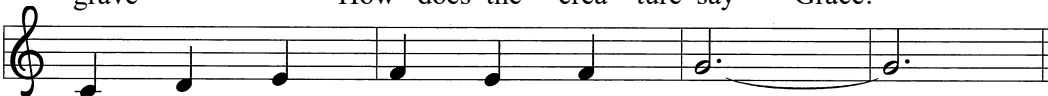
TUNE: GOD OF THE SPARROW



1 God of the mi - crobe, God of the bee, God of our lives un -
2 God of the at - om, God of the stars, God of the un - i -
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty



fold - ing How does the crea - ture say Won - der!
verse How does the crea - ture cry Ho - ly!
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace!



How does the crea - ture say Praise!
How does the crea - ture cry Save!
How does the crea - ture say Thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Great Giver,

C You shower the world with abundance, an interconnected web of life with all that is needed for life to thrive. Make us conduits of care, generosity, and joy as we share with all creatures from your abundant provision. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Creator is with you.

C And also with you.

P Open your hearts!

C We open them to our Creator!

P Let us give thanks to the maker of heaven and earth.

C It is right to join with every creature in praising God.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks, generous and loving God. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and to be raised from death to redeem humankind, to renew creation, and to reconcile all born of Earth and the Spirit.

C Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

P Therefore with angels and archangels, saints and sinners, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

C Holy, holy, holy! God of all life!

Earth and sea and sky are full of your presence and glorify your name.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

Beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P You entered creation's story in Jesus our brother, embracing life and conquering death, that all creation might be restored.

C We thank you, O God.

P In the night in which he shared his final meal with his friends, 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 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.

P With this bread and cup, O God, we remember your Son, Jesus, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others and his death and resurrection, which renew the face of the Earth.

P Send your Spirit upon all who are gathered here and upon all creation.
Satisfy the thirst of every living thing and fit us for service as partners and tenders
of all you have entrusted to us, through the same Lord Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

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 The table is set! The feast is spread! Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processessionally by intinction. After you receive bread, dip it in either the wine (darker) or grape juice (lighter) and eat it. 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.

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

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We will sing the song through twice.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW #493

Congregation sings refrain, Cantor sings verses

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,
 taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. May the penetrating power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds, and through you, bring healing to Earth.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

THE CALL

P Christ calls us to live lives of gratitude—sharing, serving, and caring. Will you care for creation? Will you share with gratitude?

C We will care for creation! We will live with gratitude!
 We will nurture our planet! We will celebrate life!

SENDING HYMN

May Peace from the Earth Follow You

Traditional Guatemala

The peace of the earth... be with you, the
 peace of the heav-ens too; the peace of the riv - ers
 be with you, the peace of the oc-eans too. Deep
 peace fall - ing ov - er you. God's
 peace grow - ing in you.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for creation.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Ash Grove Variation II

Jim Hunt, violin
Jon Lackey, piano

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



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THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Microplastics—plastic pieces smaller than 5mm—are ubiquitous on beaches globally, acting as major sinks for pollution from textiles, fishing gear, and degraded debris. They can alter the nesting environments of sea turtles, increasing humidity and affecting egg survival. They are ingested by shorebirds and marine animals, leading to potential starvation, starvation-like effects, and chemical exposure. Look for opportunities to help through A Cleaner Alki at <https://www.byandby.org/events>.

SOURCES FOR TODAY'S LITURGY

Today's liturgy was created by Pastor Erik Kindem and the Peace Worship Team, with elements drawn from a variety of sources. See permissions below for specific information.

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The 2026 budget authorized by the congregation at the Annual Meeting calls for an average of \$30,017 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 May 2026

05/03/26	\$ 2,290.00
05/10/26	\$ 2,260.00
05/17/24	\$ 3,520.00
05/24/26	\$ 3,905.00
05/31/26	\$ 818.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$13,062.54</u>
Total for May	\$25,855.54

WORSHIP TIME SHIFTS TO 9:30am BEGINNING TODAY

Our Sunday worship time will continue @ 9:30am through the month of August.

BEGINNING TODAY: SEASON OF CREATION!

