

# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



June 28, 2026

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*



*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

*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 L - Lector A – Assisting Minister  
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship ACS – All Creation Sings

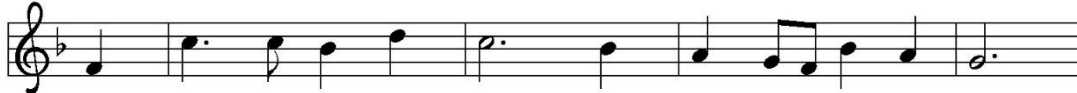
## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

### *Oh, Praise the Gracious Pow'r*

ELW #651, vs. 1-4



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



*Refrain*  
We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

## GREETING

P The abounding grace of Jesus Christ, the steadfast love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## GLORIA

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1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Help us move on from lament to build a foundation out of your loving kindness and justice. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:26a-27; 2:7** *The Inclusive Bible*

Helen Hundley

*In two separate versions of the Hebrew Creation story, the human creature is made in the image of God and given the breath of life.*

1:26 God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.”

27 Humankind was created as God’s reflection:  
 In the divine image God created them;  
 female and male, God made them.

2:7 The LORD fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth, and blew into its nostrils the breath of life. And the earth creature became a living being.

**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

Helen Hundley

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

**ACS page 33**



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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord  
 C Praise to you, O Christ!

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Helen Hundley

**SERMON**

Rev. Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Build a Longer Table*

ACS #1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Paul Bliss

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We share a gesture of peace with our 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 Tithely Giving Page via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you!



OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583, vs. 1-2

*Refrain/Estrillo*

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -  
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite

da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -  
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect

*Refrain/Estrillo*

da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.  
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Loving God,

**C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us to take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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 God of Rainbow promises who formed us in your divine image and breathed into us the breath of life: Praise to you for your faithfulness shown to us since creation! Glory to you as we sing with all the creatures of earth, sea, and sky:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Almighty and Altender God, who sees us completely and knows us intimately, you are a deep well of love, grace, and mercy. In Jesus, the Word become flesh, you became one with us, each of us, all of us, pouring yourself out that we might have life and life abundant.

When we feel shunned and shamed, you remind us of our identity in you: holy and beloved. When we experience isolation and abuse, you claim us as your own and do not erase us from your presence. Remembering the life you freely gave on the cross, we praise you for your generosity, which brings resurrection hope to exiles everywhere.

P At his final meal with friends and companions, our Lord Jesus 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, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.**

P In Jesus we are bold to pray:

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 Come, share in the feast!

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.*

### BE KNOWN TO US

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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

### God Welcomes All

ACS #978



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us through this holy meal that we may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit who nourishes us now and forever. Amen.

## BLESSING

P The Creator embolden you to be fiercely and authentically human; the Redeemer + lead you to discover the fullness of who you are; and the Advocate inspire you to seek justice for all.

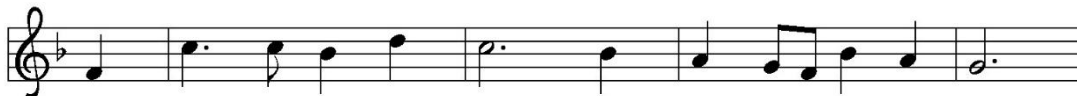
C Amen.

## + SENDING +

### SENDING HYMN

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ELW #651, vs. 5-7



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- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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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Children's Sermon	Helen Hundley
Greeters	Cole Pettit, Helen Hundley
Ushers	Kristin Gimelli Hemme
Altar Care	Chris Kindem
Communion Assistants	Sonja Outlaw, Chris Kindem
Coffee Server	Betty Beller
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Alex Wren
Counters	Paul Bliss, Kristin Gimelli Hemme

## 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 June 2026

06/07/26	\$ 3,130.00
06/14/26	\$ 1,080.00
06/21/26	\$ 1,510.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 9,007.54</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,981.34</b>

## SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING TODAY

**There will be a special congregational meeting today immediately following worship to authorize funds for the urgent treatment and potential removal of the infested birch tree on our property.** The European Birch outside the west entrance is infested with Bronze Birch Borer and is deteriorating at a rapid rate, creating an ongoing safety risk and liability. Blooma Tree will be removing dead limbs and branches on July 7 and will provide an arborist's evaluation and recommendations for treatment of the infestation or removal. Since the total cost was not anticipated in the budget and may exceed the constitutional limit of \$2,500 on additional non-budgetary expenditures, authorization from the congregation is required for us to move ahead. Our PLC constitution requires a quorum of 20% of the voting membership, or 47 persons, in order to act. Please join us today to address this safety concern.

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

The week is the UK's 25th annual Net Zero Week—25 years of *talking* about reaching the point where any greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions produced by human activity are balanced by the amount removed from the atmosphere. Over these years, global emissions have risen substantially to concentration levels in the atmosphere not seen in 3 to 5 million years. What can *you* do? Plenty. Check out the UN's Actions for a healthy planet at <https://www.un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions>.

## BE PART OF HISTORY THIS JULY!

Join thousands making a Pledge in a world record attempt for “**The Most People Refusing Single-Use Plastic in One Day**”.

Pledging for a  
**Plastic Free Future**



**This Wednesday**, July 1st, choose one plastic item to refuse, from single-use cups to plastic bottles or packaged produce, and make a pledge as an individual or with friends, family, classmates, colleagues, or your community. Together, our small actions make a big difference toward a

plastic free future. To participate, go to <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/pledge/>.

## HYMN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5

Please join us next Sunday as we celebrate our God who knows no boundaries and unites us with all people throughout the world. We will do this while hearing the word, sharing the meal, and singing many hymns. ALL VOICES are enthusiastically invited – no matter your musical talents!

## REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FOOD GIFTS NEXT SUNDAY!

What more appropriate way to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday than to share our bounty with our neighbors, both housed and unhoused? **July 5th FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS** emphasis: **tortillas** and **shelf-stable fruits**. Let's also continue last month's emphasis of **nutritious, ready-to-eat or easily preparable snacks and food items for families whose children are out of school for the summer**. Thanks for the donations you've already placed in the marked drawer in the narthex. All contributions will be distributed to our own Little Free Pantry on the patio, the White Center Food Bank, and the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center. Next Sunday, please place your generous donations in the chancel prior to worship. Thank you.

## LANDSCAPE VISION WORKGROUP FORMING

The Church Council is looking for people to help care for our church grounds and/or to be part of a Landscape Vision Workgroup to share ideas about how to keep our plants healthy and make our church grounds more welcoming. Can you help? If so, please go to this form to answer a few questions and share your ideas and ways you can help. (This was also emailed to you recently. If you have the email, just click on the link.) <https://forms.gle/HyChz6HHACTw8tqV9>

## 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; Susan Bayles; Deric Bevier; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Cindy Collie; Shelly Crisologo; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Stephens Dooley; Jeffery Epley; 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; Helen McBride; Quinn Meeker; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Champain; Aaden Smith; Mark Swanson; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Kristy W.; Angela Walker; 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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