

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." St. Francis is also deeply remembered for his relationship with non-human creatures in the natural world. On the first Sunday of October each year we remember St. Francis's ministry to the poor and to "all creatures of our God and King." In many ecumenical circles, the Feast of St. Francis also marks the end of an international Season of Creation.

Open Table ~ **Open Invitation**

Each week we celebrate Holy Communion. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself fully, body and blood, in the bread and wine. Receiving him, we become what we have partaken: the body of Christ for the world. All are invited and welcome to come to the Table.

+ GATHERING +

P-Presider C-Congregation L-Lector A-Assisting Minister ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal ACS-All Creation Sings Hymnal WOV-With One Voice

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Our confession today is framed by words from <u>Laudato Si</u>, the circular letter from Pope Francis which invites all people into renewed care for our common home.

+ The Singing Bowl Calls Us into Worship. +

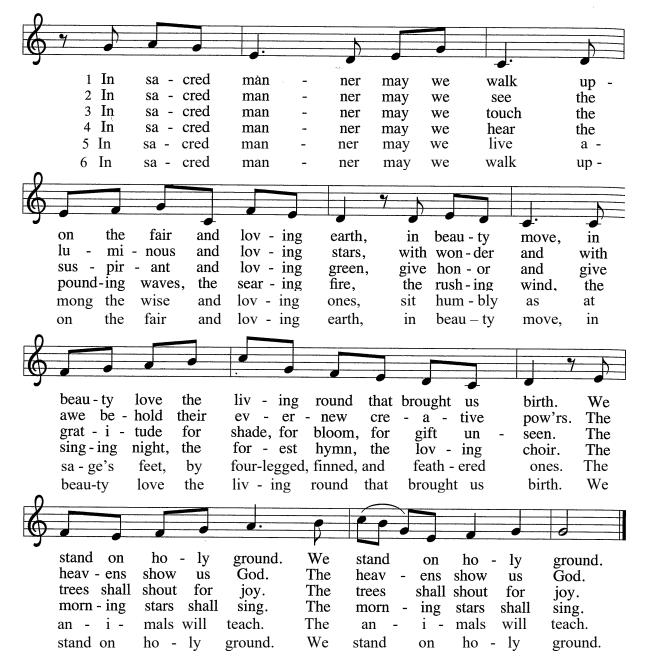
- P In his beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.
- C We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air, and in all forms of life.
- P The Earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail."
- C We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; that our very bodies are made up of her elements: we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. Forgive our forgetfulness, O God, and give us the will to treat our sister with respect, care, and gratitude.

Silence is observed

- P Siblings in Christ, God hears our confession and offers us a way forward.
 In baptism we are grounded in grace, and equipped to become the Earthkeepers God has intended from the beginning. Christ frees us to live lives full of care for one another, for all of God's creatures, and for all of creation.
- C Creator, teach us to love Earth as our home and restore us to our calling as peacemakers, stewards and keepers. Amen.

Please rise as able in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN In Sacred Manner



GREETING

- P The abounding grace of Jesus Christ, the steadfast love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Benevolent, merciful God: when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Micah 4:1-5

In this prophetic vision, Micah points to a day when people everywhere will gather on Mt. Zion in peace. When we pray the prayer of St. Francis, we dedicate ourselves to embodying this divine vision within our lives and relationships.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, ²and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; ⁴but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. ⁵For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

St. Francis' Prayer

Carolyn Jennings Kjersta Larson-Smith, clarinet

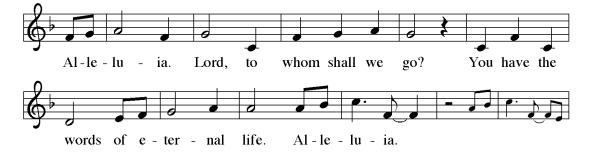
SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18

At the end of his letter to the Galatians, Paul makes his final, personal appeal to a community, noting how he has suffered physically because of his faithful discipleship to Christ.

¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel ELW page 188



- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the importance of forgiveness and the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

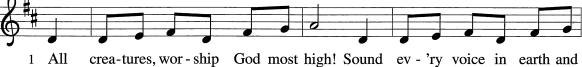
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

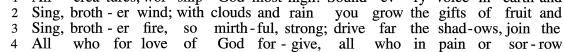
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Time for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY Please rise as able. All Creatures Worship God Most High

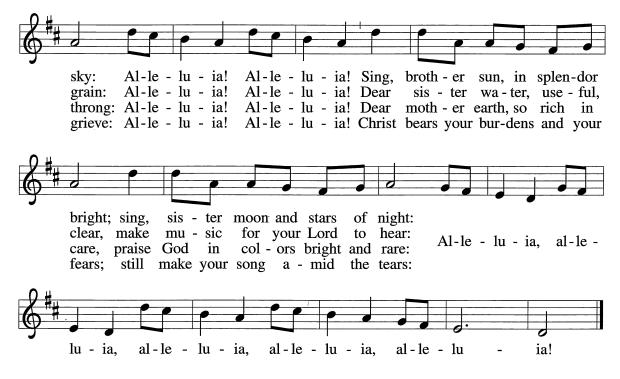




Sarah Bliss

Pastor Erik Kindem

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *Petitions are offered that end with*:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Finally, let us pray that we may be instruments of your peace.

C Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

+ MEAL +

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 <u>Tithely Giving Page</u> via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY HYMN Please rise as able 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 lives up to you: we lift our hands, We lift our voic-es, of-fer-ing, of - fer - ing. we are an we are an

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Gracious God:
- C in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

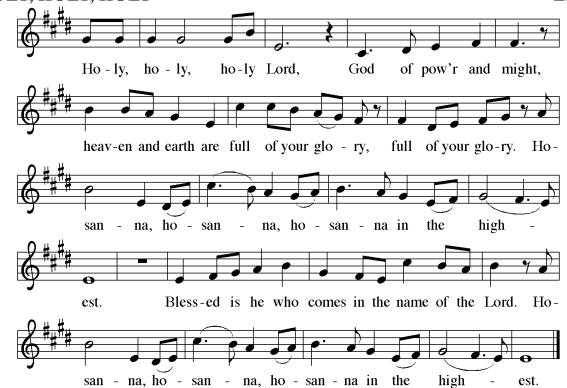
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- Lift up your hearts! Р
- С We lift them to the Lord!
- Р Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- С It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... Ρ ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ρ In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. On the night he shared his final meal with his friends, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
- Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. С Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: Ρ
- This cup is the new covenant in my blood, C shed for you and for all people for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his life given for us, Ρ and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

- P Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine.
- C Breathe your Spirit over the whole Earth and make us your new creation the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
- P And in the fullness of time, bring us with Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language, people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
- C For to you belongs all glory and honor, Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

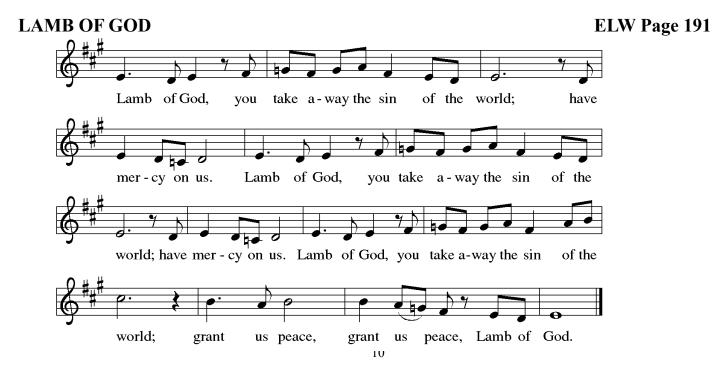
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste, and see.
- C Thanks be to God!

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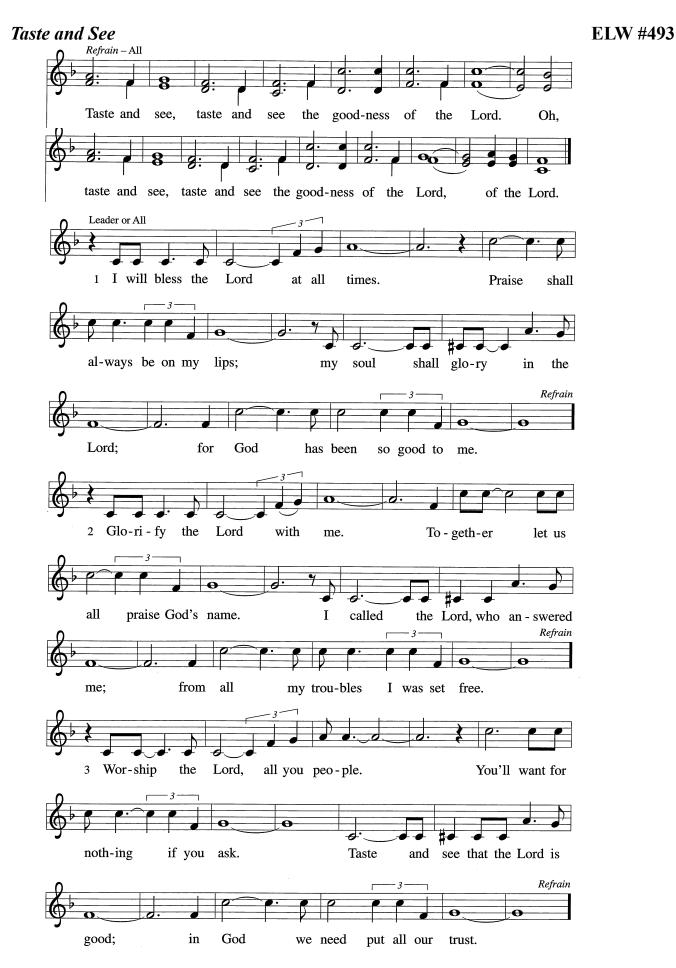
Today we commune at the rail. Pick up a small cup as you come forward and find a place, kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the pouring chalices. Place your empty cup in the basket on your way back to the pew. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.



