

# **Peace Lutheran Church**



West Seattle, Washington

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Our Guest Preacher this morning is Mary Anne deVry.

She is the overseer of the Westside Interfaith Network and a long-time resident of West Seattle.

# + GATHERING +

#### PRELUDE

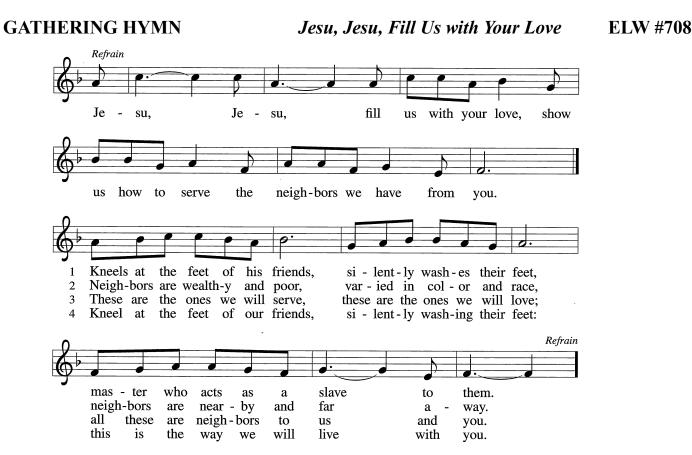
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Maria Theresia von Paradis Chris Kindem, flute

#### WELCOME

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** from the Font

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*
- P God, our provider,
- C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to go around; enough to share.
  We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
  We turn to our own understanding rather that trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
  Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished, and there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, God's mercy is made clear: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Thanks be to God!



### **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- Ρ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- С And also with you.
- Let us pray together: Ρ
- С Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

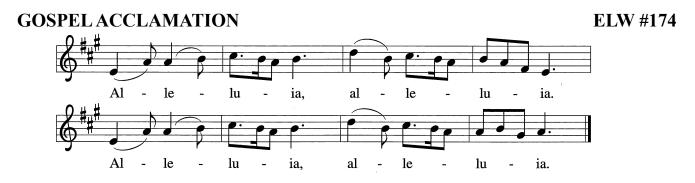
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### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Helen Hundley First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God; and afterwards Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

- L The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God. С



- Ρ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.
- С Glory to you, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL:** John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true* significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Hailey Dabbs & Hudson Steere

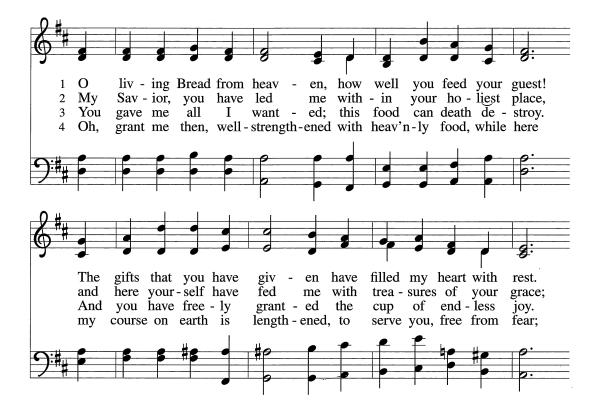
#### SERMON

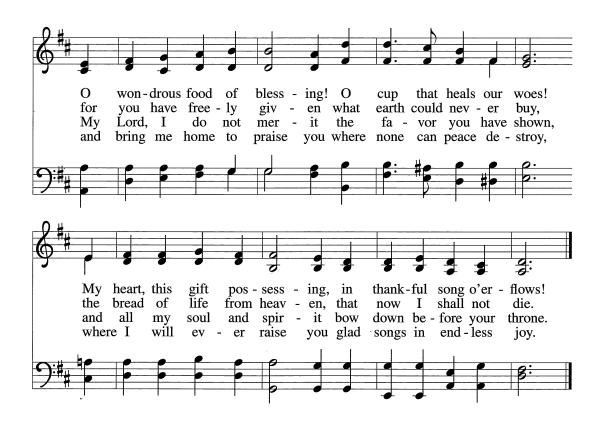
HYMN OF THE DAY

O Living Bread from Heaven

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Mary Anne deVry





### PRAYERS

**Boots Winterstein** 

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we pray for our neighbors, the Church, and all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Jesu, Jesu,

### C fill us with your love.

When all petitions have been offered:

- A We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

# + MEAL +

## THE PEACE

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

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern.

## OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure <u>Tithely Giving Page</u>. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

### **OFFERTORY**

#### For the Fruit of All Creation

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.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- P Jesus, Bread of life,
- C you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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

#### 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 In the final night he gathered with his friends, 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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

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 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 HYMN O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW #542 vs 3&4



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Jesus, Bread of life,
- C we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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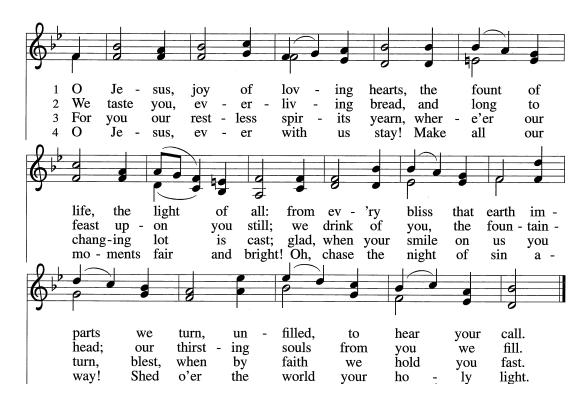
#### BLESSING

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

#### O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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- P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Marilyn Reimer James Jelasic, solo piano

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR ERIK IS ON VACATION JULY 26 THROUGH AUGUST 16.** Pastor Chelsea Globe is available for emergency pastoral care. She can be reached by phone at: 206-484-3611.

#### IN PERSON WORSHIP RETURNS BEGINNING AUGUST 29 @ 10:30am

Sunday, August 29, marks our first in-person worship service and preparations are underway for preparing the building to once again welcome people. Stay tuned for opportunities to lend your time and effort to the list of necessary tasks. Originally, we announced that this service would begin @ 9:30am. That has changed. Worship on August 29 and subsequent Sundays will begin @ 10:30am. This will allow extra time for check in procedures and safety protocols to be implemented. We will be asking people to REGISTER IN ADVANCE to attend the service and will be limiting the number of attendees that first Sunday. Look for additional information coming to you soon from the Safe Opening Task Force.

<u>WELCA!! WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT PEACE</u> meets in person! This group of stalwart church women usually skips summertime gatherings -- but this year is so different! The July lunch meeting and discussion in the fellowship hall was a big success, so we'll meet again this month: Wednesday, August 17, at noon, with July/August *Gather* magazine study of *Hope*! Questions: Jean Sides, Marcia Olson

#### WORK PARTY AT PEACE: Saturday Aug. 21, 2021 9am-12pm

We will be putting the final touches on the cleaning of the building as we get closer to meeting again in person, and we will need help with wiping down pews and window sills; putting the sparkle back in the lower kitchen by wiping down the counters and the stainless steel; and other tasks that may come up. Many People make for light work by all. See you then. Questions: Karl at <u>Karl@potterconstruction.com</u>

**PEACE PIECERS** are quilting again! They decided to return to the previous schedule of second and fourth Saturdays, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Meetings will take place on August 14 and 28 in the Fellowship Room. New folks are always welcome to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Westside Baby, and others who need them. Plan to wear a mask. Please call Barbara Hillier, 206-932-1882, or email <u>hillierdb@msn.com</u> with any questions.

# **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 invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

## **CONTRIBUTORS TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

Host: Heidi Eilers, Preacher: Mary Anne deVry Assisting Minister: Boots Winterstein, Children's Minister: Hailey Dabbs & Hudson Steere Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist James Jelasic Lector: Helen Hundley Production Techs: Alex Wren, manager, Dustin Smith, Joey DiJulio, Scott Sunde, Alan Jarvimaki Office Administrator: Kathleen Keyes

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