

Live Stream Worship



A demon-possessed man delivered, by Jan van 't Hoff, gospelimages.com. Used by permission.

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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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

Some people wear authority on their sleeves, and it's counted in the number of stripes they bear (e.g. military rank). Other people have authority not because of the title they bear but because of their personal and moral integrity. The divine authority embodied in Jesus is expressed in his ability to command any spiritual power that would seek to control us, as in the demon-possessed man from Mark's gospel. The divine Word, become flesh in Jesus, prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.



Today we welcome Rev. David Brauer-Rieke to our pulpit. A former Bishop of the Oregon Synod, Pastor David now serves as Lutheran Disaster Response consultant for Region 1 of the ELCA. His sermon today is broadcast from his "Lutheran Underground Radio" station somewhere in the Northwest.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major

J.S. Bach

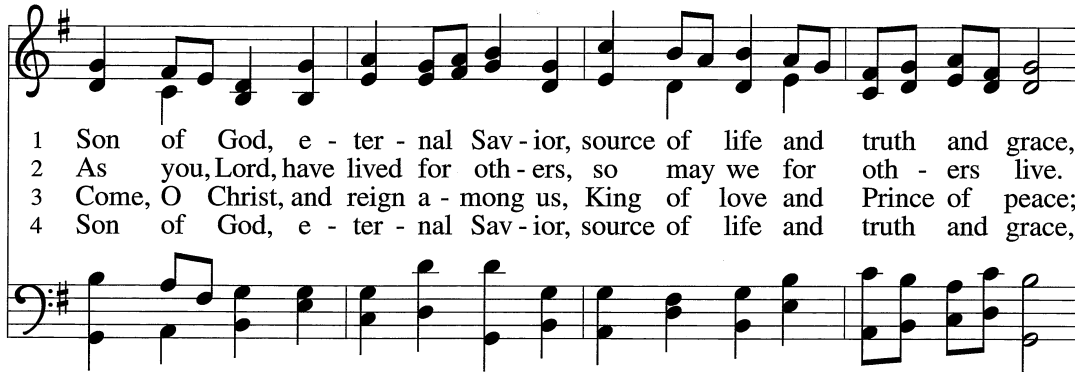
David Boeckh, guest organist

WELCOME

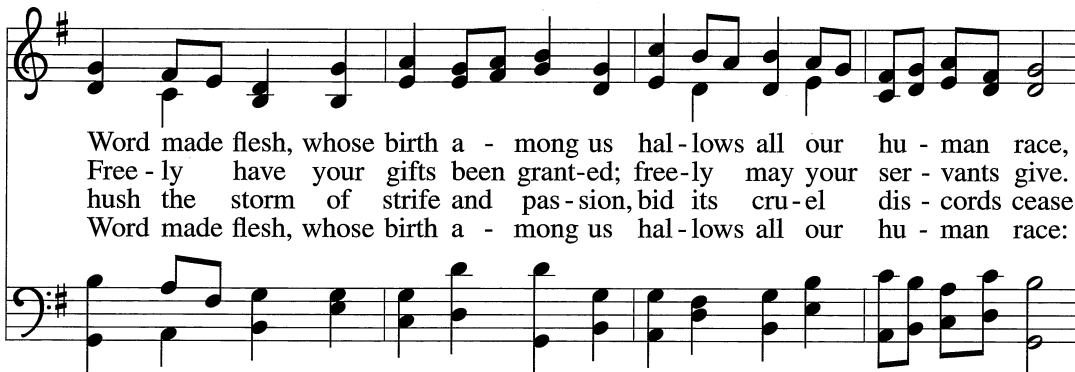
GATHERING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

