

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



July 12, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

At the close of today's service we will offer a blessing for Laura Bermes & Andy Cameron, who will exchange vows this afternoon in a marriage ceremony.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please rise in body or spirit.*

During Confession, we gaze into the mirror and speak truthfully about what we see there. As we name the ways we've "missed the mark" through actions and inactions, God meets us with words of grace and forgiveness, setting us free to follow in the Way of Jesus once more.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
the things we have done and the things we have failed to do.**

In your mercy, call us back to Christ, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

Turn us again and uphold us by your Spirit,

that we may serve our neighbors and this whole world you so love.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

P Hear the promise of our Lord, who says:

“Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of the Triune God, † your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

What Is This Place

ELW #524



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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

ACS page 31



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. Almighty and Altender God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

Heidi Messenheimer

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

- ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

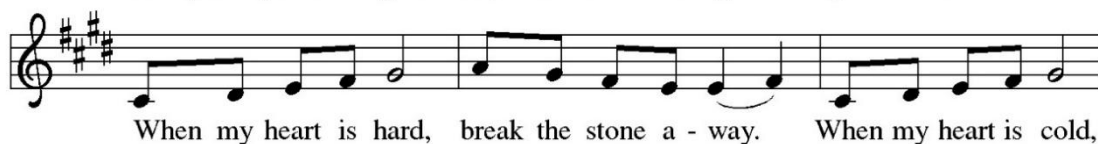
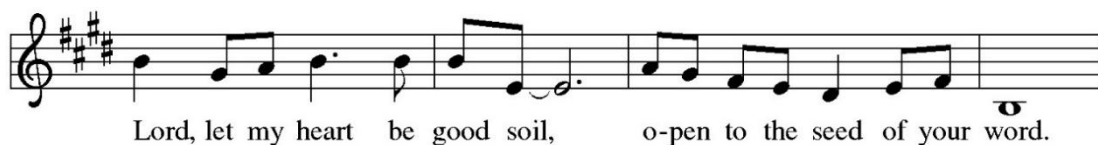
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512





P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Pastor Erik



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the 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 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

ACS page 36

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and altender God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the creatures of earth, sea, and sky, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ACS page 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was handed over to death, 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 Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his life given on the Tree, and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

P Pour upon us the fruits of your Spirit, that, nurtured by this meal, we may serve all in hunger and want and so become your body for the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

ACS page 40



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

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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 that we, through this holy meal, 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.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE: *Laura Bermes and Andy Cameron*

All who desire are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

BENEDICTION

P The Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C Amen.



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

In consideration for those who remain for the postlude, please depart quietly.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Children's Sermon	Pastor Erik
Greeters	Marcia Olson, Nancy Hauger
Ushers	Christopher & Austin Simmons
Altar Care	Karl Coy
Communion Assistants	Karl Coy, Wyatt Gray
Coffee Server	Lisa & Kimberly Simmons
Production Techs	Paul Bliss, Alex Wren
Counters	Alan Jarvimaki, Jim Lukens

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 July 2026

07/05/26	\$ 5,755.00
Electronic	\$ 4,189.17
Total for July	\$ 9,944.17

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Orcas, our beloved, iconic native species of the waters surrounding us, have their own day of celebration—World Orca Day—on Tuesday. Plastic pollution severely impacts orcas by acting as a vector for toxic chemicals (like PCBs and PFAS). They bioaccumulate in orcas, causing immune system suppression, reproductive failure, and population declines. To mitigate this threat, you can reduce your plastic usage, minimize chemical disposal, and participate in clean-up efforts. You can find Cleaner Alki's clean up events at <https://www.byandby.org/>.

WILL YOU HELP WITH ALTAR FLOWERS/GREENERY?

Got flowers? Or greenery from your garden? We invite you to sign up to provide chancel flowers; just sign your name by your preferred dates on the chart in the narthex adjacent to the serving area. Thanks!

FILLING THE NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION

Peace Lutheran Church is looking for a new Nursery Attendant, as Heidi Coy has “retired” from that position. It would be nice to have one or more people from within the church to fill that position. Until that occurs, the nursery will be unattended.

In general terms, the position entails caring for children ages 6 and younger in the Nursery so that parents can be fully participate in the service. The hours are 10am to 12pm on normal Sundays and 9am to 11am during the summer schedule. Typically, the children come down after the children’s message and then would come back up for communion with the family. Ideally there would be two people in the nursery to keep track of everyone. A potential option would be for several members willing to alternate in sharing the workload. If a volunteer system cannot be worked out, hiring a Nursery Attendant would be necessary. The position requires a background check and application process. Any who are interested may contact business committee chair David Kehle.

NEW from the Creation Care Team

PLASTIC-FREE PRODUCTS are now available for purchase on the shelves in the Narthex. At this time, items are mostly trial-size personal care products from Public, a locally owned sustainable goods and refill shop on California Ave north of Bradford. Hopefully, you’ll discover some products you like and then replenish them at Public or another retailer. The Plastic-Free Products shelf items & sources will rotate over time.

CODE RED! URGENT NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES

The blood supply across the Pacific Northwest has dropped to emergency levels. A surge in patient need, combined with fewer donations, has created an urgent shortage — just as summer events and travel peak. Right now, thousands of donation appointments remain unfilled. We do not have enough blood, platelets, or plasma on hand. Patients are depending on donors today. Please take a moment to book an appointment. Your donation now can make an immediate impact. Visit BloodworksNW.org or call 800-398-7888 to find a date and time that is just right for you.

NEXT FIRST SUNDAY FOOD GATHERING: AUGUST 2

Thank you for last Sunday's contributions to our own Little Free Pantry on the patio, the Welcome Table, and the White Center Food Bank! Plan now for our next First Sunday food gathering, **Sunday, August 2: EVERYTHING! DAY**--proteins of all kinds (tuna, SPAM, sardines, peanut butter, etc.), shelf-stable fruits and vegetables, tortillas, nutritious snacks and breakfast items. (*Summertime...and the pantries are running low.*)

SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA

Two powerful earthquakes have struck Venezuela, leaving entire communities shaken to the ground. Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding through trusted, long-standing partners in the region, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (IELV). Your gifts enable this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need and to remain for as long as recovery takes, whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. **GIVE NOW.**

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; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Monica; Evelyn Martinez; Helen McBride; Quinn Meeker; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; 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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