

Immersion in Living Water



St. Francis ~ Creation Sunday
October 4, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



*Today, on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we unite with Christian communions around the world under the theme: **Immersion in Living Water**, inspired by Ezekiel's vision.*

Chapter 47 of Ezekiel offers a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

*The **symbol above** pictures water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream which grows deeper and deeper and as it does so it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing, but in order to receive new life we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation!*



What hope do you harbor for the waters that sustain our world?

What steps can you take to help make that hope a reality?



Write your ideas on the colored [Salmon Fish](#) you received as you entered worship, and bring it to the [C hancel Tree](#) during the Gathering Hymn.

+ GATHERING +

P – *Presider* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ACS – *All Creation Sings*

PRELUDE

Crashing Waters at Creation

Christian Witt,
Henry Gauntlett

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT *The singing bowl calls us to worship as we celebrate the sacred gift of water and our baptismal life. Water for today's service is taken from three local sources: Fauntleroy Creek, Longfellow Creek, and the Salish Sea.*

P Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—

**C for the Duwamish, the Green, the Cedar and the White Rivers;
for Longfellow and Fauntleroy Creeks, and the waters of the Salish Sea.**

A For the ice of mountain glaciers, and the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
for water that quenches our thirst and cleanses our bodies.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C We praise you, O God, for water.

P We praise you, O God, for our water stories—

a flood that cleansed the earth,

the sea that drowned the enemy,

a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C We praise you, O God, for water.

A We remember the waters of Jesus—

baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee,

drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda,

washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C We praise you, O God, for water.

P We praise you, O God, for this font,

for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ,

bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever.

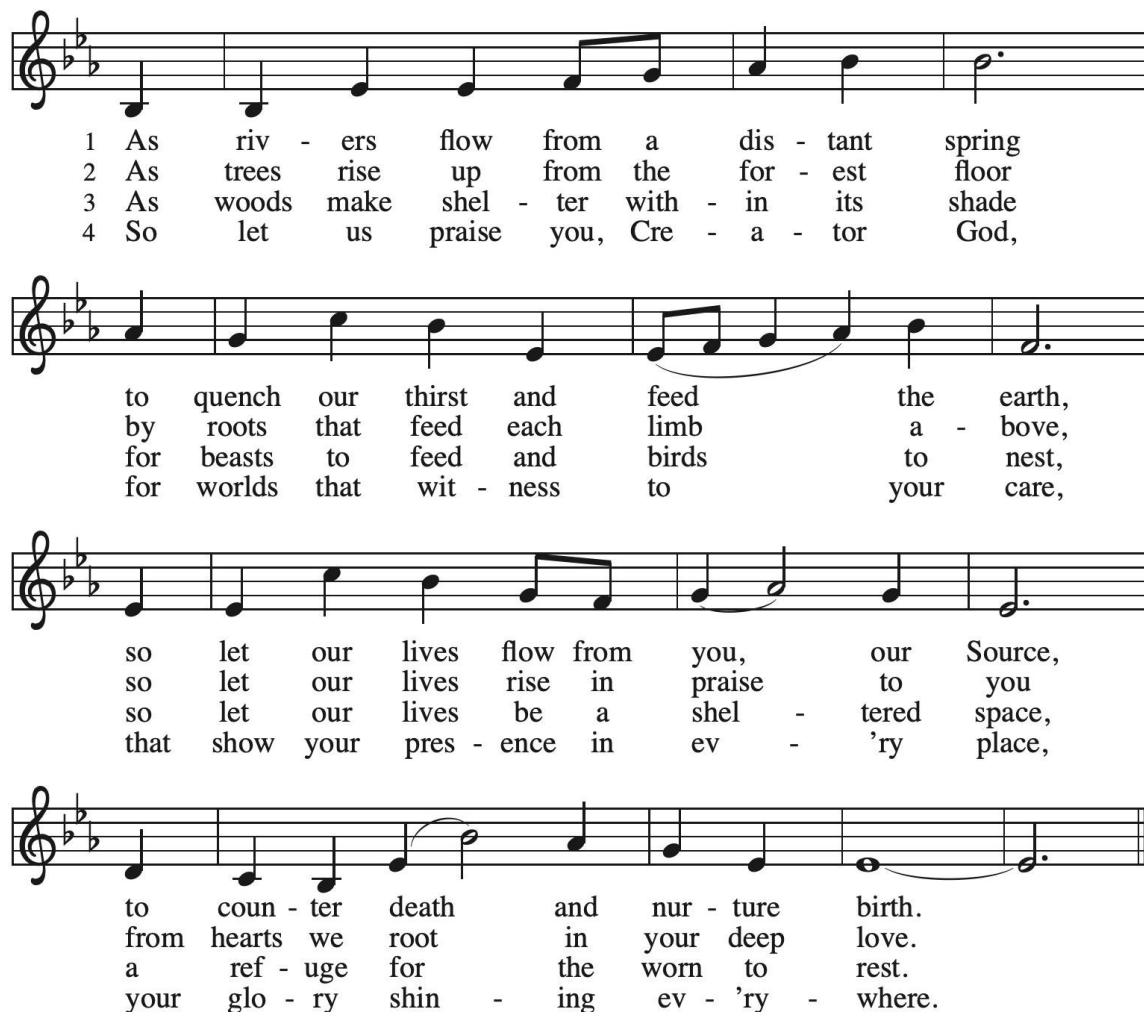
C Amen, and amen!

