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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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.

Our Pass the Hat Partner for October is Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Kelly McDonald is here today to tell us about the services LCSNW provides.

TODAY: Building a Culture of Generosity Stewardship Campaign Begins

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider C – Congregation L - Lector A – Assisting Minister ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal ACS – All Creation Sings

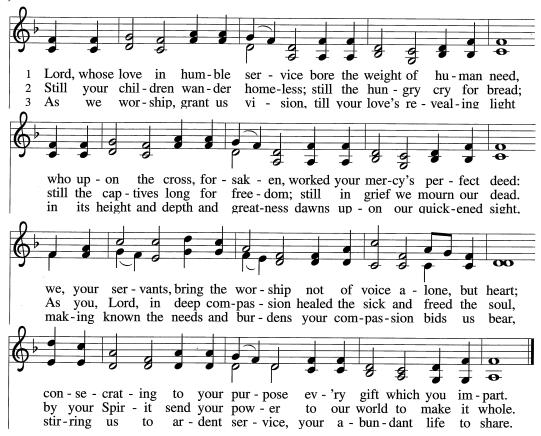
PRELUDE Jon Lackey

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN Please rise as able in body or spirit.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712, vs. 1 & 3



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.

Ky-ri - e

KYRIE ELW page 184



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ev-'ry

day.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

PASS THE HAT Lutheran Community Services Northwest Kelly McDonald

Once a month we receive a mission update from one of our Pass the Hat partner ministries and then we pass hats (literally!) to collect a special offering of support. Gifts can also be mailed in or submitted via our Tithely electronic giving portal. This month that partner is Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Today we welcome Kelly McDonald, Regional Advancement Manager at LCSNW.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Janet Cruse

Returning to the home he had fled after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with an adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite oppression.

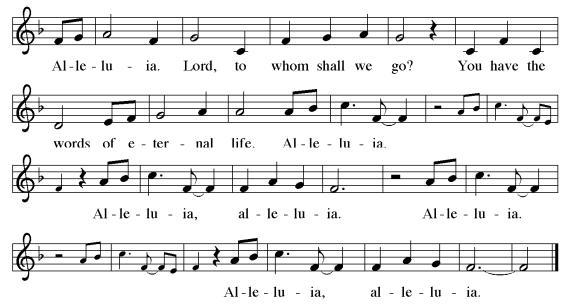
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

- 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 18th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Erik

SERMON Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY Please rise as able.

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

- A In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. *Petitions are offered that end with*:
 - A Hear us, O God.
 - C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

- P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Building a Culture of Generosity

Pastor Erik

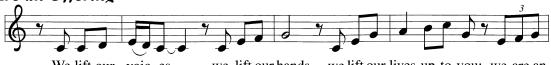
OFFERING

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!





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





lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

All that we have, all that we are,



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





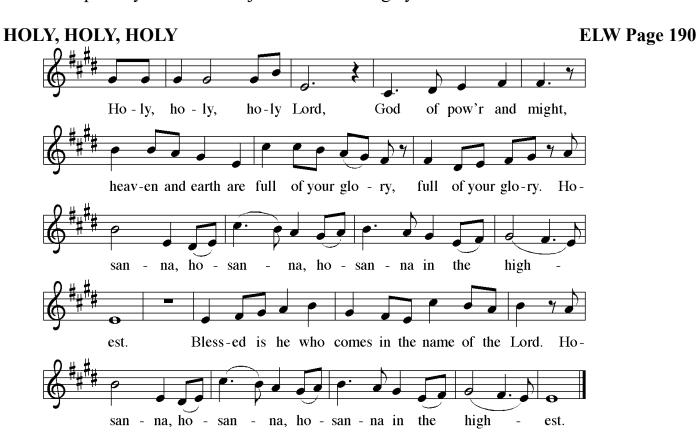
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.
- 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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P 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:
- 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.

