SEASON OF PENTECOST



November 15, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church ***West Seattle, Washington***

Our readings during November speak of ending. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Recognizing human limits, the Psalmist appeals to God for mercy. Jesus tells a parable which raises questions about how we participate in the culture of "more." In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Our Pass the Hat Partner this month is Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington. Pastor Joseph Li will be with us to give us an update on his work with international students.

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We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table. 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.

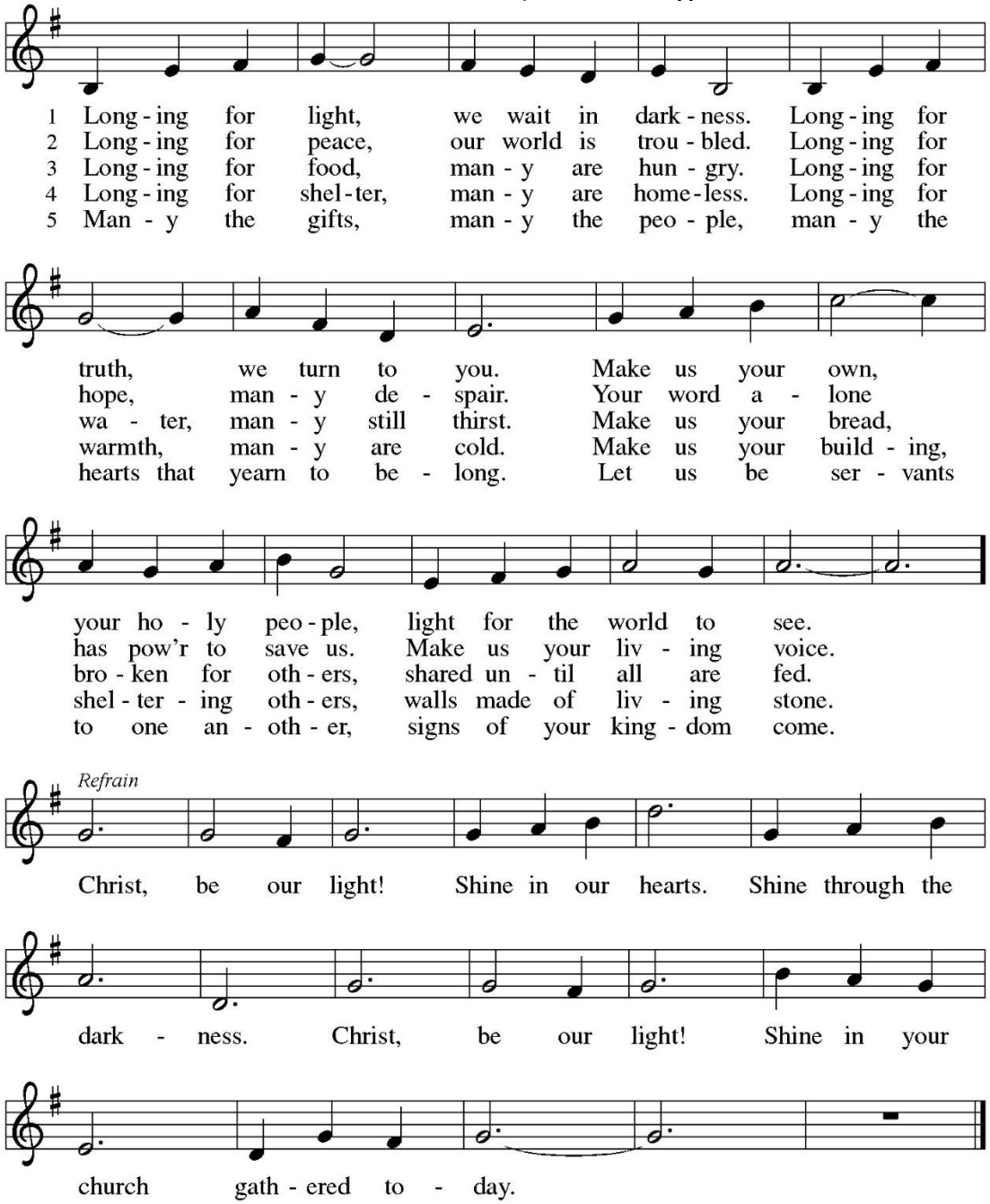
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ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ACS – *All Creation Sings*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **ELW #715**

