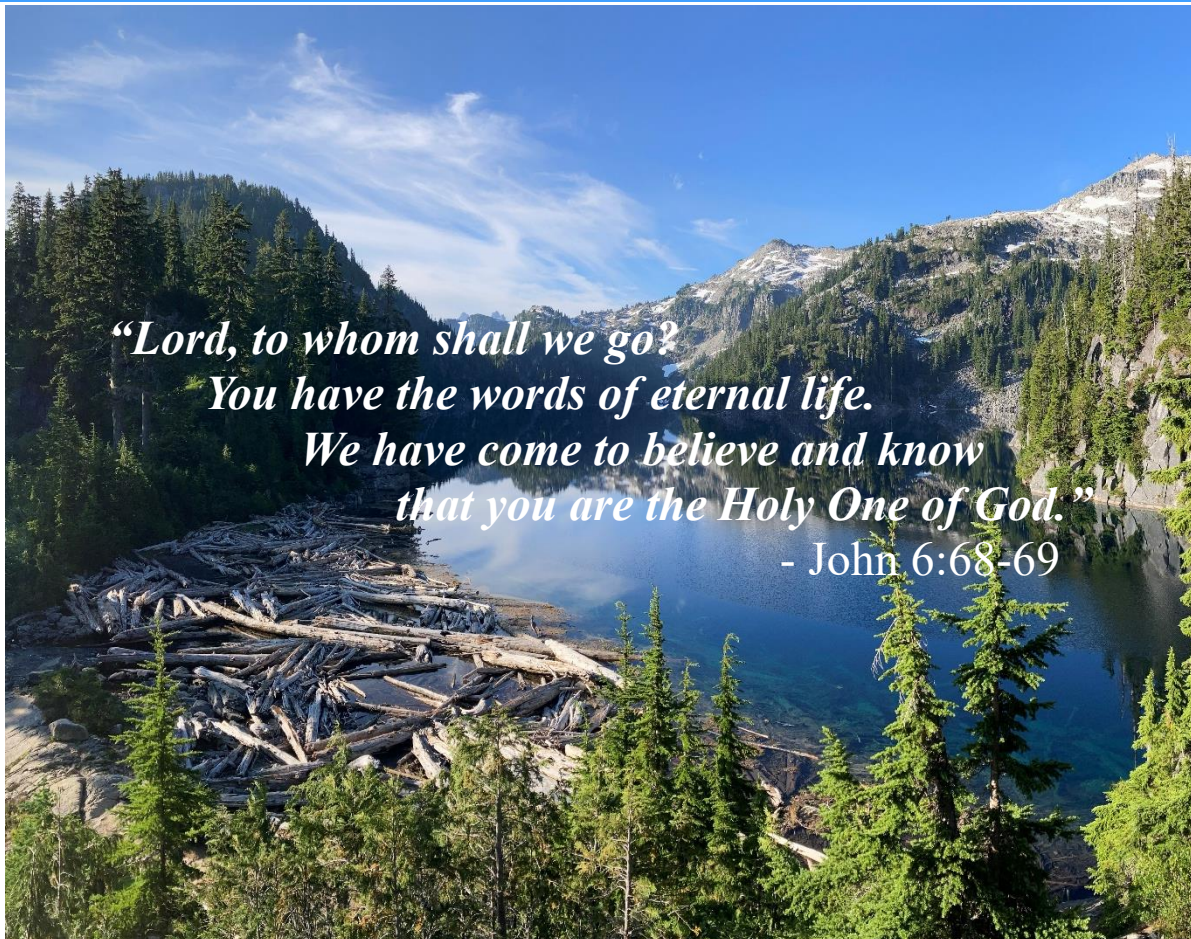


LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and know
that you are the Holy One of God.”
- John 6:68-69*

Season after Pentecost
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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

For the Flowers Are Great Blessings

Jon Lackey, tenor

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Graham Johnson

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶ "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these

things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Streit

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

ELW #638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

PRAYERS

Paul Bliss

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Lord in your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

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

L Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: sour selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SENDING +

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

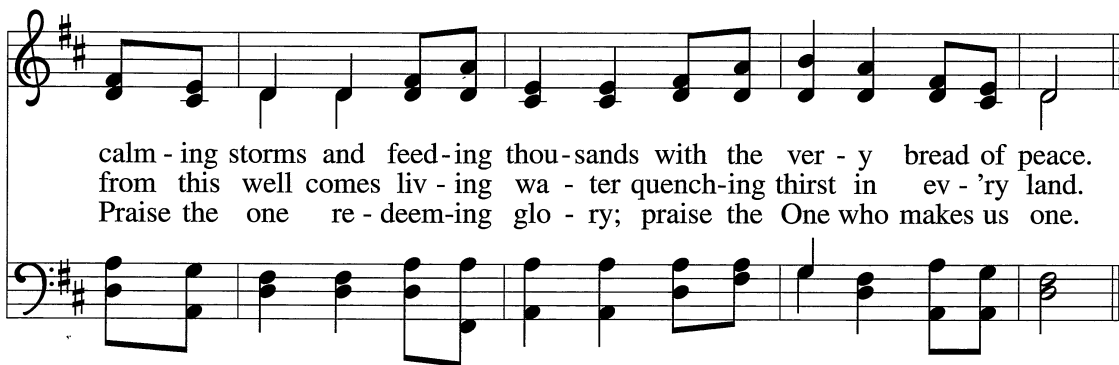
ELW #843

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Organ Concerto in G (Excerpt)

Jon Lackey, organ



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IN PERSON WORSHIP RETURNS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 29 @ 10:30am

Sunday, August 29, marks our first in-person worship. 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. A letter and email were sent out to Peace households with instructions for how to signup and reserve a spot.

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 hillierdb@msn.com with any questions.

SCHOOL STARTS SOON!! As we did last year -- we again are inviting Peace people to help supply school kids with needed items for this year. Instead of shopping ourselves, let's send dollars to the Seattle Times school supply program. They will forward our donations to several organizations: YWCA of Seattle, Helplink, etc. Please make your donation online at Peace's website, OR write a check and deliver it to the church office. Our financial folks will forward it for you. If by website, add "School supplies" to memo line. Thank you for helping Seattle students return to their studies! --Social Ministry Team

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.

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