

SEASON OF CREATION

From the smallest to the greatest, we are connected!



Week 2: Anthropos
June 14, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

“Anthropos” is Greek for “human being.” This week’s theme focuses on the role and impacts of our species on planet Earth. As the link between human activity and climate breakdown becomes more evident, the decisions we make as a species become more and more critical. The Holocene Epoch—a period of tremendous stability and natural harmony for Earth—is ending, and we are entering the Anthropocene Epoch, the era of massive human impacts on Earth.

Our guest preacher today is New Testament scholar Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing, a member of the board of Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC). Dr. Rossing will share the work of LRC, our newest Pass the Hat Partner.

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***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

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

God of Endless Life Unfolding

Ruth Duck

TUNE: IN BABILONE

1. God of endless life unfolding, how amazing are your ways!
 What can any breathing being do but sing you thanks and praise?
 Greater than our minds imagine are your thoughts! How vast their sum!
 Yet you care about us deeply: what we do, what we become!
2. Well you knew our secret being in the darkness of the womb.
 You have formed our mortal fabric like a weaver at the loom.
 Should we rise on wings of morning, fly to galaxies unknown,
 Even there you would receive us, love us, claim us as your own.
3. Lives and worlds your care embraces, God in whom we live and move.
 People of all times and places know your vast creative love.
 You have come to us in Jesus, sharing all the life of Earth,
 Calling us to be your partners bringing life and love to birth.
4. Light of Light in human shadow, Hope of Hope, in human pain,
 Flow through us, creative Spirit, work through us, reveal your reign!
 Search our hearts, our thoughts and actions, show us what our lives can be
 Hold us in your heart forever; move us with your energy!

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. Reveal your presence to us in the story of life's unfolding, that we might awaken to your presence and find our place within the circle of beings. 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 limit
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 over-take the land.
stands be-hind the limits 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.

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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



PASS THE HAT

Lutherans Restoring Creation

Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Psalm 8 (*Liturgical Training Publication translation*)

Julie Ward

Read responsively

Lord our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.
Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

**Even the babble of infants declares your strength,
your power to halt the enemy and avenger.**

I see your handiwork in the heavens:
the moon and the stars you set in place.

**What is humankind that you remember them,
the human race that you care for them?**

You treat them like gods, dressing them in glory and splendor.
You give them charge of the Earth, laying all at their feet:

**Cattle and sheep, wild beasts, birds of the sky,
fish of the sea, every swimming creature.**

Lord our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

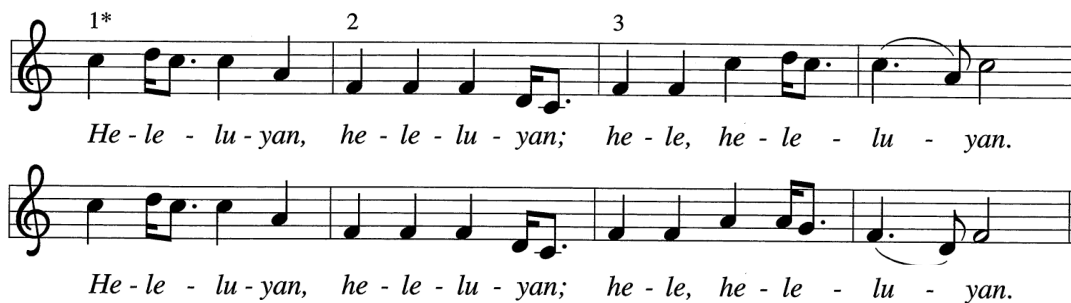
SECOND READING: From Thomas Berry

Thomas Berry (1914–2009) was an American Passionist priest, cultural historian, and "geologist" recognized as one of the 20th century's most profound thinkers on religion and ecology, known for urging humanity to transition from a destructive force on Earth to a mutually enhancing "presence"

“In the opening years of the twenty-first century, we find ourselves in a critical moment when the religious traditions need to awaken again to the natural world as the primary manifestation of the divine to human intelligence. The very nature and purpose of the human is to experience this intimate presence that comes to us through natural phenomena. Such is the purpose of having eyes and ears and feeling sensitivity, and all our other senses. We have no inner spiritual development without outer experience. Immediately, when we see or experience any natural phenomenon, when we see a flower, a butterfly, a tree, when we feel the evening breeze flow over us or wade in a stream of clear water, our natural response is immediate, intuitive, transforming, ecstatic. Everywhere we find ourselves invaded by the world of the sacred...

It has been said, ‘We will not save what we do not love.’ It is also true that we will neither love nor save what we do not experience as sacred.”

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



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-5, 14 *Gail Ramshaw/Gordon Lathrop translation*

The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Christ as the preexistent Logos, agent with God in creation, who became flesh in Mary’s womb as Jesus, pitching his tent among us.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The Word was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through the Word, without whom not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

P The Gospel of our Lord

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Julie Ward

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

HYMN OF THE DAY

Infinite Beauty

Susan Palo Cherwien

TUNE: SHADES MOUNTAIN



- 1 In - fin - ite Beau - ty, Love that moves the hea - vens,
- 2 Ho - ly this gar - den, wor - thy of pro - tec - tion
- 3 Sa - cred all crea - tures, mar - ve - lous com - pan - ions,
- 4 Bless - ed our bod - ies, kin - dred gift of star - light:
- 5 In - fin - ite Beau - ty, Love that moves the hea - vens,



- 1 Mak - er of all things, pre - sent in cre - a - tion,
- 2 Blue pearl in deep space, due our true af - fec - tion,
- 3 El - ders and tea - chers, all of our re - la - tions
- 4 Eyes to see beau - ty, ears to hear the heart sigh,
- 5 May our minds wis - en, may our hearts a - wak - en,



- 1 From the be - gin - ning, all Your works re -
- 2 Dwell - ing and pa - rent, el - e - gant in
- 3 Rocks tell earth's sto - ry, plants re - veal earth's
- 4 Hands to give heal - ing, hearts to bind to -
- 5 That we join all things, one and in - ter -



- 1 veal You, Stir - ring to won - der.
- 2 bal - ance Grow - ing in won - der.
- 3 wis - dom, Liv - ing in won - der.
- 4 geth - er, Breath - ing in won - der.
- 5 wov - en, Sing - ing in won - der.

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

ALL God creates all things, renews all things, and 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

Chris Kindem

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

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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 processionaly. 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.

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

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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

Sing through twice.

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



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for creation.

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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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 June 2026

06/07/26	\$ 3,130.00
Electronic	\$ 4,425.07
Total	\$ 7,555.07

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Climate change (warming, acidification, deoxygenation), overfishing, plastic pollution, habitat destruction, and chemical pollution are the greatest threats to all ocean life. Driven by human activity, these cause coral bleaching, species extinction, ecosystem collapse, and dead zones. Groups like <https://oceanconservancy.org/> present opportunities to advocate to help protect our oceans and all life that depends on them. Take a look.

SEASON OF CREATION: JUNE 7 – 14 – 21

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. From the smallest microbe to the largest galaxy we are, by God's design, connected to one another! **Week 1 guest:** Jen Paur, local scientist and entomologist; **Week 2 guest:** Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing of Lutherans Restoring Creation. **Week 3: a tour of the cosmos.**

SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 28

We are proud to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation within a Reconciling in Christ synod - with many opportunities for you and your church family to join in and celebrate PRIDE this season!

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; Jeffery Epley; Cecilia Fenton; Herman Fleck; Betty Fleck; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Janice Harvey; 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.

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