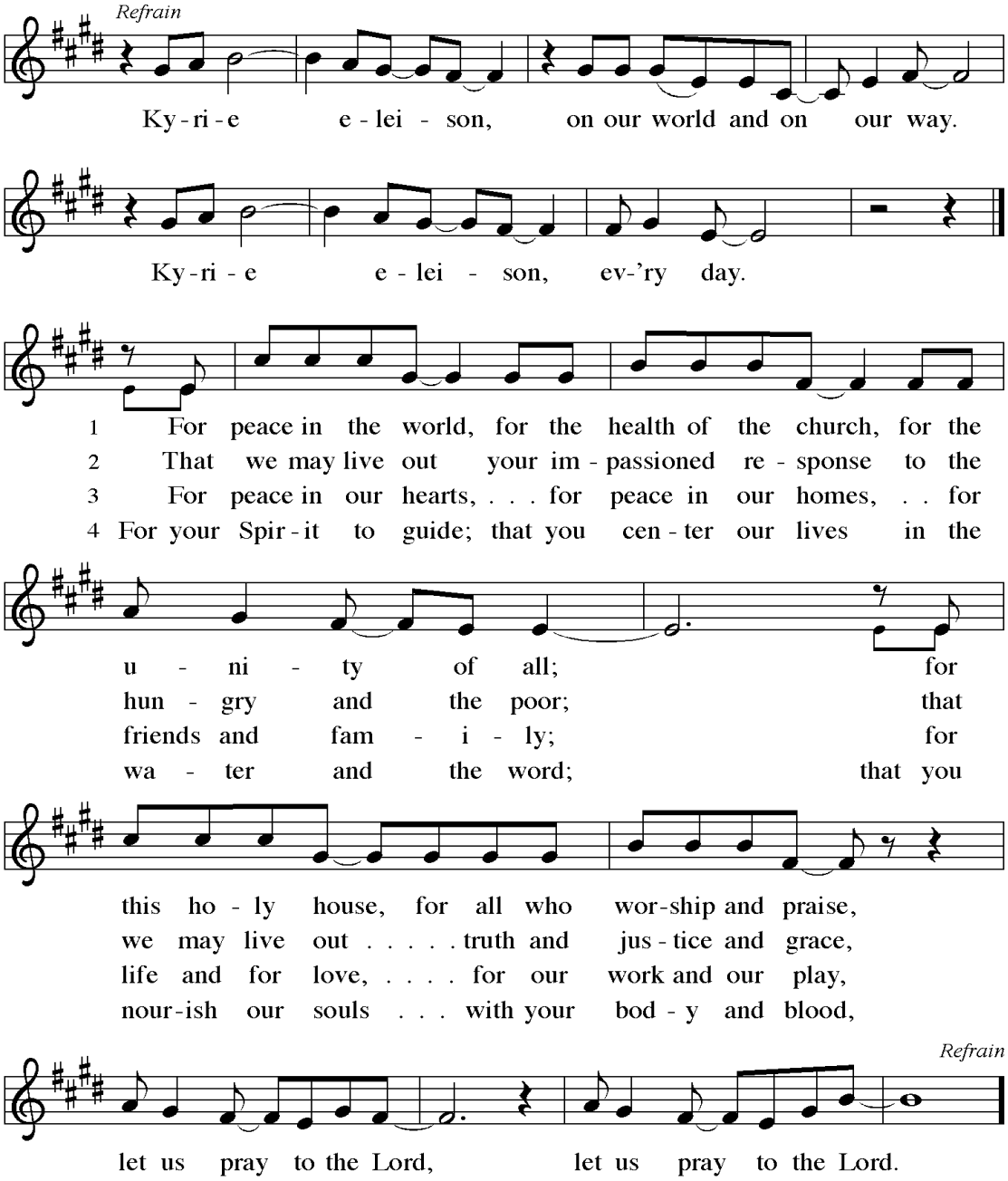


GREETING

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PASS THE HAT ***UW Lutheran Campus Ministry*** Pastor Joseph Li