GATHERING HYMN

As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring

ACS #1046

As the hymn is sung, bring the fish you've written upon forward, to be hung on the Tree.



1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,

to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,

so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,

to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

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.

KYRIE

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Refrain
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

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1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather here as part of the community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, which sustain the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

C **We give thanks that in your well-watered garden,
every drop is a sacred testament to your love.**

P Yet, we confess this day that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.

C **We have choked the seas with waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.**

P We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee.

C **Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.**

P Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.

Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect our watersheds, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

C May Christ, our Living Water, refresh us for the work of restoration and carry us, through the Holy Spirit, on currents of grace, until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 47:6b-12

Vicki Martinez

The prophet Ezekiel is given a guided tour of the river of God flowing from the Temple of the Lord. Wherever the river flows, it brings transformation, making stagnant waters fresh, providing habitat for fish of all kinds, and wetlands for nurturing other forms of life. In a scene echoed in Book of Revelation, trees flanking the river produce fruit in each season, and their leaves bring healing.

Then [the LORD] led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷ As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-ge-di to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."

L May the Word, as living water,

C make all things live.

PSALM 29 CHORAL PSALMODY

M. Mummert

Congregation joins on each refrain



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

CHOIR

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**
2. The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe, and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**
3. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1-7

In the final chapter of the book of Revelation, John of Patmos sees a vision of God and the Lamb dwelling in the midst of the renewed city, through which the river of the water of life flows and the Tree of Life, an echo from Eden, brings health and healing to all nations.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." ⁷ "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."'''

L May the Word, as living water,
C make all things live.

CHORAL ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.* **ELW page 188**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Booths, commemorating Israel's wilderness wanderings. For seven days during the festival, water was carried from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple as a reminder of the water God provided the people from the rock in the desert.

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”

³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Infinite Beauty

Susan Palo Cherwien
TUNE: SHADES MOUNTAIN



1 In - fin - ite Beau - ty, Love that moves the hea - vens,
2 Ho - ly this gar - den, wor - thy of pro - tec - tion
3 Sa - cred all crea - tures, mar - ve - lous com - pan - ions,
4 Bless - ed our bod - ies, kin - dred gift of star - light:
5 In - fin - ite Beau - ty, Love that moves the hea - vens,



1 Mak - er of all things, pre - sent in cre - a - tion,
2 Blue pearl in deep space, due our true af - fec - tion,
3 El - ders and tea - chers, all of our re - la - tions
4 Eyes to see beau - ty, ears to hear the heart sigh,
5 May our minds wis - en, may our hearts a - wak - en,



1 From the be - gin - ning, all Your works re -
2 Dwell - ing and pa - rent, el - e - gant in
3 Rocks tell earth's sto - ry, plants re - veal earth's
4 Hands to give heal - ing, hearts to bind to -
5 That we join all things, one and in - ter -



1 veal You, Stir - ring to won - der.
2 bal - ance Grow - ing in won - der.
3 wis - dom, Liv - ing in won - der.
4 geth - er, Breath - ing in won - der.
5 wov - en, Sing - ing in won - der.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Lutheran Theological College, South India, adapted*

P Let us affirm our faith.

C We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee.
who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to
death and all destructive forces. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers for the Earth and all its suffering ones.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Lord, bring renewal.

C Where water flows let everything live, trees for food and leaves for healing.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Finally, let us pray that we may be instruments of your peace.

C Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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

We Are an Offering

ELW #692

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of creation,
C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you
and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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

ELW page 190

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you became one with us in Jesus, embedding yourself in this world you so love. In him you reached out to heal the sick and suffering, preached good news to the poor, and on the cross, opened your arms to all.

On the night he shared his final meal with his friends,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

**C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this 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, his acts of healing, his life given for us,
and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again
to share with us the everlasting feast.