COMMUNION HYMNS By Your Hand You Feed Your People

> 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread. 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace. 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed: Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat-is - fy our deep-est needs. In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive: Refrain Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured, giv-en a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored. as

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

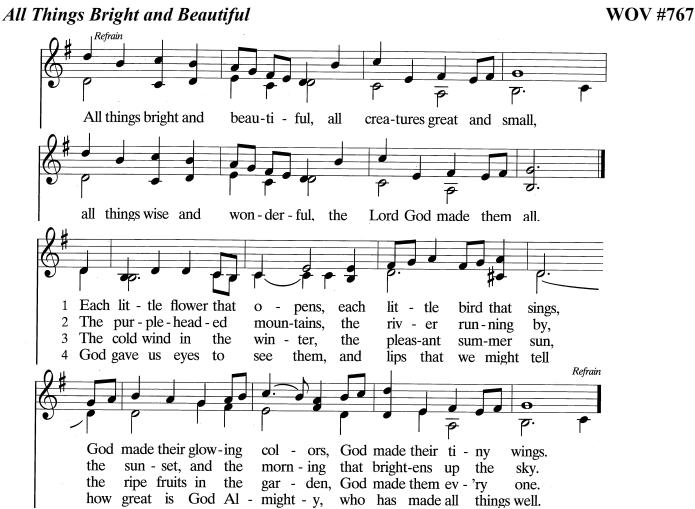
+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, + one God, guide you in ways of faith, hope, and love; now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN



A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jon Lackey

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OFFERING INCOME		
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Our mission goal for 2022 anticipates offering income of \$23,678 each month

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Th	hank you for y	your gifts which support God's mission at Peace,
in	the larger co	ommunity, and internationally through the ELCA
	THIS W	EEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Today marks 54 years of having the North Cascades National Park, 500,000 acres of mountains, trails and gorgeous northwest evergreen forest. A recent study revealed that up to 1 in 6 U.S. tree species is

threatened with extinction. You can help them survive. Plant native tree species in your garden. Volunteer in local woodlands. And don't transport firewood or other material that might carry dangerous pests.

Pray for Creation: We ask our wise and gracious God to guide us to fix the wonders that we have broken and inspire us to be forevermore protectors of our world, and loving companions to all flora and fauna, to the air, the water, the soil, and to each other.

GOD'S WORK ~ OUR HANDS RESCHEDULED TO 10/9

God's work, our hands at Roxhill Bog has been rescheduled to October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00. We will help to remove invasive plants as part of the bog restoration project. If you were unable to sign up, you are nonetheless welcome to participate. Andrea, the coordinator of this event, has asked that everyone wear long pants, long sleeves, and good sturdy shoes. If you have gloves and clipping tools, please bring these also. Additional gloves and tools will be available for those who do not have them. Some of you may want to pack a lunch and eat together at the park at noon before the work begins.

URGENT: DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORT NEEDED

Over the weekend, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

- In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure.
- In Alaska, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state's western coast. This was one of the worst storms in recent decades in Alaska, with strong waves and heavy rainfall damaging homes, seawalls, roads and other infrastructure. Officials are planning a quick relief period before the water freezes.
- In Japan, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country's southernmost main island. At least two people were killed and dozens more injured in the storm, which moved northward over Honshu. Wind gusts of over 145 mph and heavy rainfall caused at least one landslide and damaged homes and businesses. We have been in touch with the ELCA's global personnel in Japan.
- In Papua New Guinea, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on Sep. 11, with ensuing aftershocks. At least three people died, and many buildings and roads were impacted. There is a strong Lutheran presence in the impacted area, including a Lutheran nursing school connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) that was damaged in the earthquake
- In Pakistan, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis. The flooding has killed 1,500 people and up to 7 million people may be displaced. These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the <u>Lutheran Disaster Response general fund</u>, we can respond to as many as possible whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted. Additional Ways to Give: Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm CT) or <u>online</u>. <u>You can also write a check to Peace</u> with a note in the memo field saying <u>Lutheran Disaster</u> <u>Response</u>, and we will send the money on.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: <u>Sick/Recovering</u>: Ferol Allison; Nancy Archer; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Patrick Fenton; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Arne Lund; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Axel Striet; Sarah Taylor; Louisa Wagner; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Paulette Zimmerman. <u>Homebound</u>: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Jeanne Martinez <u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

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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