+ WORD +

READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Julie Ward

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for
you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So,
then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let
us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

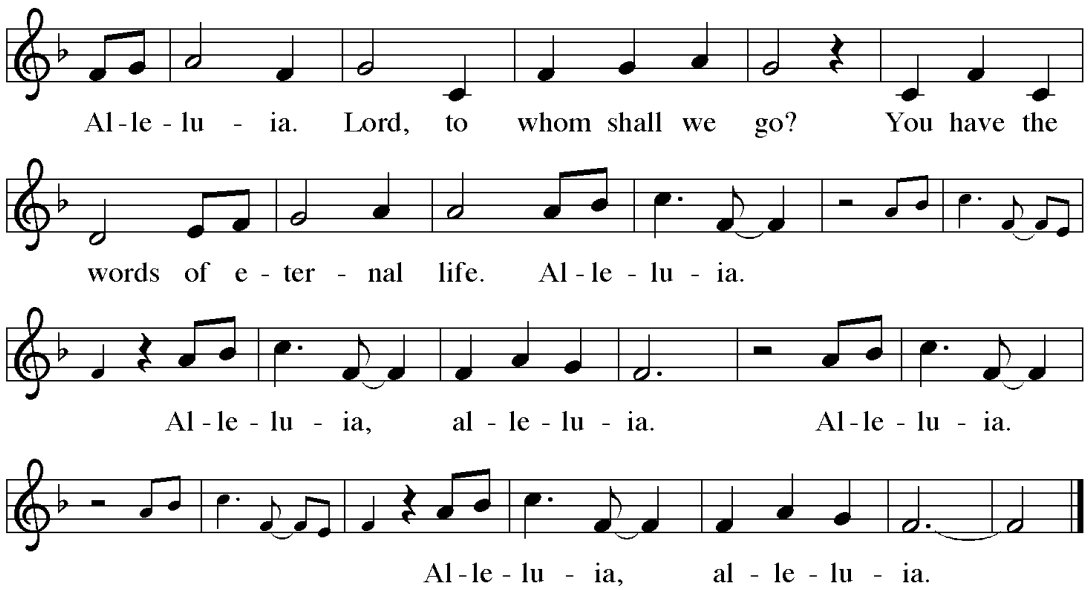
L Word of God. Word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-14, 17 *A prayer of Moses. The man of God.* *Read responsively*

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
10 The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
13 Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

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



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Mel Jacob

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more

talents.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.’ [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I
knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did
not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what
is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into
the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

