

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



***Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their distress,
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.***

- James 1:27

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Peace Lutheran Church West Seattle, Washington

WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. This truth impels us to act on behalf of our neighbor. Both speaking well of them and caring for them in their distress.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

C. Odolfo Bossi

Preludio

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW #532, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Setting 8, ELW

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Please rise in body or in spirit as we prepare to receive the gospel.

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from the faithful heart.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

Parents: There are "X's" marking the spots where children may sit during the children's message.

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things has done in whom this world rejoices
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way.
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today!

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

+ PRAYER +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

You are invited to share a "touch-free" greeting with those around you.

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by placing it in the offering plate on your way in or out of the sanctuary, by mailing it in, or by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

We Are An Offering

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

P Go in peace. The Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God!**


POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP will be both in-person and Live Stream at 10:30 am for the next few months. Masks are required for all attending in-person worship.

RALLY DAY - September 27 on the Patio. Mark your calendar!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN Sunday School will begin with Rally Day on September 27 in person on the patio. This is one week later than our normal start. We want to make sure everyone feels settled with both in person worship and school before we begin our program year. Sunday school teachers are hard at work developing a plan for the year. We want to make sure everyone is safe and has a program that meets their needs. This is going to take some special consideration and creativity. One hurdle is that our Sunday school rooms are small and without ventilation. We are looking into the possibility of continuing on Zoom, meeting outside, and meeting in the Fellowship hall with fans and doors open. There will likely be different configurations depending on age. We look forward to partnering and being with your wonderful kids, however that might look.

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

RECYCLE ROUNDUP coming soon! On Sunday, September 26, you can take your worn-out electronics (also the working ones), cords and kitchen tools and appliances -- and more -- to Fauntleroy UCC's semi-annual Recycle Roundup in the church parking lot-- from 9 am to 3 pm. So save your items, there will be more information in September Peace Notes.(Nothing to landfill!)

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Fran Coy; Gavriella DeBoer; Donna Dickson; Ellie & Stephens Dooley; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Jerry Heiland; Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Peter Dion Kindem; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Kelly & Pete McIntyre; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Frank Searfoss; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Alice Ward

Homebound: Al Bartol; Ruth Johnson; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff.

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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