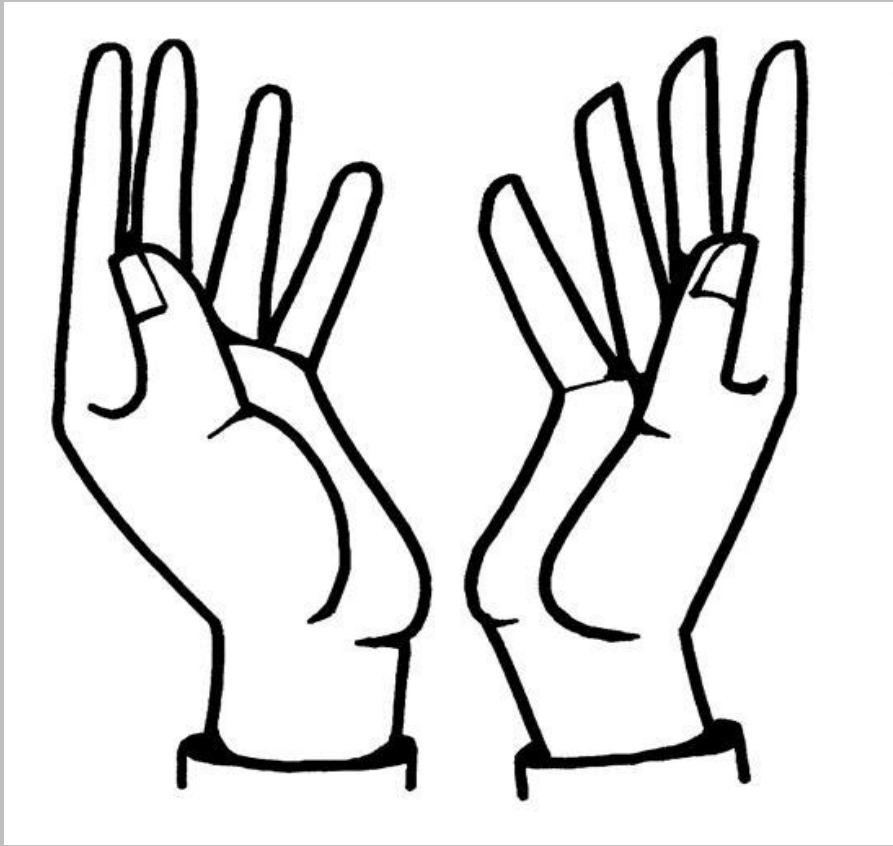


SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



July 5, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

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

Holy Manna

Janet Cruse, piano
Jim Hunt, violin

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** God of the cosmos, in this moment of remembering, we refuse easy triumph and come instead with truth on our lips.
- C** We confess how deeply we have been formed by empire, how its logic has shaped our desires, our silences, and our sense of what is normal. There are times we have sought comfort at the expense of others' dignity and chosen safety over solidarity. Still, you call us back. So, we lay before you the ways we have mirrored what harms this world, and we release our grip on control, on fear, and on scarcity.
- P** God hears our prayer and holds in mercy all who have upheld injustice and those who have been crushed by it. Grounded in the mystery of this grace, we are in the presence of the One who is not contained by nation or border but alive in what the world calls weak. We belong to this family of God.
- C** Give us clarity and humble courage, O God. Teach us to walk in wholeness and liberation, to choose love that frees, justice that restores, and a peace rooted in truth, so that we may honor your image in this fragile world. Amen.

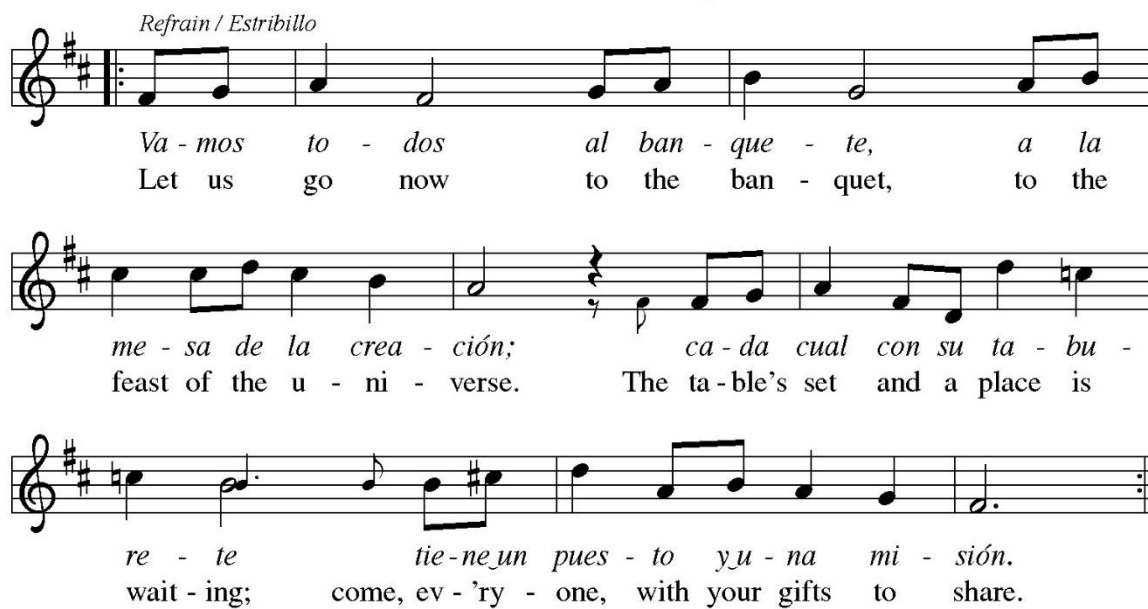
GATHERING HYMN

Please rise as able in body or spirit.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW #523

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Estribillo

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, Sing to God Above

ELW # 555

The cantor will sing the two verses in Spanish and then the congregation will sing the verses in English.