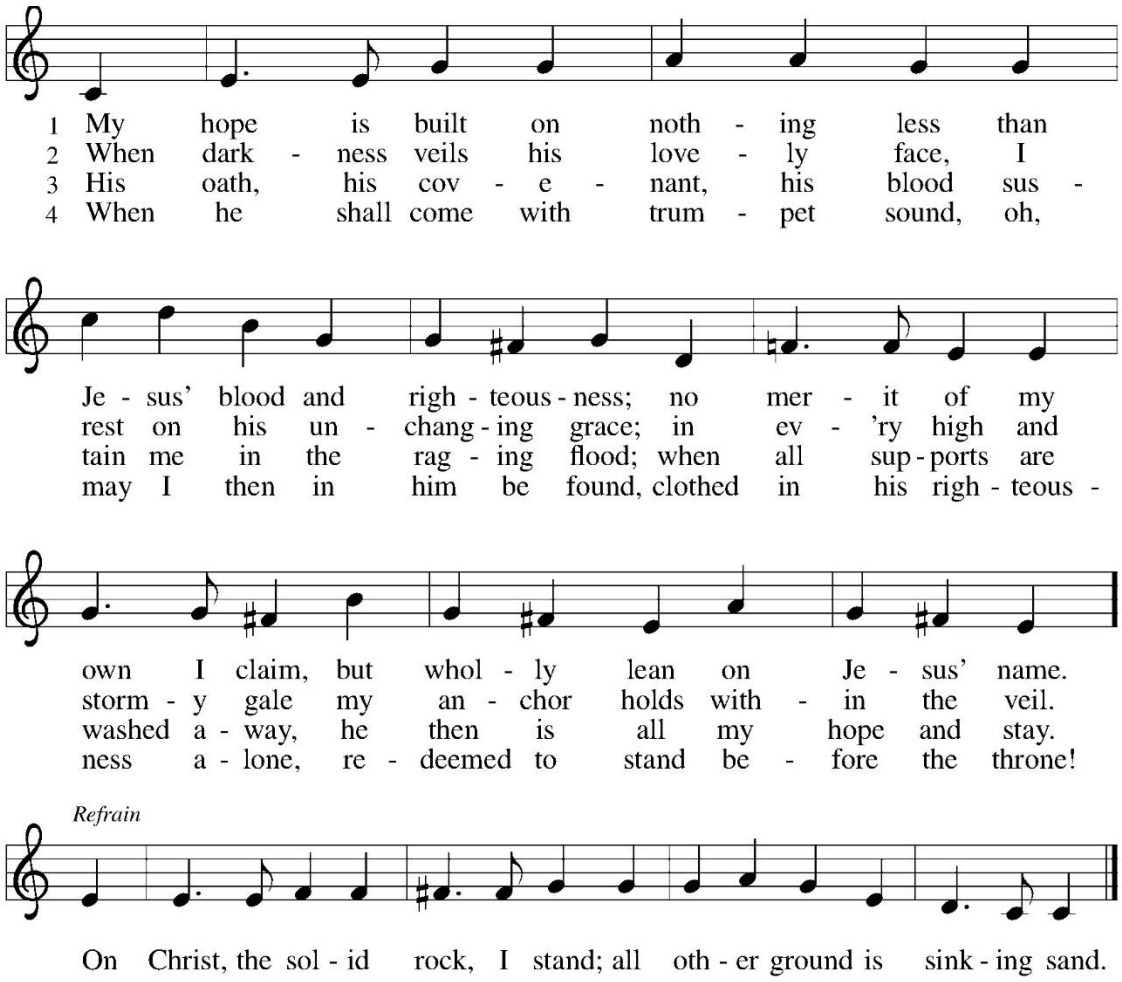
P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHOIR ANTHEM ***Sing Hallelujah! Jesus Lives Today*** Mark Burrows

CHILDREN’S TIME Julie Ward

SERMON Rev. Mel Jacob
Time for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY *Please rise in body or spirit.*
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less **ELW #597**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Larry Cruse

