FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 18, 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 disrupts—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

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Flute Duet Chris Kindem & Caity Gerhardt

WELCOME

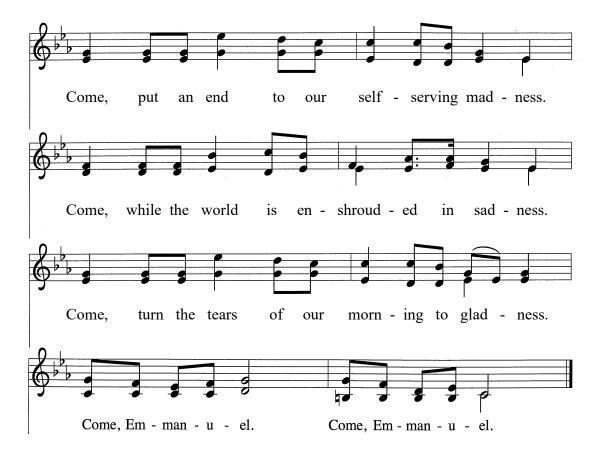
CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

- P In the beginning, God's Holy Wind disrupted what was with what could be.
- 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, so that we trust your dream for our lives and this world.
- C Lead us to rejoice at the coming of your Son!

ADVENT SONG

Come Now, O God

ACS #902 verse 3



ADVENT DIALOG Please be seated.

The Crisologo family

ADVENT PRAYER

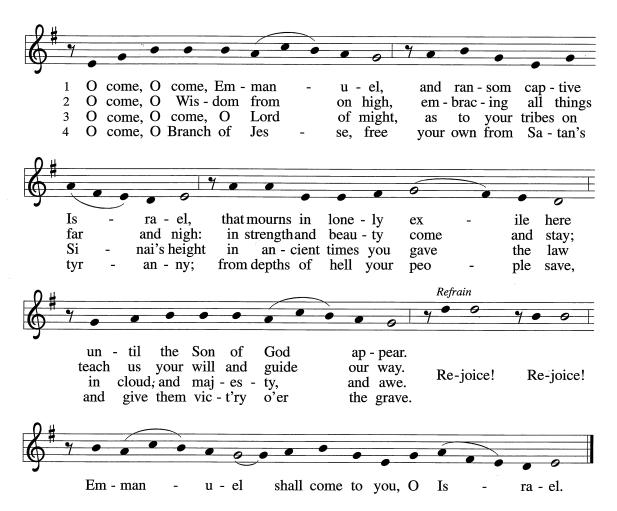
- L God of all good, source of all joy, we praise you for the peace that attends us when we learn to trust in your promise. We celebrate the holy disruption that came to earth in Emmanuel, dismantling sin and charting new paths for this world. Move within us, so that, embracing your dream, we will carry good tidings of great joy to every place we go. In the name of the Holy One, who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C Amen.

The Fourth Advent Candle is lit.

GATHERING HYMN Please rise as able in body or spirit.

O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel

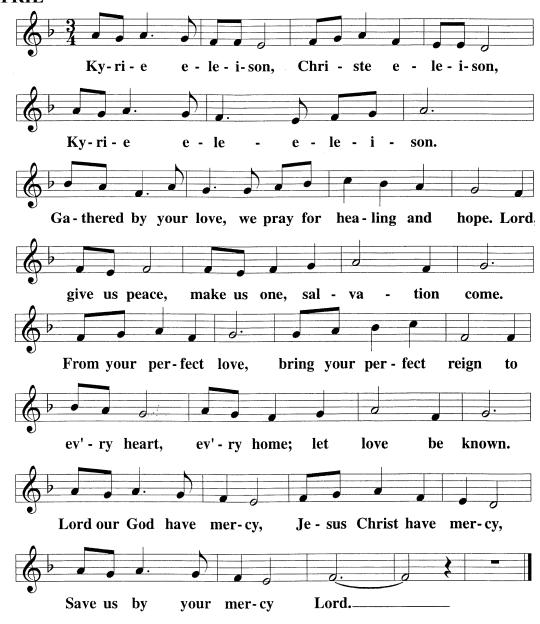
ELW #257, vs. 1-4



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.