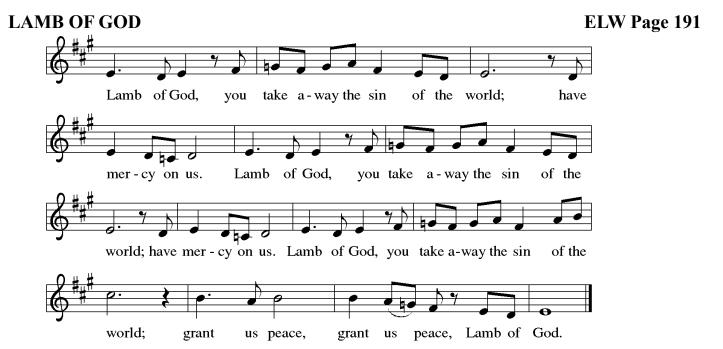
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION

Today we commune at the rail. Choose 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 box at the end of the front pew on your way back. 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

Day by Day ELW #790



Here is Bread ELW #483





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.

ACS #1062

C Amen.



A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Jon Lackey



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

On October 16 we will launch this year's Stewardship Campaign with the theme: <u>Building a Culture of Generosity</u>. Keep you eyes on your mailboxes for materials coming this week!

Offering Income received OCTOBER 2022

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

 10/04/22
 \$ 4,325.00

 10/11/22
 \$ 305.00

 electronic
 \$ 3,662.92

 Total
 \$ 8,292.92

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

If you haven't already closed up the cracks around windows and doors, do it now! According to the Energy Department, 25-30% of household heating and cooling is lost through windows. Test yours by turning on your kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans to create a slight pressure differential between indoors and outdoors. Then hold up a lit candle or incense stick to potential problem areas. If the smoke wavers or blows in one direction, you have a draft to fix! Use weatherstripping to insulate windows and install a sweep to the bottom of exterior doors.

Pray for Creation: To the One who breathes life into us, we give thanks that God's creative love is with us at noon and at midnight, in long summer days, and in long autumn nights.

PASS THE HAT – LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES + REFUGEE ART SHOW "UPROOTED"

October 16 is Pass the Hat Sunday, and Kelly McDonald will be with us to share an update on this ministry partner. Kelly will be bringing a portion of an art collection inspired by <u>Refugee Identity and Resilience</u>. To amplify the voices of the refugees in our Pacific Northwest communities, Lutheran Community Services Northwest launched this art show to highlight refugee stories through art in honor of World Refugee Day. **Peace will be hosting this art show October 16-30.**

ST. OLAF ORCHESTRA IN BREMERTON OCTOBER 19

St. Olaf Orchestra will be performing on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm at Bremerton High School. Chung Park will be conducting. \$10 adults, free for students. Tickets: *stolaf.edu/tickets* or 800-363-5487 or at the door.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS on All Saints Sunday, November 6th. You are invited to bring a framed photo of the person or persons you would like to have present in remembrance. These "saints" will surround us in our worship nave during the service. During the service, we will pronounce the names of those saints from Peace Lutheran who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day: **Al Bartol and Cal Seibel.** In addition, we will have an opportunity to light a candle(s) in remembrance for other folks from our circles of family and friends whom God has called home.

LUTHERWOOD'S ANNUAL AUCTION LIVE! NOVEMBER 5TH

4 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett, WA 98203. \$40 per person. Register and purchase tickets from www.camplutherwood.org. There will be an Online Direct Support PreEvent supporting ministry needs, Appetizers and Buffet, Desert Dash, Raise the Paddle, Live Auction with a Mystery Box.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER ADVENT STUDY

Psalms is an intriguing book within Holy Scripture. The hymns, poems and songs that make up the Psalter were collected over generations and reflect a deep and profound spirituality. This Advent and Lent, we will journey through the psalms, finding in them the pleas of a people — our spiritual ancestors — for renewal and transformation, for justice and peace, for hope and comfort. Join us in this season — on your own, with a small group or with your congregation — as we discover together what these ancient hymns can teach us about being people of faith today.

DOWNLOAD OR ORDER THE RESOURCES https://elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: 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; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Arne Lund; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Jeanne Martinez; 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 Streit; Sarah Taylor; Louisa Wagner; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Paulette Zimmerman. Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

<u>We express our Christian sympathy</u> to Bob Wightman on the death of his wife, Lindie on October 2. Bob and Lindie were former members of Peace.

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST 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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