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.
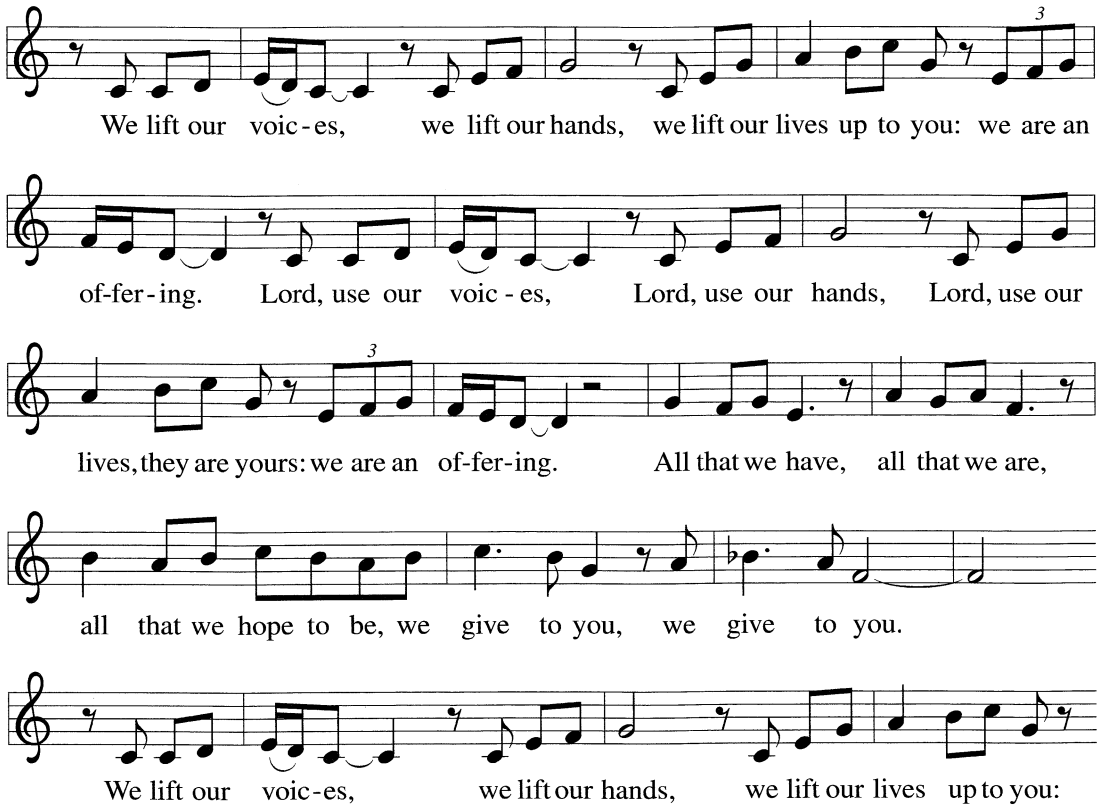
We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.
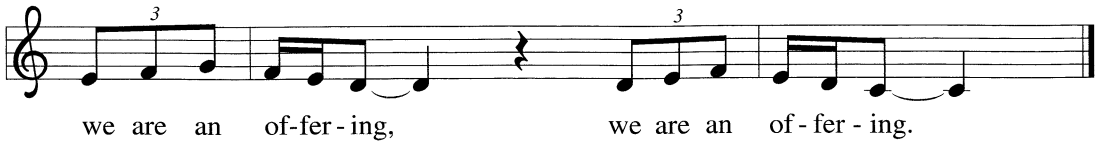
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OFFERTORY ***We Are an Offering*** **ELW #692**





OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Eternal God,

C **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.**
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hunger is no more, and all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

