

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



August 9, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Our Pass the Hat Partner this month is Lutheran Counseling Network. Marcia Bates, a therapist with LCN, is here to share a word about this ministry.

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

LITANY FOR TIMES OF WILDFIRE

In the wake of multiple fires in Washington State and throughout the West, including the devastating fires that have claimed homes, churches, and businesses in Spokane, our worship today begins with this Litany.

- P Holy God, when fires rage and consume the land,
C **Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.**
P When voices cry out in fear and desperation,
C **Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.**
P When homes are reduced to embers and ashes,
C **Raise us up from the ashes and help us.**
P When families are displaced and tomorrow is uncertain.
C **Raise us up from the ashes and help us.**
P Wellspring of hope, bring your presence to bear among all who are suffering,
all who are working to combat the fires,
and all who are reaching out with shelter and aid.
C **Use your church to embody your promise that life can spring from dust and ashes,
making all things new.**
P Hear our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ, the fountain of life.
C **Raise us up from the ashes and bring your peace. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping

ACS #1050

1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far-off
sound tune is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is
our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it
sleep - ing com - ing. while our brief lives are bound in death.
Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor-rows swal-low and of-fers
The Spir-it sings though we are shak-en, and Christ has
hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart-felt cries. Re-stored, our wea-ry souls a -
hol-low, wak-en God heeds the prayers with-in our tears.
to join God's song that nev-er dies.

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. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PASS THE HAT

Lutheran Counseling Network

Marcia Bates

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Nancy Hauger

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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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.

Repeat alleluia

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the

boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY *When the Storms of Life Are Raging (Stand By Me)* C. A. Tindley
TUNE: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY



1. When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;
2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;
3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;
4. Lift me up, lead me on - ward, stand by me;



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when the world is toss - ing turn - ing like a ship up - on the sea,
when old doubts start to as - sail me, and my strength be - gins to fail,
when I do my best to trust you, but the waves wash o - ver me,
when I can't see my way for - ward, and I won - der what will be,



Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
Thou who never lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
Thou who knowest all a - bout me, stand by me.
Thou who calls us to each oth - er, stand by me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Merciful God, C **receive our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.

All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. 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/Estribillo



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/Estribillo

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

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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

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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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

On the night before he died, 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 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 With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine,
that we might be a blessing and a sign of your faithfulness
to neighbors nearby and far away, serving the world with mercy and love,
through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, 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, 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

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777, vs 1-4



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-ers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com-pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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.

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW #822 vs 4 & 5



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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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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 August 2026

08/02/26	\$ 1,480.00
Electronic	\$ 1,384.60
Total for August	\$ 2,864.60

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Environmental activist Leah Thomas writes, "we can't save the planet without uplifting the voices of its people, especially those most often unheard." Her work focuses on the application of intersectionality to environmental justice. This recognizes that environmental hazards, climate change, and ecological degradation disproportionately impact marginalized communities—such as people of color, low-income populations, women, and LGBTQIA+ individuals—due to intersecting systems of oppression like racism, classism, and sexism. This week, think about what this looks like in our community and how you can help.

RESPONDING TO SPOKANE WILDFIRES

Our neighbors in Spokane are reeling from devastating wildfires that have spread rapidly, jumped rivers and reduced large areas to ash. ELCA Intermountain Synod Bishop Meggan Manlove and other local partners are requesting emergency support, as the losses are immense with over 700 homes and workplaces destroyed since August 1st and tens of thousands displaced by flames and smoke. [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) and [Lutheran World Relief](#) are joining forces with other agencies to meet critical needs with compassion and urgency. **OUR COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE** will help distribute emergency supplies to help families survive the immediate crisis. It will also support debris removal and cleanup so they can begin rebuilding from the ashes. (See back page for donation info and links.)

SECOND QUARTER STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Second quarter offering statements are available on a counter in the narthex. Please pick yours up even if you don't need it. I am required to send them to you, and if you pick them up, it will save the church a stamp. First class postage is up to \$.82 now.

