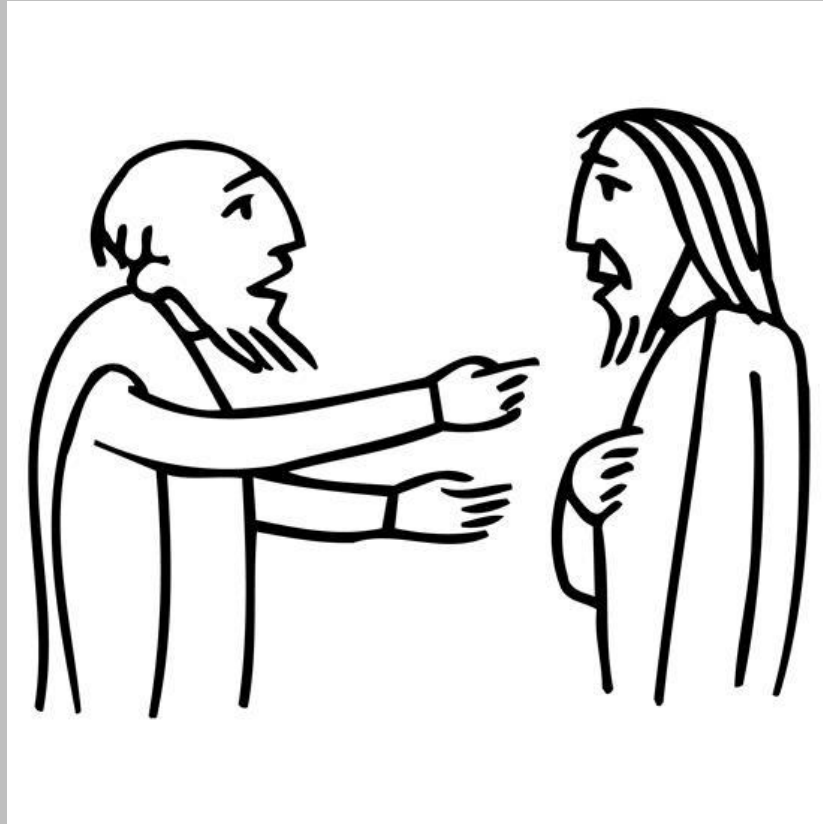


SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



August 23, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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

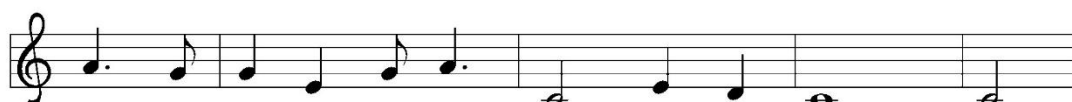
GATHERING HYMN

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770

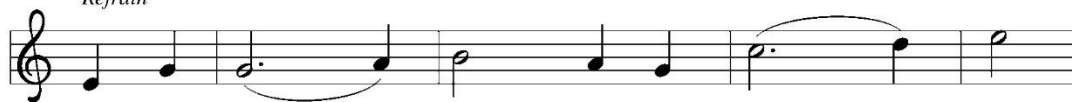


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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