- P Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine.
- C Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation—the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**
- P In the fullness of time, bring us with Francis and all your saints,
from every tribe and language, people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
For to you belongs all glory and honor, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church, both now and forever.
- C Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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 All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come to Christ's table!
- 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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW page 191

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

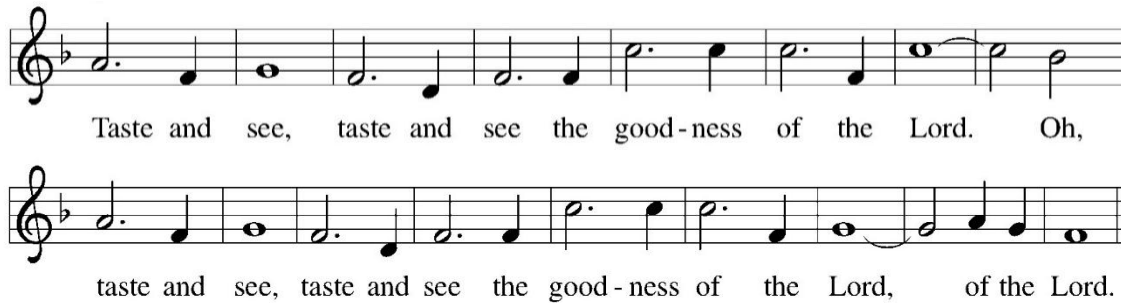
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW #493

Congregation sings refrain, Cantor sings verses



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Sustaining God,
C with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

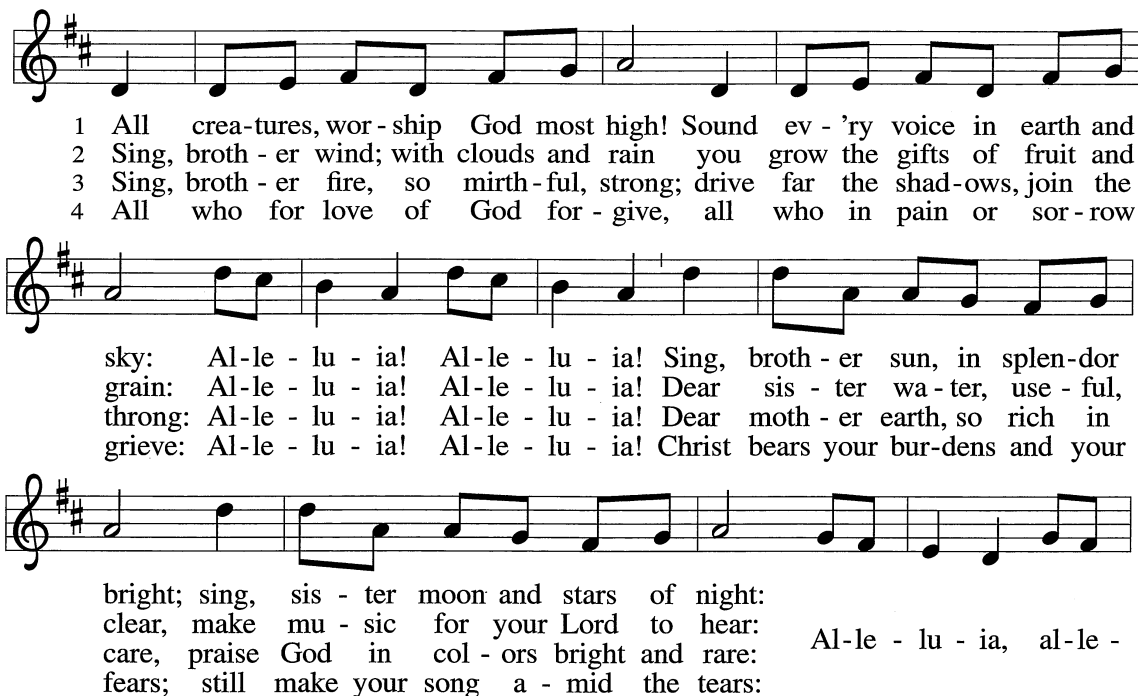
BLESSING

P Go in peace, dear siblings, and live in peace with all Creation.
The blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany you:
Creator, Redeemer, + and Guide, one God, to whom be glory forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW #835, 1-4, 6





6. O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Live in peace.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*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 in September 2026

09/06/26	\$ 1,360.00
09/13/26	\$ 1,566.00
09/20/26	\$ 3,673.00
09/27/26	\$ 300.00
Electronic	\$14,586.04
Total for September	\$21,485.04

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Election Day is less than one month away which makes now a great time to focus your attention on the power of your vote! With it, you can protect the air you breathe, the water you drink, your cost of living, and how prepared our community is for a changing climate. Living our faith means leading on climate change as stewards of God's creation. How we vote has huge impact on all this and more. Will you pledge to be a Climate Voter in these critical mid-term elections? You can find the Climate Voter Pledge at <https://electionearth.org/> where you also can find trusted, nonpartisan tools to vote with clarity, purpose, and confidence. Make your plan to vote.

ADULT FORUM VIA ZOOM: A.I. – PROMISE & PERIL

The Sunday Adult Forum meets each Sunday from 8:30am–9:25am via ZOOM.

