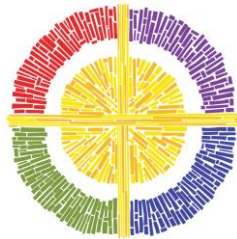


LIVESTREAM WORSHIP July 26, 2020

Peace Lutheran Church

West Seattle, Washington



Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

Pastor Erik P. Kindem is Host and Presider. Dustin Smith is guest Preacher. Musicians include: the Peace Ringers—Marian Christjaener, Betty Beller, Heidi Eilers, and Boots Winterstein; Guest Organist David Boeckh, Minister of Music Jon Lackey, and Accompanist James Jelasic. Production technicians are Joey DiJulio, Graham Johnson, Scott Sunde, Kai Kindem, and Stuart Hunt.

*We will celebrate Holy Communion today.
If you desire to participate from your home,
please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now.*

*This Live Stream Service can be found on our YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ_kC390-EvxqHEpTQR-cxg/*

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Peace Ringers

GATHERING HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW #771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together:

C **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

[Jesus] put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Dustin Smith

HYMN OF THE DAY

Neither Death nor Life

ELW #622

Refrain - All



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an-y trial to come, nei-ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre-a-tion can ev-er sep-a-rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je-sus, our Lord.

Leader or All

1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your
 bod-y shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the
 Spir-it who brings you to life. *Refrain*

5 Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ? Will
 hard-ship or dis - tress, _per-se - cu - tion or fam-ine, or
 na - ked - ness or per - il or sword? *Refrain*

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PRAYERS

Petitions are offered that end with:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

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PASS THE HAT

Columbia Lutheran Home

Video

For 100 years, Columbia Lutheran Home has practiced innovative, compassionate care guided by its Founder's holistic approach and mission to provide care for the whole person ~ body, mind, and spirit. It remains one of the longest standalone Not-for-Profit nursing homes in the Pacific NW and is one of Seattle's most admired 5-star skilled nursing facilities. "We believe everyone deserves excellent care in a cheerful and peaceful environment."

OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

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*Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal.
Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time,
following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Merciful God,
C **God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, We praise your name and join their unending hymn:
C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 forgiveness and healing.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**


P Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son,
through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty & Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Haas

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we sing the prayer of Jesus:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial and de -
 liv-er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r and the
 glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
 Receive nourishment for your journey.
C **Thanks be to God!**

*Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace!
 Anything that remains can be incorporated into your next meal.*

COMMUNION SOLO *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Jon Lackey

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in hope, and keep you in grace, unto life everlasting.
C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P** The Triune God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Spirit, bless and keep you in eternal love.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

J. S. Bach
David Boeckh, guest organist



Wherever the summer finds you, whether you are staying close to home, enjoying God's good creation, or doing otherwise, know that Christ remains close at hand.

Next Sunday, August, our guest preacher will be Rev. Andy Yee, Assistant to the Bishop for the Northwest Washington Synod.