This year's SEASON OF CREATION is spread over three Sundays: JUNE 7—14—21 @ 9:30am

Themes are organized around a view of Creation from MICROSCOPIC SCALE, HUMAN SCALE, and COSMIC SCALE perspectives. The planning team is working to craft worship experiences which connect with our senses and invite exploratory learning for the head and the heart. Together we affirm our Creator's good gifts and how we live in response to them. **Special guests include:** Jen Paur, local scientist and entomologist, and Dr. Barbara Rossing of Lutherans Restoring Creation.

TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Special focus: nutritious, ready-to-eat or easily prepared foods and snacks suitable for families with children. Please bring your NOTE: July 5 emphasis will be tortillas and shelf-stable fruits. This month, you may place your food offerings under the chancel railing before worship. At other times, please place food gifts in the marked drawer in the narthex kitchenette. Your contributions will be distributed to both housed and nonhoused neighbors served by our Little Free Pantry, the Welcome Table, and The White Center Food Bank. Thank you!

FAREWELL FOR UW PASTOR CHELSEA GLOBE TODAY

Help us celebrate Pastor Chelsea Globe's almost 6 years with Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington and send her out in true Lutheran style - at a college brewery! **TODAY from 5:00 - 8:00 PM @ Big Time Brewing 4133 University Wy NE, Seattle WA.** Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will preside over Celebration at the End of a Call liturgy at 6:00 PM.

COME TOGETHER AT THE HERON'S NEST JUNE 13

We are happy to invite you to attend ʔəλ səsə̀wʔ - Come Together, where we will celebrate Indigenous culture together. We would be honored if you would join the Duwamish Tribe, Heron's Nest and Shared Spaces Foundation to celebrate this historic event; the return of 3.5 acres of ancestral land to the Duwamish Tribe.

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 **Time:** 11:00am-4:00pm (Blessing & Lunch at 12:00, program at 1:00)

Location: The Heron's Nest - 4818 Puget Way SW. Seattle, WA 98106

Registration requested: Free - <https://tinyurl.com/yr386cn5>

There will be something for everyone! Enjoy salmon cooked using traditional methods. Observe and participate in traditional games such as Stick Game and Bone Game. Learn about the special plants that

call this land their home on a guided plant walk. Make some art to take home to remember this historic event at our crafting tables. Celebrate our intertribal connections by witnessing Storytelling, Song & Dance. This event is supported by the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture as part of the 2026 World Cup Community Celebrations.

WORK PARTY @ ROXHILL BOG JUNE 20

Duwamish Alive Coalition is holding two work parties at Roxhill Park during June and we've been invited to participate, Saturday, June 20, from 10am to 12noon. To find out more, follow this [link to REGISTER](#).

SHOW YOUR PRIDE! SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE JUNE 28

Would you like to march with the NW Washington Synod in the Pride parade on Sunday June 28th? Participation is limited to 200 people, if you are interested in attending to represent Peace Lutheran Church, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or email Liz Hernandez lizzardhernandez24@gmail.com SIGN UP BY JUNE 10th, to ensure you have a spot. We are hoping to have a good turn out from our congregation! There are lots of other activities happening in our area that the Synod is encouraging folks to attend, you can find more information on this link: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/pages/pride>

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Kevin Adcock; Gary Aguilar; Georgia Apodoca; Deric Bevier; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Cindy Collie; Shelly Crisologo; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Stephens Dooley; Jeffry Epley; Cecilia Fenton; Herman Fleck; Betty Fleck; Bob Gaines; Donna Heiland; Terry Henson; Evelyn Horton; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Jacqueline; Jane; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Kristofer Kindem; Sandy King; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; Jan Madsen; Monica; John Lindsay; Evelyn Martinez; Vicki Martinez; Helen McBride; Quinn Meeker; Erik Nelson; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; Mark Swanson; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Kristy W.; Angela Walker; Megan Webber; Willy; Boots Winterstein. **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.

PERMISSIONS

Invocation. From the Brothers of Weston Priory, edited with additions by EPK.

Affirmation of Faith from: *Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth* by Dr. Norman Habel, a Lutheran pastor, theologian, and architect of the Season of Creation.

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