KYRIE



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.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

David Wold

This poem promising deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with

righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

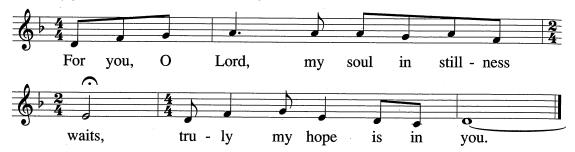
L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95

Barbara Jones, Cantor

The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:



Cantor: Come, let us bow before the God who made us,

Let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,

For we are all the people of his hand. *Refrain*

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,

Creator of the mountains and the seas,

Lord of the stars, and present to us now. Refrain

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means, literally, "God saves."

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

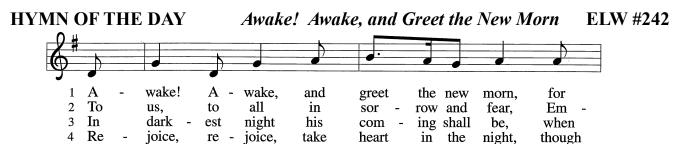
which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

SERMON Pastor Erik Kindem





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

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.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

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

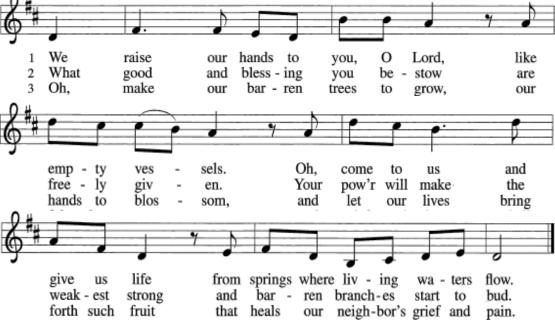
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OFFERING

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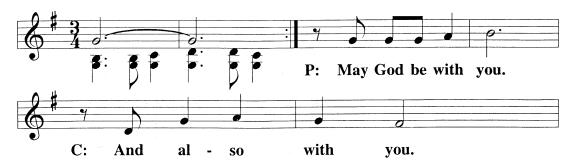
OFFERTORY HYMN We Raise Our Hands to You ELW #690

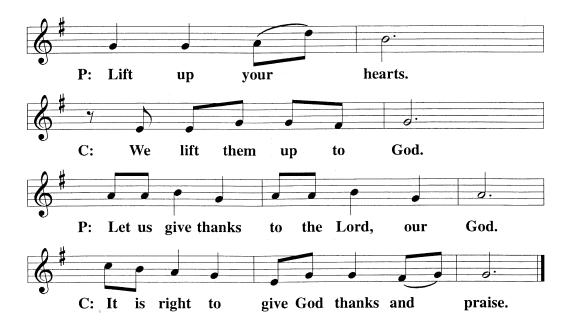


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

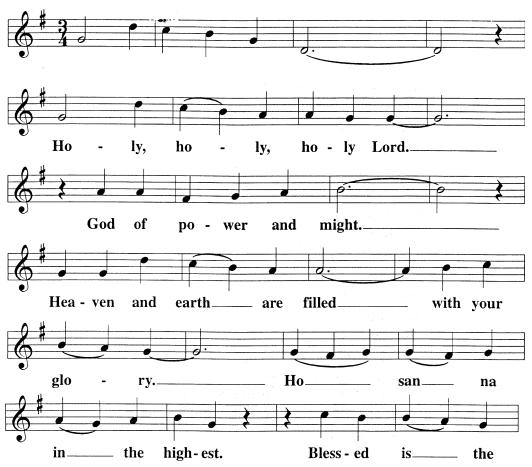
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

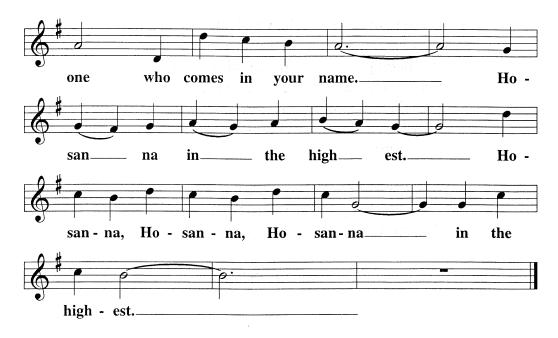




P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new when he comes 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

