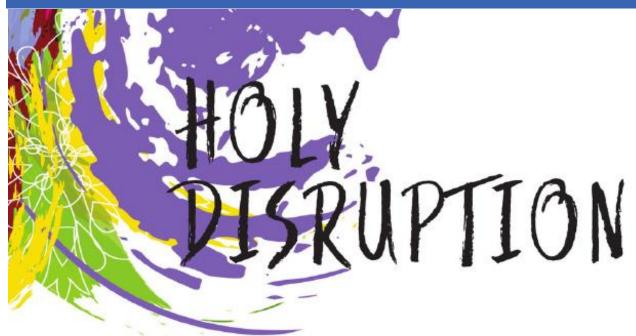
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 11, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ's coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready" planning, organizing, and ordering the things we'll need for holiday celebrations. Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ's arrival <u>disrupts</u>—disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept. During Advent this year we'll lean into that "holy disruption." A fourfold rhythm will mark both our Sunday liturgy and our midweek gatherings: BREATHING...RELEASING...RECEIVING...REJOICING

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We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

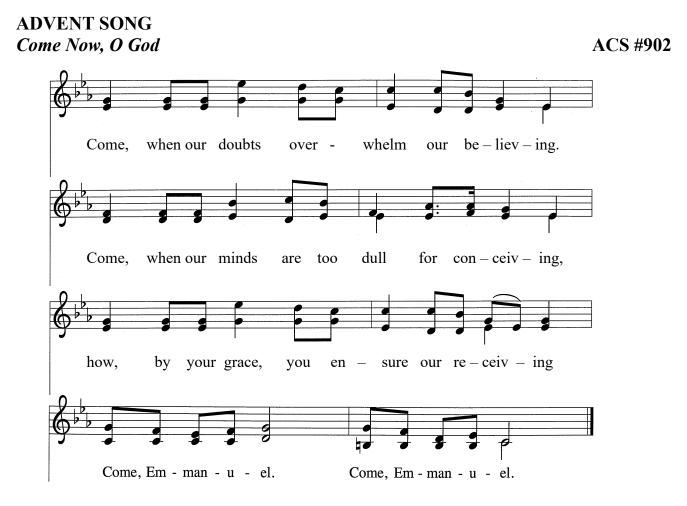
PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

- P In the beginning, God's Holy Wind blew over creation, releasing energy for a whole, new world.
- C Blow again, Holy Wind!
- P Freeing what once was bound, God birthed new alliances, charting new paths for community.
- C Free us again, O Breath!
- P But discontent with the limits our creatureliness imposed, and distracted by an expanding desire for more, we forsook this freedom and bound ourselves to new appetites.
- C Release us once more, O Spirit!
- P Remake us, O God, that with hearts, souls, and minds aligned, we may receive you, and take as our own your dream for this world.
- C Disrupt our lethargy! Make strong our unity!



ADVENT DIALOG

ADVENT PRAYER

- L Generous God, open us to the miracles surrounding us every moment, that we may learn to expect your coming throughout each day. Pour out upon us your overflowing mercy, justice, and peace. Teach us to trust your abundance so thoroughly that we share all that we have received from you, for the healing of the world and the proclamation of your name. In the name of the Holy One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C Amen.

The Third Advent Candle is lit.

GATHERING HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW #241 Tune: Haf Trones Lampa Färdig

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright? Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight! Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free. I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me. A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high that will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me. Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty. Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom, Who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom. All hail the Lord's appearing! O glorious Sun, now come, send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home.

GREETING

- P The steadfast love of God, the disrupting presence of Jesus Christ, and the lifegiving breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PASS THE HAT

White Center Food Bank

Jefferson Rose & Margarita Reimer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

Janet Cruse

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

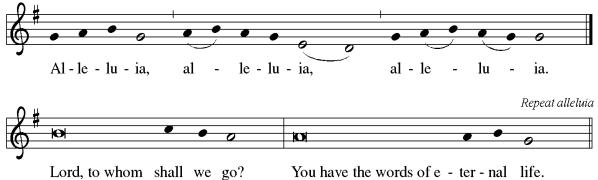
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert: ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95

The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:





P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgement upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-21). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

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¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

He Is the Light that Shines

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I My Sav - ior's sing my praise! To in ho - ly fear your mer-cy your ser - vant blest, your help is 2 all who live ev - er flows. 3 To Is - ra - el, ev - er sure; You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and Ι am full grace. of With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose. our par-ents made their the prom - ise to chil - dren will se - cure. 9 Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim— The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead; Sing glo - ry Ho - ly One, give to the hon - or to the Word. great won-ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name. rich sent off un - fed. the hun - gry filled with all good things, the and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