PARADISE PARTY AT THE KENNEY 8/20 4-6 PM

On **Thursday, August 20, from 4:00–6:00 PM**, The Kenney is hosting a **Paradise Party**, a free, all-ages event that's open to the public. Guests will enjoy tropical-inspired refreshments, live music by Rat City Brass, and a complimentary tropical-inspired dinner while experiencing our beautiful grand lawn and garden. Space is limited. Please RSVP by 8/10. Contact: Cindy Serano at cserrano@thekenney.org or (206) 265-3303 (*call/text*).

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](#).

NEWS 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.

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!

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; Susan Bayles; Deric Bevier; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Jeffery Epley; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Donna Heiland; Terry Henson; Evelyn Horton; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Jane; Barbara Jones; Ken & Teresa Keyes; Cole Kindem; Kari Kindem; Naomi Kindem; Sandy King; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Helen McBride; Sarah Mc Keown; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Angela Walker; Willy. **Homebound**: Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Helen Nesbitt; Inta Zagars.

We express our Christian sympathy to the Henson family at the death of Terry Henson, Kathleen Keyes' friend.

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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STATEMENT FROM THE HOLDEN VILLAGE BOARD RE: WILDFIRES

You may have heard about the Little Giant Fire, which has burned over 70,000 acres thus far in Central Washington. As of this moment, Holden Village is not under immediate threat from the fire. However, our Bed & Breakfast guests (and caretaker Roberta) have been safely evacuated. We are grateful for the cooperation and care shown by all involved. While smoke from the current fire conditions is limiting helicopter travel in the Lake Chelan area, Holden has alternative routes we can use for both regular and emergency helicopter travel to and from the Village.

Given this year's heightened fire conditions, the environmental factors and the Village's lack of road access, we anticipate that the U.S. Forest Service and Chelan County will respond more aggressively to fire threats than in previous years, including issuing evacuation notices or orders earlier than might otherwise be expected...Holden staff have been preparing for this scenario over the course of the year. They have been taking proactive steps to ensure that, should it become necessary, they can vacate the valley in a way that prioritizes both safety and the long-term operational viability of this beloved place.

We continue to hold the Village, our neighbors, first responders, and all communities affected by wildfire in prayer. We trust that God accompanies us through times of uncertainty, calling us to care for one another with wisdom, hope, and courage. Thank you for your continued cooperation, support, and prayers as we navigate this season together. - Claire Smith, Board President

WILDFIRE DISASTER: Rush aid to neighbors in Spokane



Today, our neighbors in Spokane, Washington, are reeling from devastating wildfires that have spread rapidly, jumped rivers and reduced large areas to ash. News reports suggest that these fires may have been set intentionally, making this disaster all the more harrowing.

THE SITUATION: Wildfires have destroyed over 700 homes and workplaces since August 1st. Thousands of acres of forest around Spokane have been lost so far, and the fires are still not contained as of August 5th.

THE NEED: Hundreds of families have lost everything, as the fires have burned their homes to the ground. Tens of thousands more are displaced by life-threatening flames and smoke. Until the dust settled, families who had to flee will need food, shelter, hygiene supplies and other everyday essentials. In the longer term, many will need support to clean up and recover.

YOUR IMPACT: Your compassionate response will distribute emergency supplies to help families survive the immediate crisis. You will also support debris removal and cleanup so they can begin rebuilding from the ashes. Your support not only provides urgent relief for our neighbors in need; you also show them that on their hardest days, they are loved and cared for.

The PLC Church Council has authorized a \$1,000 matching grant from Calvary Bequest to strengthen our congregation's response. Our gifts are being channeled through LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF and LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE.

Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church with a note for WILDFIRE RELIEF, or make your donation via Tithe.ly with a "Wildfires" designation.

Thank you for your generosity.