1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
 que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor; nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing;
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing;

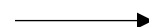


El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar; el sol y las es - tre - llas
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky; the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

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Refrain / Estribillo

¡A - le-lu - ya! Al - le-lu - ia! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time

Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! Al - le-lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us – people of many nations with many languages – a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Vicki Martinez

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

- ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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.*
(Sung twice) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum,
will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

The New Colossus

Sonnet by Emma Lazarus

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

A Let us give thanks for God's never-ending love for our broken world as we pray for the needs of all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Lord of all nations,

C grant us your grace so that all whom we meet may be touched by your love. 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 [Tithe Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you!



OFFERTORY

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

ELW #467, vs. 1 & 3



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C **for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land.**

**Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your
love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Open your hearts!

C **We open them to the Lord!**

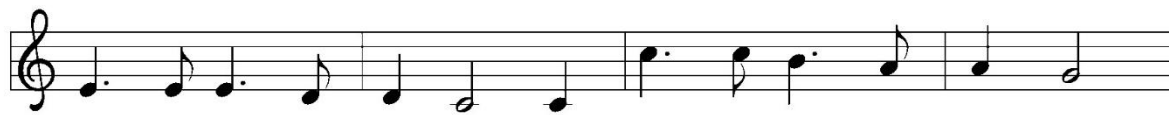
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to join with all our kin in creation to praise God.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy to give you thanks, our gracious and all-encompassing God. You sent your Son – born in a humble manger, worshiped by shepherds and Magi, and forced to flee from Herod's wrath. He chose to live among fishermen, tax collectors, and others who had no economic or political status. He had no place to call home.

C **He touched those who were sick. He ate with sinners. Women, children, and foreigners were welcomed by him. And, he welcomes us.**

P Therefore, with angels and archangels; with people of every nation, tribe, and tongue; and with all creation in land, sea, and sky, we worship and praise you, our gracious God.



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy God,
you alone are Majesty, you alone are Excellency, you alone are Sovereign.
Within the vast reaches you splashed into being, you formed our star and this planet:
purple mountains, fruited plains, crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines.
- C** **Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal, to care for one another
and our earthly home.**
- P** In a time of peace enforced by the cruelty of empire,
you came in Jesus to share our life.
Born under the rule of a merciless king,
Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God.
- C** **Moving across borders to people broken and oppressed,
Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.**
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed,
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** Remembering, therefore,
Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime,
Christ's resurrection that buries death,
Christ's ascension to rule with love forever,
we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P God, shed your grace on us.
Shower your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine and on your people gathered this day.
- C **Ignite in us the flame of freedom—
freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear;
freedom for acceptance, for welcome,
for the shalom that you have first shown to us.**
- P Faithful God, loving God:
Your Majesty shines forth in weakness.
Your Excellency is revealed to infants.
Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross.
Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory,
now and forever.
- C **Amen.**
- 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! Taste and know that God is good to all.
- 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

ELW #472

The cantors will sing the verses; the congregation joins on the refrain after each verse.

Refrain



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
C that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P May the One who formed us, redeemed us, and fills us with life hold you in care and equip
you to be the light of Christ to all people.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Song

ELW #887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

A Go into the world and serve with justice and peace.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

You may turn to ELW 841 if you wish to read the words as the Postlude is played.

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



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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
6/28/26	\$ 3,560.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$12,633.89</u>
Total	\$21,913.89

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

**Pledging for a
Plastic Free Future**



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 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/>.

NEW from CCT

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.](#)

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Thank you for your generous response today to our neighbors served by our own Little Free Pantry on the Peace patio (where some of this month's donations have already been placed and received), the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center, and the White Center Food Bank.

Next: **August 2** emphasis: **everything!** needed to refill running-low-in-summer pantries: proteins of all kinds (tuna, SPAM, sardines, etc.), shelf-stable fruits and vegetables, tortillas and rice, nutritious snacks and breakfast foods.

Remember, you may place your food donations in the marked drawer in the narthex at any time during the month. Thank you!

FILLING THE NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION

Peace Lutheran Church is looking for a new Nursery Attendant for the year starting ASAP. Heidi Coy has been doing this position for some 24 years and 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 will entail being in the Nursery Room for children ages 6 and younger so that their parents can be less distracted during the service. The hours would be 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 to get several members willing to do this and share the workload with alternating Sunday's. The more people

involved, the less often the time involved. If that could not be worked out, then hiring a Nursery Attendant like Heidi did would be required. Again, it would be great if it was someone within the congregation. Being with children would require a background check and filling out a job application. If anyone is interested in working on this, please let David Kehle know and we will start a search. Thank you for considering this important role in the church.

David Kehle, Business Committee

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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