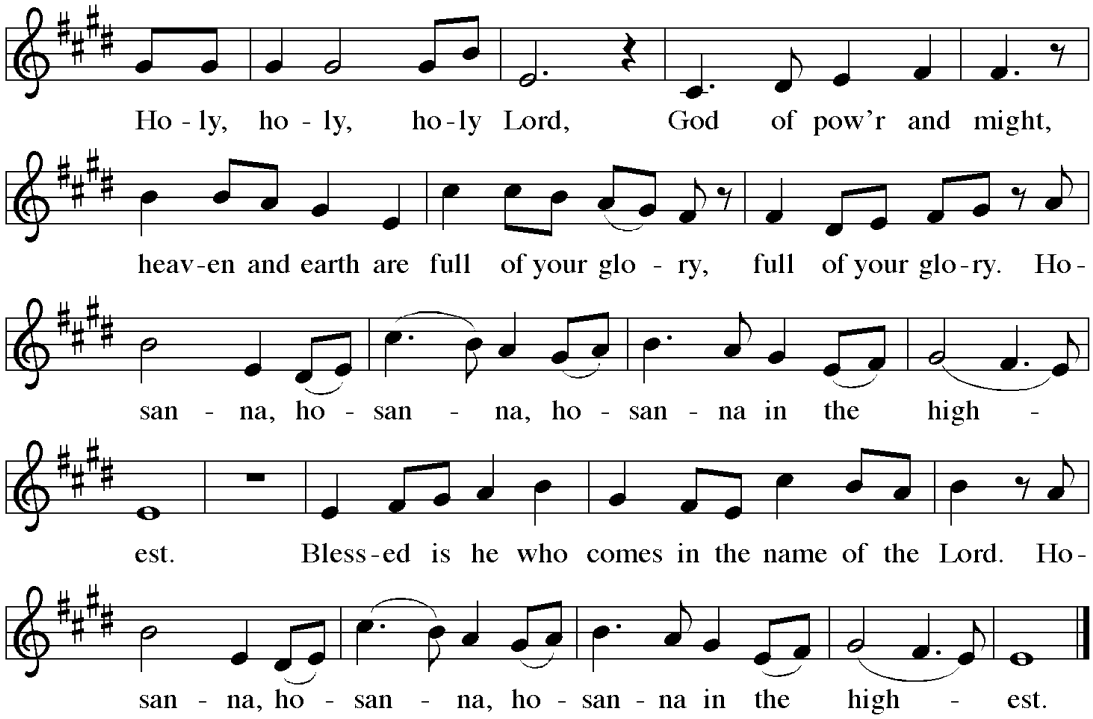
C **We lift them to the Lord!**

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 merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with earth, sea, and sky and all their creatures, and with the choir of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **ELW Page 190**



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.
In the night in which he was handed over to death,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son.
Teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ,
through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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

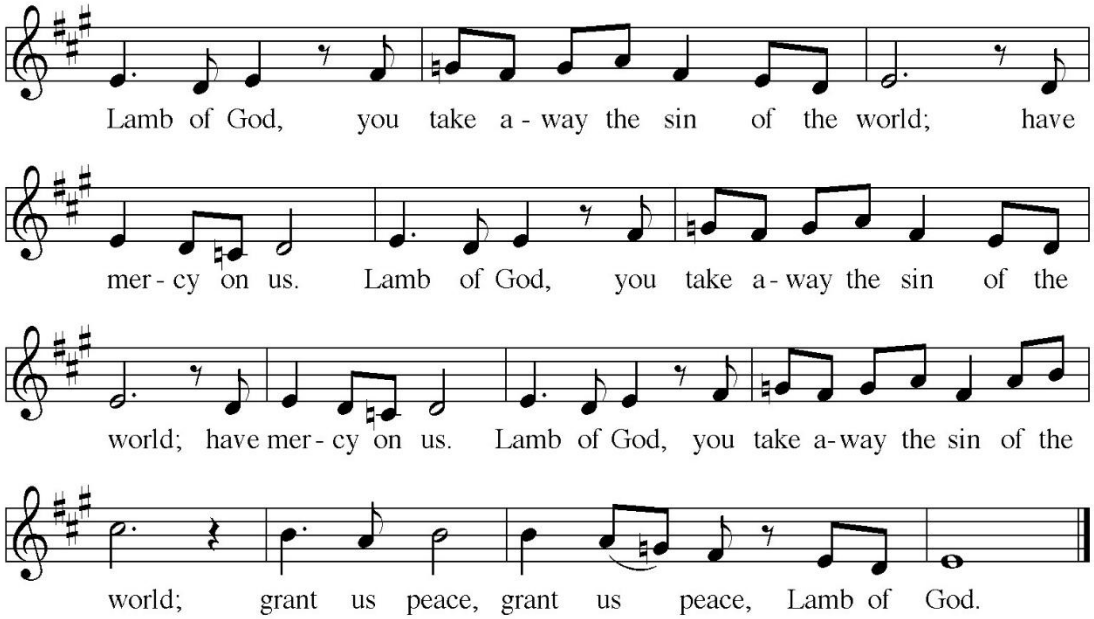
P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

C Thanks be to God!