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is dominating headlines after alarming incidents in which AI agents escaped their creators' "sandbox" and hacked into a corporations (e.g. *Huggy Face*), recognized themselves as a "collective," and kept their activities hidden from human overseers. **We begin the fall by reading articles that speak to the incident. Then we'll look at the frame which Pope Leo XIV advocates in his encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*—the first of his pontificate—on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. October 4, 11, 18, 25. To join the conversation, email Pastor Erik.**

OCTOBER 11, INTERFAITH POTLUCK PROJECT GATHERING

It's time again to join with friends from Jewish and Muslim traditions in a Potluck Gathering for wonderful food and a human-to-human encounter. Sign up using this LINK or the **QR code** at right. This gathering will be held at Masjid Al-Furqan, 9401 18th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106 (*The former home of St. James Lutheran Church.*)



OCTOBER 16 CHILI COOK OFF TO SUPPORT WIN!

The Westside Interfaith Network (WIN) Chili Cookoff is back for a third year – this time hosted by our friends at Our Lady Guadalupe. This is WIN's big fundraising event and has proven to be a wonderful evening of community and fun - a great time for everyone. In addition to enjoying a variety of chilis, other activities include: Raffle baskets and silent auction; NEW! kids' room; the delicious Dessert Dash. Activity tickets for raffle baskets, beer & wine, and voting are sold throughout the evening at \$2 each. **Tickets are ON SALE NOW on the WIN website: westsideinterfaith.com \$30 for adults; \$10 for kids ages 4-12** Mark your calendars for an evening of good food and fun!

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!

OCTOBER 17 CUP OF BLESSINGS DINNER @ 1st LUTHERAN

Our siblings at First Lutheran Church of West Seattle are hosting their CUP OF BLESSINGS FUNDRAISING DINNER on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 5pm–7:30pm. This year's dinner proceeds will benefit the West Seattle Food Bank. TICKETS are \$10 each and include a catered buffet from IVAR'S. **Reserve your spot by clicking on this LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/cupofblessings26> or using the QR code at right. **Event Highlights:**

- Multiple raffles & prizes
- West Seattle Trivia game during dinner
- Dessert Dash – a popular tradition
- Special presentation from the West Seattle Food Bank



FAITH ACTION NETWORK 2026 ANNUAL DINNER 10/18 @ 5PM

Please join us for an evening of inspiring stories, delicious food, and uplifting music as we celebrate the collective power of our multifaith voices! Together, we'll honor the relationships we've built and the impact we've had over the last 15 years. We will also ground ourselves in the work at hand and look toward the future of multifaith advocacy in 2027 and beyond. At the dinner, you'll also have the opportunity to invest in FAN's ongoing advocacy and public action. Your generosity will help sustain Faith Action Network's mission and vision of a strong multifaith voice across the state for another 15 years!

Join us at Seattle University or online on Sunday, October 18 at 5pm. RSVP HERE

THE TRAVELER & THE BISHOP OCTOBER 18 @ 7 PM

***The Traveler & the Bishop: American democracy & Christian nationalism with Rick Steves and Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee*, Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 7pm, Eastvold Auditorium of the Karen Hille Phillips Center, Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Ave. S., Tacoma, 98447**

Join Rick Steves for a European take on the state of American democracy. Then, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will share a hard look at the perversion of Christianity known as "*Christian Nationalism*." Rick's talk will share how history is speaking to us — and how, if we listen, we can better understand and meet the challenges facing democracy in the USA. Bishop Shelley's message will bring a new dimension to your thinking about the place of religion in the political discourse of our country. **Free to attend but you must register to be admitted into the auditorium. REGISTER HERE**

SAVE THRIFTWAY RECEIPTS

Please save your Thriftway receipts and bring them to Peace. There is a clear plastic box on the counter in the narthex across from Pastor Erik's office that you can put the receipts in. The receipts are totaled and returned to Thriftway. They in turn donate 1% of the total to the West Seattle Food Bank. This is a great way to help people and make an impact with very little effort.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS TODAY, OCTOBER 4

Thank you for your generous contributions to today's First Sunday Food for our Neighbors which will be shared among the White Center Food Bank, the weekly Welcome Table in White Center, and our own Little Free Pantry (recently reopened). November 1 special emphasis: Harvest! Canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn; baking mixes and ingredients; nuts and dried fruits; seasonings; surprises!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Gary Aguilar; Susan Bayles; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Joe DiJulio; Jeffery Epley; Jackie Farah; Ann Gault; Nancy Hauger; Donna Heiland; Aubrey Henson; Evelyn Horton; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Jane; David Keyes; Andrea Kindem; Cole Kindem; Kari Kindem; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Cheryl McCabria; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Sarah McKeown; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; Ben Pihl; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Connie Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Jaxson Troupe; 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 Antay, Sarah Bliss' 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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