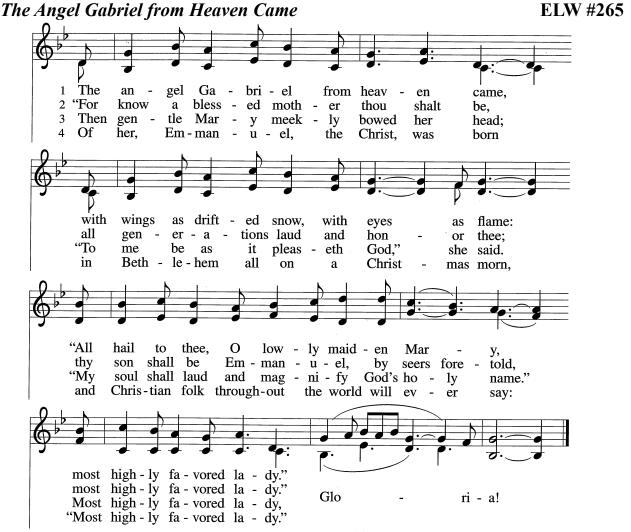
P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C Thanks be to God!

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.

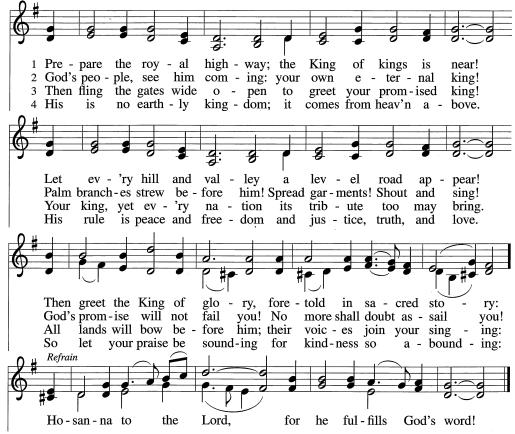
COMMUNION HYMNS





Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264



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.

SENDING HYMN

O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257, vs. 5-8

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

 Refrain
- O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

 Refrain

- A Go in peace. Christ is near.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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
 \$12,205.00

 12/11/22
 \$4,715.00

 electronic
 \$5,756.32

 Total
 \$22,676.32

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

Even though we've already had plenty of cold, winter officially arrives this week. Remember there's no need to "warm up" your car before you drive. Unnecessary idling of cars, trucks, and school buses pollutes the air, wastes fuel, and causes excess engine wear. For more Creation-friendly driving tips, visit What You Can Do to Reduce Pollution from Vehicles and Engines.

Pray for Creation: We thank God for the Word made flesh who came to bring healing to all creation.

Dec. 21 – Wednesday Advent Services at Winterstein Home @ 7pm

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SET FOR 5pm

We will celebrate Christmas Eve with <u>ONE SERVICE AT 5pm on December 24th</u>. POSTCARDS TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Harpist Leslie McMichael will return for this 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. We'll begin the morning with some warm treats and fellowship time, then join in a service with carols and holy communion in the chancel. There will be no Christian Education Christmas morning.

10:30 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

According to Luke's Gospel, January 1st is the day on which 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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THANK YOU for your generous donations of *socks* this month! Bags containing 115 pairs of new socks for our neighbors in need have been delivered to Operation Nightwatch in the Central District. And another THANK YOU for 15 large Gift Bags that went to the Welcome Table in White Center Saturday, December 17. A dozen West Seattle congregations provided nearly 200 gift bags containing many useful, seasonal items for men and women. And a room was filled with children's toys so that parents could select appropriately for their families. Thank you, all! --Social Ministry Team

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: Sick/Recovering: Ferol Allison; Senea Corpuz; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Deena Fuller; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Ford Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; 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; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke; Paulette Zimmerman; Arash Zare; Ayman Zare.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

<u>We express deepest Christian sympathy</u> to the Wagner and Wong families on the death of <u>Louisa Wagner</u> on 12/9 and also to Barbara Hillier and the Mills family on the death of her brother, Alan Mills on 12/12.

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

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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