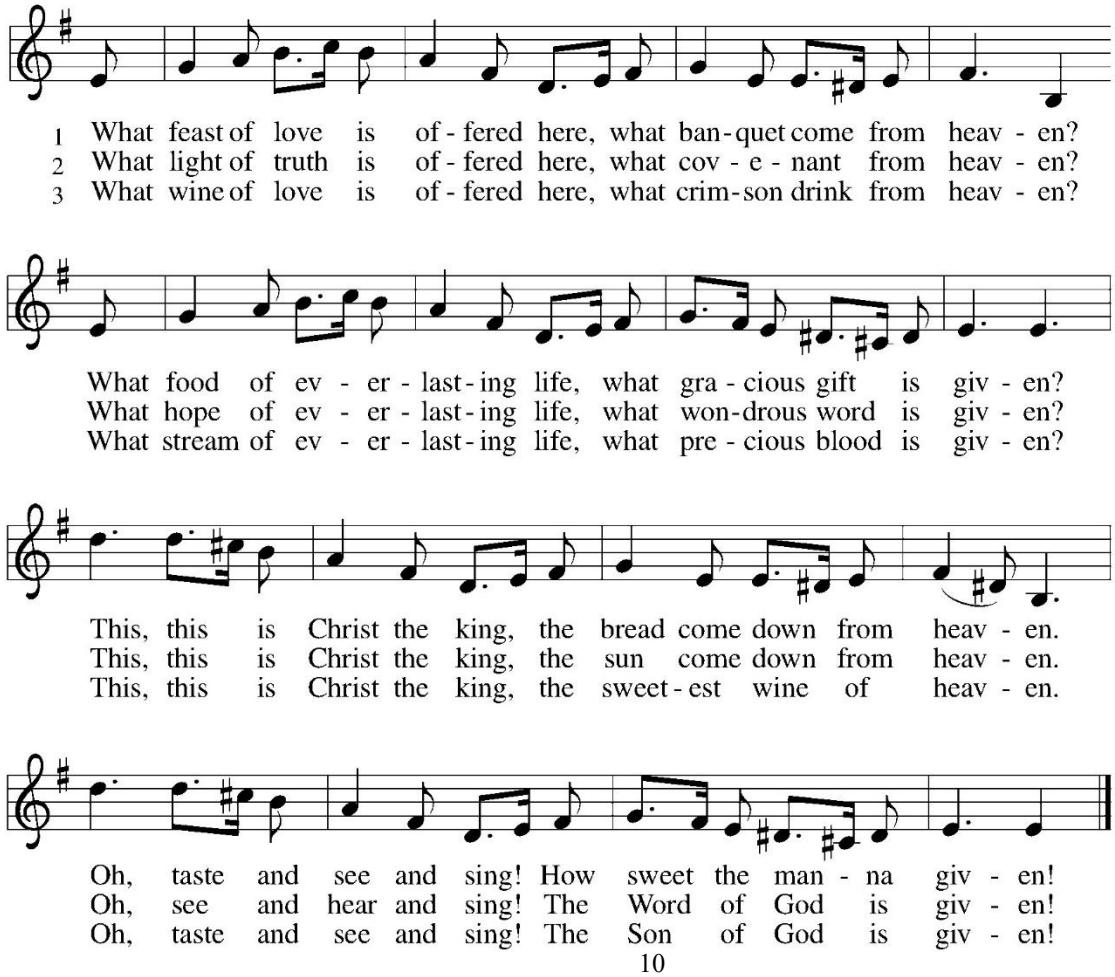
DISTRIBUTION

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 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.

LAMB OF GOD — ELW page 191



COMMUNION HYMN — *What Feast of Love* — ELW #487



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy God,

C we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.
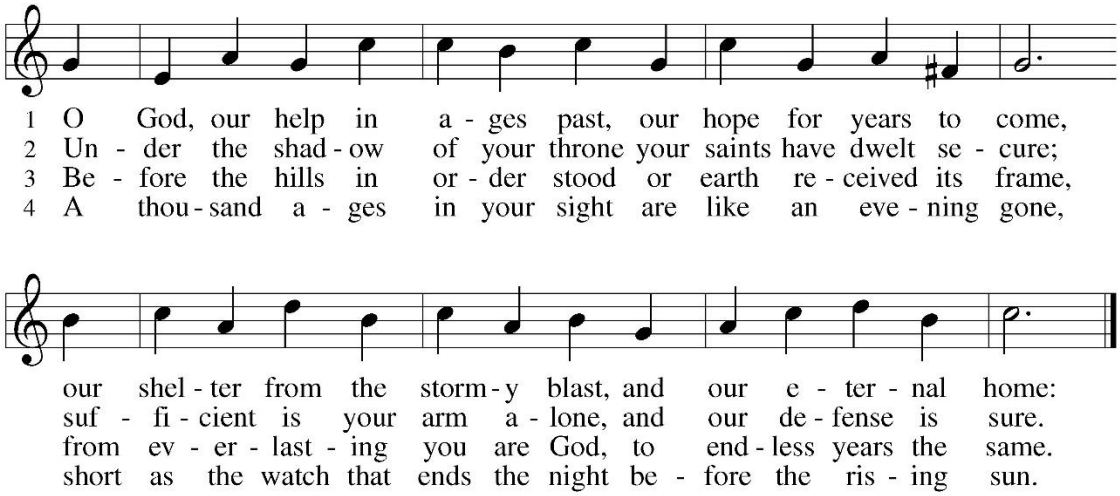
+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Guide,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** **ELW #632**