- A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

Paul Bliss



Julie Ward

Pastor Erik Kindem

Ruth Schram

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

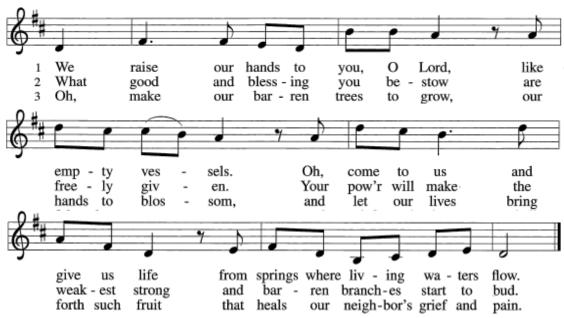
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OFFERTORY HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You

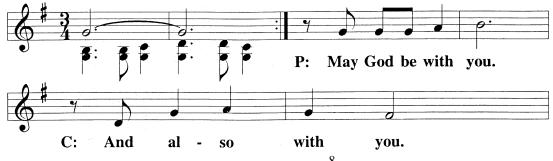
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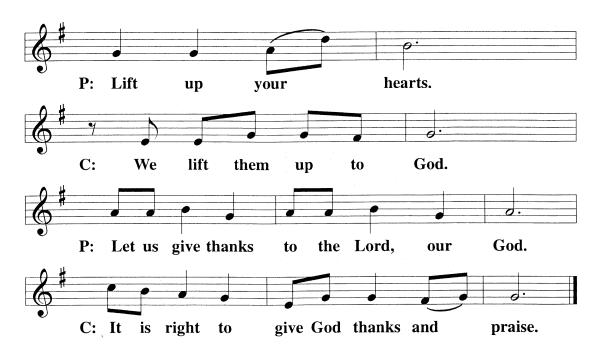


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,
- C you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love, for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

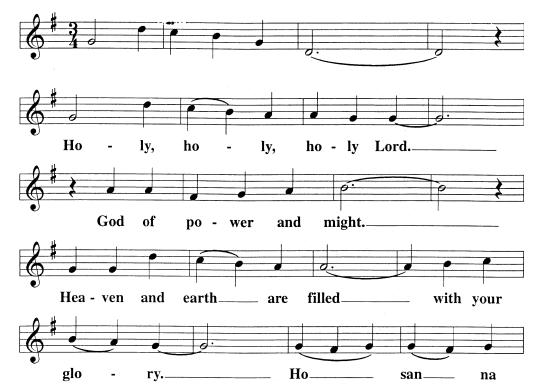
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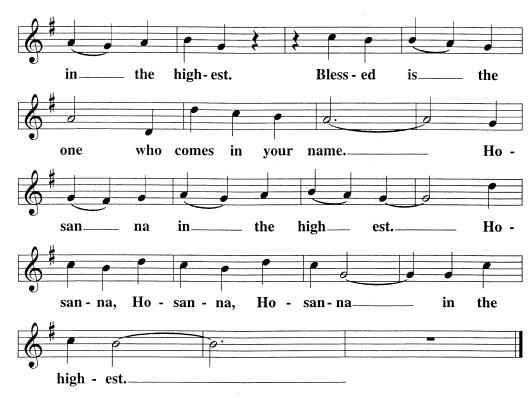




P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with Earth and all her creatures, with the church on Earth and all the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.The universe declares your praise:beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
- C We praise you, O God.
- P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
- C We bless you, O God.
- P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
- C We thank you, O God.
- P On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.
- P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P We pray for the gift of your Holy Breath: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.
- C Thanks be to God!

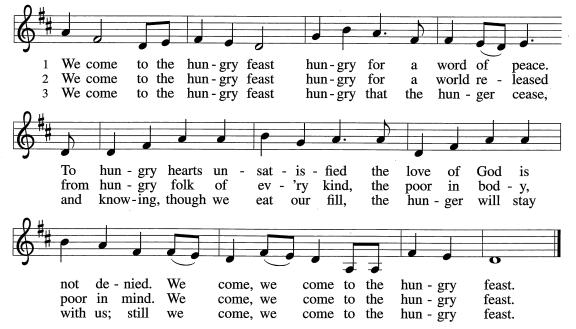
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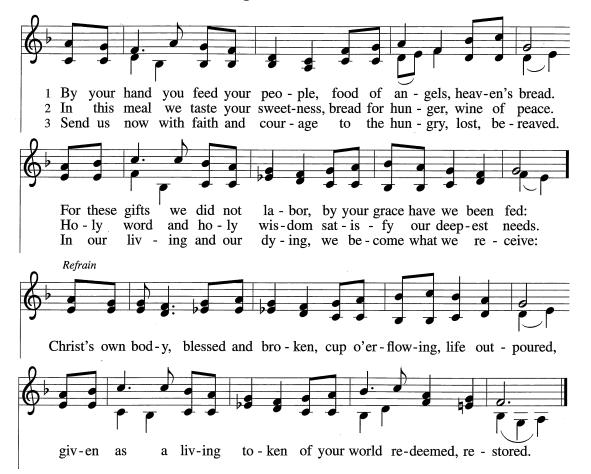
Today we commune at the rail. Choose a small cup as you come forward and find a place, kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the pouring chalices. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children 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