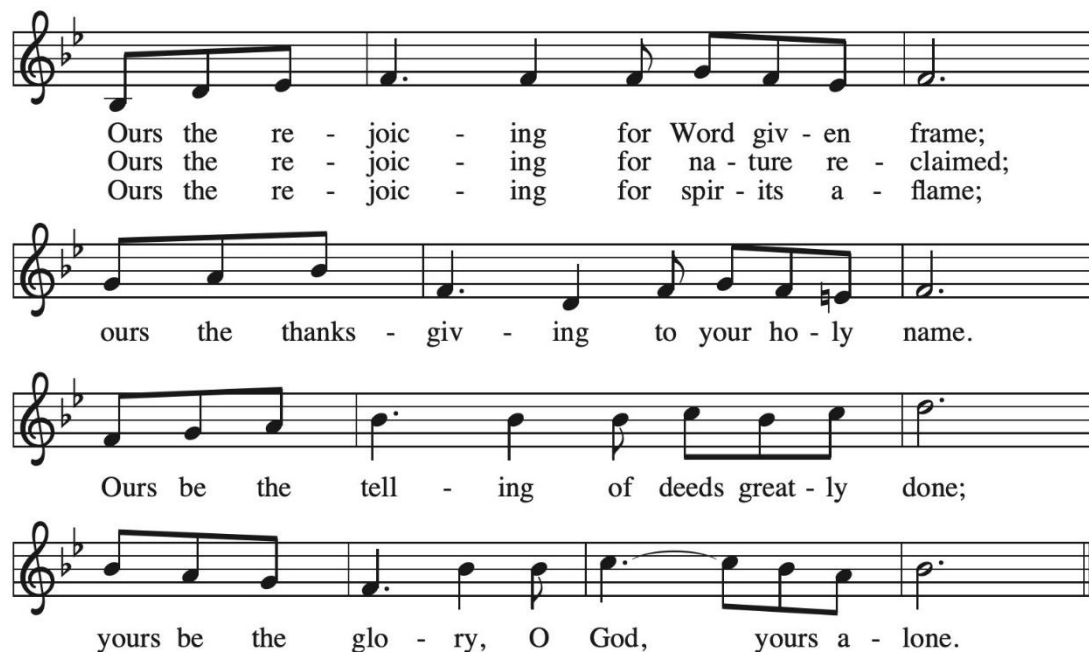
ACS page 31



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Helen Hundley

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you,
 for he was but one when I called him,
 but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
 God will comfort all her waste places
 and will make her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Dan Sorensen

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Helen Hundley

SERMON

Rev. Dan Sorensen

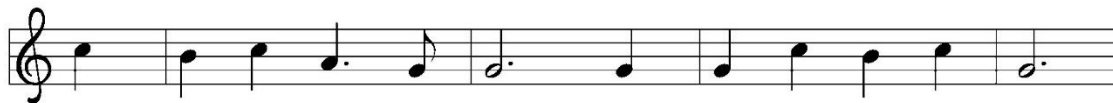
HYMN OF THE DAY

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW #853



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

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.



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

COMMUNION HYMN

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW #592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

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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Acolyte	Stella Zandi
Lector	Helen Hundley
Children's Sermon	Helen Hundley
Greeters	Helen Hundley, Marcia Olson
Ushers	Alan Jarvimaki, Dave Kehle
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Keyes, Esme Klinemeier
Coffee Server	Helen Hundley
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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
08/16/23	\$ 2,635.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 8,192.86</u>
Total for August	\$13,702.86

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

On August 26, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment protecting women's right to vote was added to the U.S. Constitution. Our votes are one of our most powerful tools as Earth Keepers. Data shows about 62% of high-priority "climate voters" in the U.S. are women, and that Black, Hispanic, and other communities of color consistently report higher personal concern and urgency regarding climate change. We each must stand firm today to protect voting rights and equal access to polls for every American.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY!

School will be starting soon and the Social Ministry Team invites you to contribute to the school supply drive for Highland Park Elementary School, the local school adopted by Peace. A list of needed items is in the basket in the narthex and in your August Peace Notes. Special needs are cleaning supplies for families and baby wipes, as well as traditional school supplies listed. Supplies will be delivered to HPES at the end of August. Thank you to Thrivent for our Action Team to help support this project! Questions? Ask Mary Jacob at 407-252-8807 or any Social Ministry team member.

PASTORAL CARE WHILE PASTOR ERIK IS GONE

Pastor Erik will be on vacation from 8/14 to 8/27 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.

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 insert for donation info and links.)

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!

PET SUPPLIES NEEDED

Peace member Ginger and her father Wes have been distributing pet supplies two Saturdays a month at The Welcome Table, a much-appreciated gift for our Welcome Table guests and their cat and dog family members. You can help, too, by donating the following: FOOD - kibble, cans, packets, treats. ITEMS: pet collars, jackets, leashes, water bowls, toys in good condition, pee pads, blankets (for beds in cold weather), aids for handicapped cats and dogs. Items may be placed in the labeled container in the narthex. Thank you!

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; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Jeffry 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 Mc Cabria; 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.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Deric Bevier who passed away this week. He was a friend of Jean Sides’ daughter.

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.