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Those who wish to depart before the postlude is finished 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 November 2026

11/01/26	$ 2,992.00
11/08/26	$ 8,276.00
Electronic	$ 5,683.91
Total for October	$16,951.91

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Today is *America Recycles Day,* the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. We're fortunate in Seattle to have a robust public recycling program. Did you know Seattle Public Utilities began a program in April allowing every eligible account holder to schedule two special pickups annually for bulky or hard-to-recycle items like batteries and CFL bulbs to large furniture, appliances, and oils? You can schedule online or by phone.

RITE OF WELCOME NOVEMBER 22

On November 22 we will welcome into our community of faith through the Rite of Welcome the following: Jason, Tiffany, Freddy, & Susie Behmer, Andy Cameron, Courtney Ng, and Bob Loken.

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH—SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Operation Nightwatch has a goal of collecting 30,000 pairs of socks in the next six months and we can help!. Socks are critical to the comfort and well-being of homeless people. Imagine what it must be like to have the same pair of nasty, wet socks on your feet, 24-hours a day. Not good. Socks won't solve our community's homeless crisis. But socks can keep homeless people hopeful, knowing there are neighbors like you, who care. **DEPOSIT SOCKS IN THE NARTHEX TUB DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER.**

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 11/25 @ 7 PM

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP will be held **Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm,** with our traditional "pie potluck" following. This year's Thanksgiving offering will support *The Welcome Table*. Donations, payable to PLC, may be made throughout the month.

ADVENT FEST! NOVEMBER 29, 9:15—10:15 AM

ADVENT begins November 29th with our annual Advent Fest, including all your favorite traditions - Advent logs, paperwhites, card making, and more! Bring the whole family. A light breakfast will be served. Advent packets and devotionals will be available for you to pick up and use at home.

O ANTIPHONS SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL 11/29

A group from Peace will be attending the annual *O Antiphons Service* at St. Mark's Cathedral the evening of November 29—a wonderful musical experience and meaningful entry point into the church year. Let the church office know if you're in need of transportation.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT YOUTH FUNDRAISER 12/5

On December 5 from 4-8pm there will be Science Experiments, Fort Building, Crafts, Baking, Games, Quiet Activities as well as dinner. The cost is by donation--$50/kid is the recommendation, but more or less is also acceptable. Funds go towards summer 2027's *National Youth Gathering* and *Campership*s. Please leave screens at home.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERINGS IN ADVENT

The Peace Worship Planning Team invites you to ADVENT WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at the home of Paul and Boots Winterstein, **December 2, 9, and 16**; 6 pm: simple soup supper, 7 pm: Evening Prayer around the Advent Wreath. Come for one or both! 8108 11th Ave SW, Seattle (SE corner of 11th Ave SW and SW Elmgrove in Highland Park). Plenty of parking. Questions? call 206-762-1362 or email bandpwinterstein@gmail.com.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOCUS WILL BE IN JANUARY

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign will be held in January 2027, as we prepare for our Annual Meeting and enter a year of transition. The theme: *All Shall Be Well.*

THIRD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Third quarter giving statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and help us save a stamp. If you don't pick them up, I am required to mail them to you whether you need them or not.

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.

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: Gary Aguilar; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Melanie Coulson; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Joe DiJulio; Jeffry Epley; Jackie Farah; Cecilia Fenton; Bill Ferris; Sarah G; Ann Gault; Donna Heiland; Barbara Hillier; Evelyn Horton; Jerry 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 McIntryre; Sarah McKeown; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; Ben Pihl; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Jim Ritchie; Aaden Smith; Connie Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Jaxson Troupe; Inge Williams; Shannon Williams; 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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