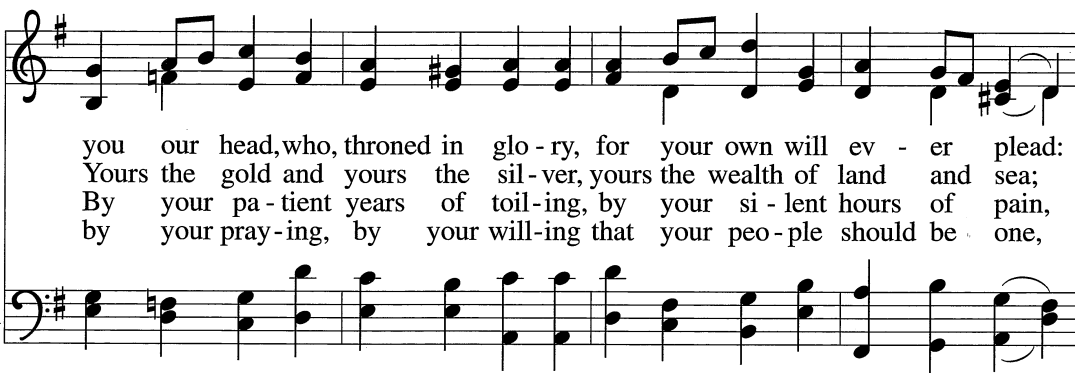
ELW #655, verses 1-2



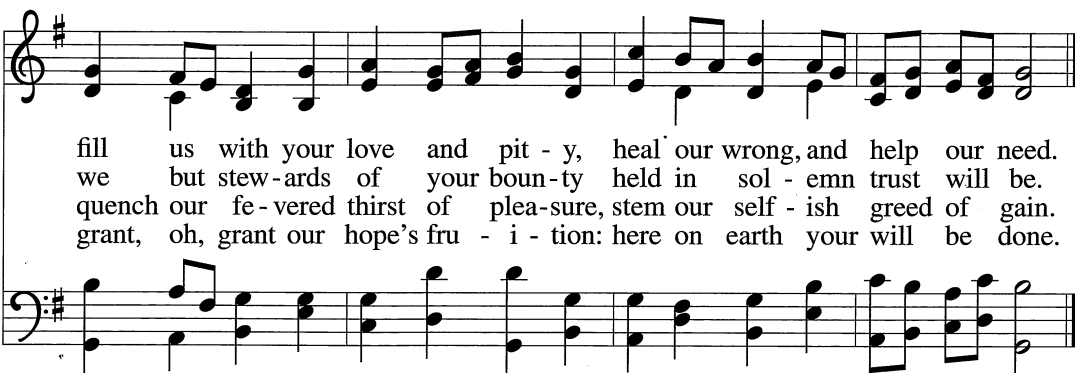
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

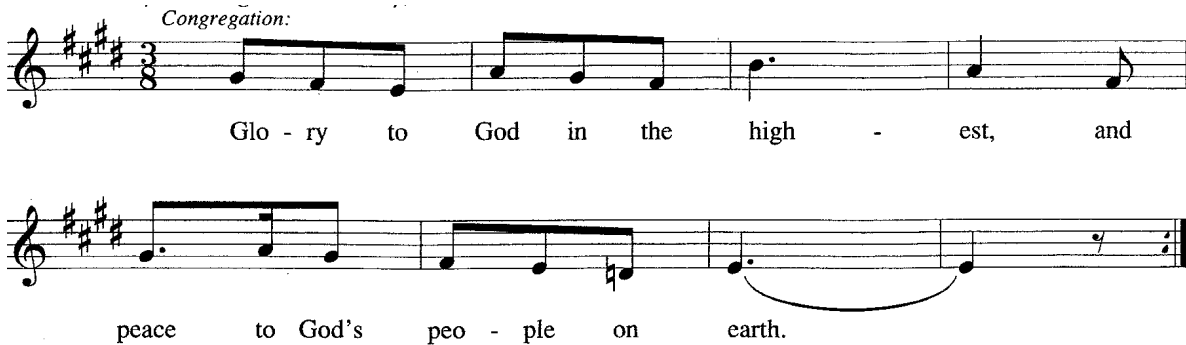
PASTORAL GREETING

P The grace, love and peace of the Triune + God be with you.