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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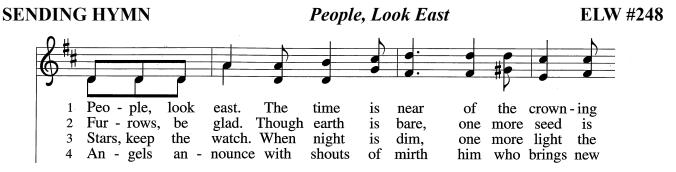


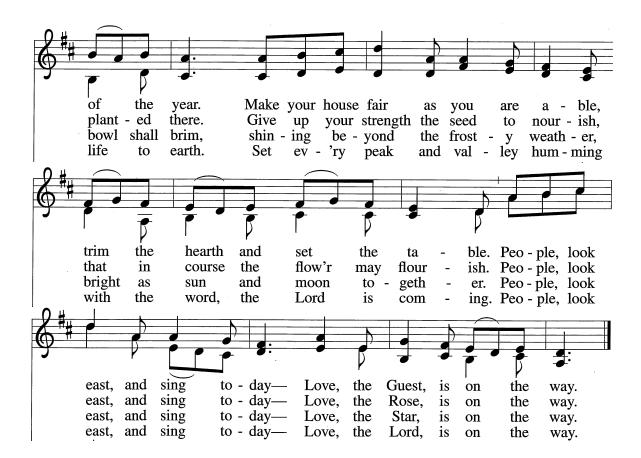
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
 + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





- Go in peace. Christ is near. А
- С **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Cantor

Acolyte Lector

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received DECEMBER 2022

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

12/04/22\$ 12,205.00electronic\$ 1,138.61Total\$ 13,343.61

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER @ Winterstein Home, December 14 & 21

Boots and Paul Winterstein are hosts for this year's Midweek Advent Services @ 7:00pm. These services of Evening Prayer will build on the theme for this Advent: *BREATHING...RELEASING... RECEIVING...REJOICING.* Because of the rising counts of COVID and other viruses, Paul and Boots request that attendees are vaccinated and masked. For more information call: 206/762-1362

ONE SERVICE @ 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

We will celebrate on Christmas Eve with <u>ONE SERVICE AT 5:00pm</u>. Harpist Leslie McMichael will return for this family friendly service of lessons and carols. The service will appeal to all ages and will be less than an hour in length. It will end with the candle-lit singing of Silent Night. Look for the luminaries to guide you as you make your way to Peace on this holy night!

10:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, and we will gather for worship Christmas morning at 10:30. It will be a simple, festive time to celebrate Emmanuel – God with us. The young (*and young at heart!*) have full permission to come to church in their PJ's. (3) We'll begin the morning with some warm treats and fellowship time, then join in a service of lessons and carols with holy communion.

10:30 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

According to Luke's Gospel, January 1st is the day Jesus received his name and was circumcised. Following this tradition, we will celebrate January 1 as *Name of Jesus Sunday*. Our liturgy will begin in the narthex as we bless our house of worship for the New Year. *CHRISTUS MANSIONES BENEDICTUS* – *Christ Bless this House* 20+C+M+B+23. No education hour this morning, just a simple service with Holy Communion and lots of singing. Come ring in the New Year!

PASS THE HAT 12/11 IS WHITE CENTER FOOD BANK

Each year December's PASS THE HAT recipient is kept open for designation so that we can respond to particular needs that arise within the local or larger community. This year the Council has designated December's PASS THE HAT for longtime Peace partner – the White Center Food Bank. Margarita and Jefferson are here to tell us more about the services the Food Bank provides.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

A 2021 study reported that the average Western household was buying 40 pounds of plastic toys per child every year. Noting surveys that show 80% of parents rating the sustainability of toys as important, the toy industry is attempting to use more recycled plastics. Consider the recycled content of all the gifts you buy this year. This Christmas, please give sustainably!

Pray for Creation: We pray that our Christmas preparations focus not on the tangible things that clutter our homes and our world but on the simplicity with which Jesus came to earth.

DUWAMISH HOLIDAY ART MARKET 12/16 & 17

The Annual Native Art Market is Friday and Saturday December 16 &17 from 10am to 7pm at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center 4705 W Marginal Way SW. For questions about the market: info@duwamishtribe.org *No parking in main lot*. Please plan to park in the 3 lots north of the Longhouse & @ Seattle Public Utilities across the street (4500 W Marginal Way SW)

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR WELCOME TABLE!

As in past few years, Peace members are invited to fill a big bag with essentials and some fun things, too. Find 15 large plastic bags in the Narthex; list of needed items included. Please consider signing up for one (or more!) bags. Then return them to church; they will be delivered to the Welcome Table for distribution on Saturday, December 17. This is a great family project! Questions: Marcia Olson

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Kathleen Keyes, Magnus Cole, Donna Kehle, Marcia Olson, Chris Kindem, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29th. There is also an opening in the Audit Committee.

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; Amelia Bliss; Senea Corpuz; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Paulette Zimmerman. <u>Homebound</u>: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

<u>We express our Christian sympathy</u> to the Dexter and Knight family on the death of Debby Dexter on 12/5/22. Debby was Helen Hundley's sister-in-law.

<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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