

# 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 29, 2022

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own, throughout history—to our day—and beyond.*

*Jesus prays for us, and these prayers take tangible form when, like Paul and Silas, we are confronted with dangers and challenges that are beyond our ability to "fix."*

*Walking the Jesus Way in the public square has consequences, as does putting our trust in Christ.*



*There are 21 candles in the candle boxes that flank the altar table today.*

*One for each of the 21 people—19 young children and 2 teachers—*

*who were murdered at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*Our liturgy today has been reshaped by these events. It begins with an acknowledgment of our anger and grief at our collective inability to protect our little ones from the violence endemic in our culture, and the need to not accept these violent, evil acts as a status quo.*

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

*Moderato in E-flat Major*

César Franck

WELCOME

## A LITANY IN RESPONSE TO THE MASSACRE AT ROBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>

P Through the ages, O Christ, we hear your voice asking: *Simon, son of John, do you love me?*  
C ***Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.***

P *Feed my lambs*, you command us. Yet today we grieve for precious lambs, not fed, but slaughtered. For sons and daughters, students, classmates, teachers, whose lives you cherished, whose senseless loss we mourn.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P Through the ages, O Christ, we hear your voice asking: *Simon, son of John, do you love me?*  
C ***Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.***

P *Tend my sheep*, you charge. Yet today your flock is scattered and shattered by a violence so brutal it leaves us feeling helpless, searching in vain for answers.

C **Christ, have mercy!**

P Through the ages, O Christ, we hear your voice asking: *Simon, son of John, do you love me?*  
C ***Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.***

P Yet today our claims of love fall flat and our prayers taste like dust. For we have forsaken our promise to love you with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P Keep us, O God, from rushing to the language of healing before understanding the fullness of this injury and the depth of this wound.

C **Keep us, O God, from finding solace while others languish in pain.**

P Keep our mouths from uttering prayers that our wills refuse to put into action.

C **Convict us for our indifference and our impotence.**

P Keep us, O God, from accepting this incalculable loss as the new status quo.

C **Move us to stand compassionately with the fallen ones' families  
and to demand a new day from the powers that be.**

P Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

C **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> This litany has been assembled from various sources, edited by EPK.

# GATHERING HYMN

## *In All Our Grief*

ELW #615

*Those who desire are invited to come forward, light a candle, and place it in a candle box.*



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.  
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,  
 the clen - ch - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

### *Refrain*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

## GREETING

**P** The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e e - le - e - le - i - son.



Ga - thered by your love, we pray for hea - ling and hope. Lord,



give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.

From your per-fect love, bring your per-fect reign to  
 ev'-ry heart, ev'-ry home; let love be known.  
 Lord our God have mer-cy, Je-sus Christ have mer-cy,  
 Save us by your mer-cy Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Set us free from the hate that infects our souls and the apathy which would have us accept as inevitable the weaponized violence that stalks our nation. Turn us toward the love embodied in your Son, Jesus Christ, that our hearts may be fixed where true community is found.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

Helen Hundley

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good new of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again.  
We eagerly pray, "Come Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please rise in body or in spirit to receive the gospel.*

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

P Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Nicole Klinemeier

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Faith Begins By Letting Go*

ACS #1004



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sarah Bliss

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *Petitions are offered that end with:*

A God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray:

**C 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, can mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*

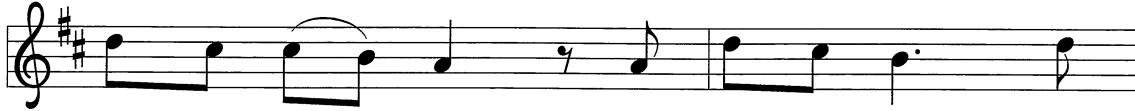


**OFFERTORY VERSE***We Raise Our Hands to You*

ELW #690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like  
 2 What good and blessing you bestow are  
 3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and  
 free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the  
 hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.  
 weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.  
 forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. God of abundance,

**C** by raising your Son you showed us that your love has no limit.

**Accept the gifts you have first given us, and unite them with the offering of our lives that out of abundance the world might be nourished and fed; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**+ SENDING +****SENDING HYMN***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW #631, vs 1, 2, 4



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our  
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God!**


**POSTLUDE**

*Nun ruhen alle Wälder*

J.S. Bach



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/29/22

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY** Please consider donating to the LFP. I have noticed lately that it has been rather empty, more Mother Hubbard and less Abundant Feast. Food items that seem to go well: canned/packaged meat, granola/protein bars, cereal, fruit snacks, crackers, hearty soups, canned pasta (not dry). One option to consider is to add a case of food the next time you go to Costco. I can keep it inside and replenish the pantry with your item every week.

**LUTHERWOOD Join Peace at Lutherwood for Family Camp July 3-5 or 3-8.** There are options for half week and full week. All ages - bring the littles and bring the grands. At family camp young adults swim out to the floating dock while toddlers play in the sand next to the lake, parents relax with a book or enjoy a walk in the woods while their kids play endless games of gaga ball, parents and kids chase each other in all camp games, and everyone enjoys a peaceful end of the day around the campfire.

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Now is the unofficial kickoff to summer. When shopping for summer clothes, consider consignment shops and avoid cheap, fast fashion. It takes 600 gallons of water to make a single tee-shirt. Let's make that water investment last. And utilize King County's Threadcycle program to donate used clothes.

**Pray for Creation:** We pray for renewal of God's creatures and all of creation, that Earth's life-renewing gifts be available to all, regardless of socio-economic status or ethnic heritage.

## JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> IS PENTECOST & SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is both Pentecost Sunday and Scholarship Sunday. Worship @ 10:30am. Graduating high school senior Kai Kindem will be awarded the Peace Scholarship and, in keeping with Peace tradition, will have a message to bring that day.

## SEASON OF CREATION: ROOTED JUNE 12-30

The theme for this year's **Season of Creation** is inspired by Lyanda Lynn Haupt's latest book: **Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit.** Over this three week season we will affirm our vocation as Earth-tenders to re-engage with these three strands—science, nature and spirit—rekindling conversation and rediscovering practices that will more faithfully embody God's dream of Shalom. Lyanda will be our guest speaker on June 12.

## NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Updated directories are available for pick up in the Narthex. There is one for each family; they are labeled and laid out in alphabetical order.

## 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.*

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:**

**Sick/Recovering:** Nancy Archer; Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Billie Jane Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Elizabeth Heath; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Kevin Kay; Ken Keyes; Kristofer Kindem; Lars & Stephanie Kindem; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Jeanne Martinez; Bill Marts; Jack McBride; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Lianne Onishi; Stonie Jacqueline Palu; John Parker; Michelle Pierce; Gail Price; Baby Rafe; Seattle Lutheran High School administration, faculty, staff, and students; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Matthew Toso; Tom Vane; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars

**Homebound:** Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

**We express our Christian sympathy** to Tyler Webber and his family on the death of his younger brother, Andy, last week. Tyler is Pastor Erik's son-in-law.

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