C **And also with you.**

GLORIA *Please join the choir in singing each refrain*

Congregation:

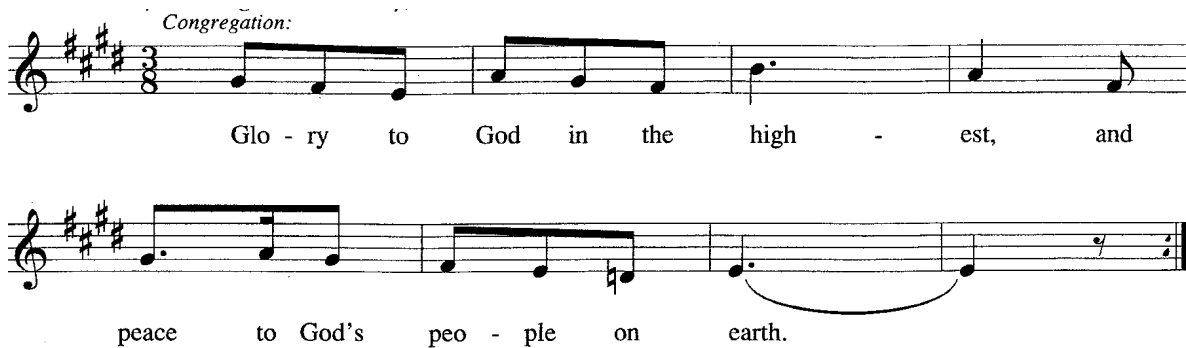


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor:

1. You are God, we praise you. You are Lord, we acclaim you.
You are God eternal, all creation worships you! *Refrain*

Congregation:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor:

2. All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song!
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. *Refrain*
4. God Creator we praise you! Jesus the Christ we adore you!
Spirit of the living God, we worship you! *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see you and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Graham Johnson

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as in fact there are many gods and many lords--⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Pastor Erik Kindem

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all

amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Why should I believe you?!

Rev. David Brauer-Rieke

*Today we join "LDR Underground Radio" host
Dave Brauer-Rieke as he discusses the authority of love.
Dave is a former Bishop of the Oregon Synod and serves as
the Lutheran Disaster Response consultant for Region 1 of the ELCA.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

ELW #721, sung twice

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS

Heidi Eilers

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Let us pray.
C Have mercy, O God.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW #678

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God,
C receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW #655, verses 3-4

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Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio from Organ Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

David Boeckh, guest organist



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY @ 12 NOON!

To participate in our annual meeting at 12 noon, follow this ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88374195363?pwd=UXN6MXFobi84akNzTTYyZ1NXa0l4dz09>

You may also watch the meeting on the same YouTube channel you used to join Worship today: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ_kC390-EvxqHEpTQR-cxg Please sign into YouTube so that you can be counted for quorum purposes and can cast your vote on decisions.

UPCOMING DATES IN FEBRUARY

Here are some of the things on the calendar for February:

Sunday, February 7	Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee preaching
Sunday, February 14	Transfiguration Sunday (<i>and Valentine's Day, of course</i>)
Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS @ 8:45am

Our current conversation focuses on Isabel Wilkerson book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. If you'd like to join the class via ZOOM, please let Pastor Erik know and he will send you an invitation on Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders will resume January 10. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30. Resumes January 10.

GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth will resume January 10. You are invited to get connected to the Bible and each other. We will be walking through the Bible with the Connect curriculum videos and drawing connections between different stories. This class will be great for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible even if you know very little. That's the book with Jesus in it, right? Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30 or so. Class will resume January 10.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come together and try to make sense of it asking: "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

Presider: Pastor Erik P. Kindem
Preacher: Rev. David Brauer-Rieke
Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist James Jelasic,
Guest organist David Boeckh
Lector: Graham Johnson
Children's Message: Julie Ward
Prayers of Intercession: Heidi Eilers
Production technicians: Joey DiJulio, Stuart Hunt, Alan Jarvimaki

