

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



August 16, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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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-joice-ing for Word giv-en frame;
 Ours the re-joice-ing for na-ture re-claimed;
 Ours the re-joice-ing for spir-its a-flame;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Julie Ward

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save.

*Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—
not race, nationality, or any other category.*

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

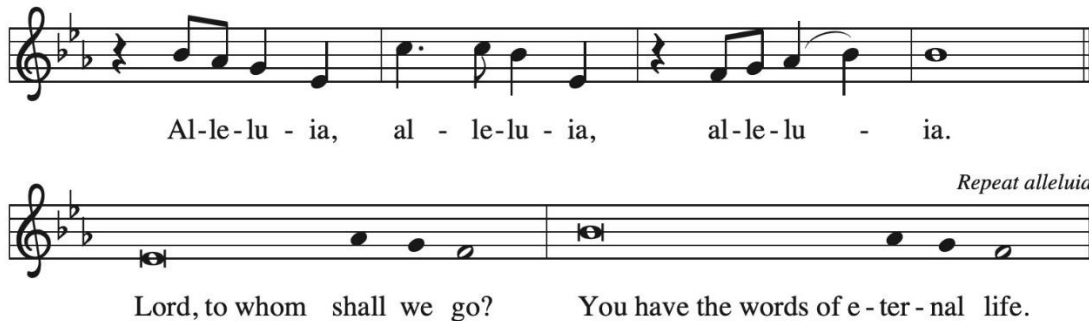
²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

Rev. Pam Russell

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a

Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Rev. Pam Russell

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW #588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

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/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 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.



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COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

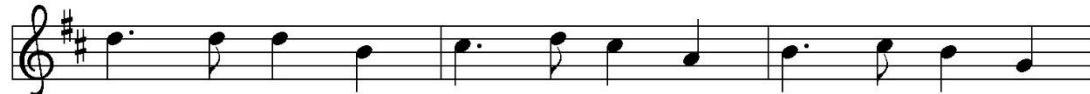
ELW #612

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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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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
08/09/16	\$ 1,395.00
Electronic	\$ 5,721.43
Total for August	\$ 8,596.43

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Obey the speed limit. If we all did, we'd save 57,000 tons of carbon *each day*! And we'd arrive only 54 seconds later than if we'd sped. This from a new study which analyzed a database of more than 120 million actual trips made by passenger vehicles across the U.S. and then modeled what would happen if drivers never exceeded the posted speed. We'd save 6.7 million gallons of fuel and \$22 million in fuel costs across the country.

PASTORAL CARE WHILE PASTOR ERIK IS GONE

Pastor Erik will be on vacation from 8/14 to 8/28 and will be back at church on 8/30. Pastor Paul Winterstein will be available for emergency pastoral care. His number is 206-802-8951.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN FOOD DONATIONS

Due to pesky insects and other environmental factors, ***we are no longer able to accept donations of fresh produce and baked goods, including tortillas.*** This change--made reluctantly--is effective immediately. In addition, we have had to ***temporarily close the Little Free Pantry on the patio.*** We will continue to share your generous donations of well-packaged and canned foods with our neighbors at the *White Center Food Bank* and the Saturday noon *Welcome Table*, also in White Center. You may place your donations any time during the month in the marked drawer in the narthex.

SEPTEMBER 6 FIRST SUNDAY EMPHASIS:

Back to School! Think nut butters, jams and jellies, nutritious snacks and breakfast items, canned fruits and applesauce, tuna, quick meals. Food staples, including rice and seasonings, are always welcomed. Thank you!

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 900 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.

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.](#)

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; 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; Cheryl McCabria; Sarah McKeown; 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.

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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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.