

NAME OF JESUS



January 1, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.



On this, the first day of the New Year, we gather in the narthex to mark this house of worship as a house of prayer for all people. From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were “Christened” at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same divine Father and are invited to address God intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.



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 ✝

P – *Presider* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*

ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal* WOV – *With One Voice* LBW – *Lutheran Book of Worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BLESSING OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

We gather in the narthex to mark this house of worship as a house of prayer for all people and a place our community gathers to hear God's word and share in God's sacraments.

P In the name of the Word made Flesh, + Jesus the Christ.

C **Amen.**

A Before we speak, God is here,

C **Living God, open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.**

A Open our hands, to give and to greet.

C **Open our minds to new truth and old wisdom.**

A Open our hearts to new hope and old assurance.

C **Open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.**

The presider marks the threshold to the nave with the numbers for the New Year, 20+C+M+B+23. Christus Mansiones Benedictus is translated, "Christ bless this house."

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God,

C **you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever – the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings

TUNE: ST. CLEMENT

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
a time to believe what love is bringing,
and laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference
as faith and hope are born again.

3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The abundant grace of Jesus, the steadfast love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal Lord, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign
of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING: Galatians 4:4-7

*Paul proclaims the ultimate significance of the nativity: Jesus was born the Son of God so that,
because of him, we all may be God's children.*

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the
law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an
heir, through God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 *Read responsively*

The Inclusive Bible

L LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!
You have placed your glory above the heavens!

C **²From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise,
to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful.**

L ³When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you
set in place—⁴what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?
Who are we that you should care for us?

C **⁵You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor.**

L ⁶You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet—
⁷all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the
sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

C **⁹LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise as able and join the chorus from Angels We Have Heard On High

♪ **Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

The Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:21-40

Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem


SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem


HYMN OF THE DAY

A Stable Lamp is Lighted


LBW #74



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose glow shall wake the sky;
2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y Shall ride in tri - umph by;
3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en And yield - ed up to die;
4 But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed high;



The stars shall bend their voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry.
The palm shall strew its branch - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry.
The sky shall groan and dark - en, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry.
The stars shall bend their voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry.



And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, And straw like gold shall shine;
And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, Though heav - y, dull, and dumb,
And ev - 'ry stone shall cry For ston - y hearts of men:
And ev - 'ry stone shall cry In prais - es of the child



A barn shall har - bor heav - en, A stall be - come a shrine.
And lie with - in the road - way To pave his king - dom come.
God's blood up - on the spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.
By whose de - scent a - mong us The worlds are rec - on - ciled.

THE PRAYERS

A With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer

When all petitions have been offered:

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another with the peace of Emmanuel

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, 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 HYMN

ELW #279

♪ **O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us our Lord Immanuel.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Good and loving God,
C **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up 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...and join their unending hymn:

[TUNE: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, ELW #270]

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored.
O how blest is he who comes, in the holy name of God.
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angles sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

P In the night he was handed over to death, 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 to remember 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 to remember me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, and his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

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 Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. 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 HYMN

Holy Child Within the Manger

WOV #638

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us

go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry

stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us

out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

When all have finished communing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory., born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

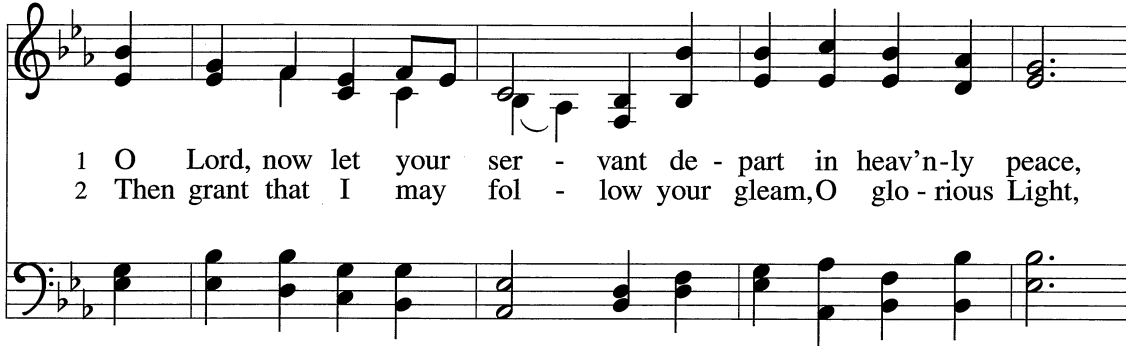
BLESSING

P The Triune God + bless you, journey with you, and give you peace, now and forever.

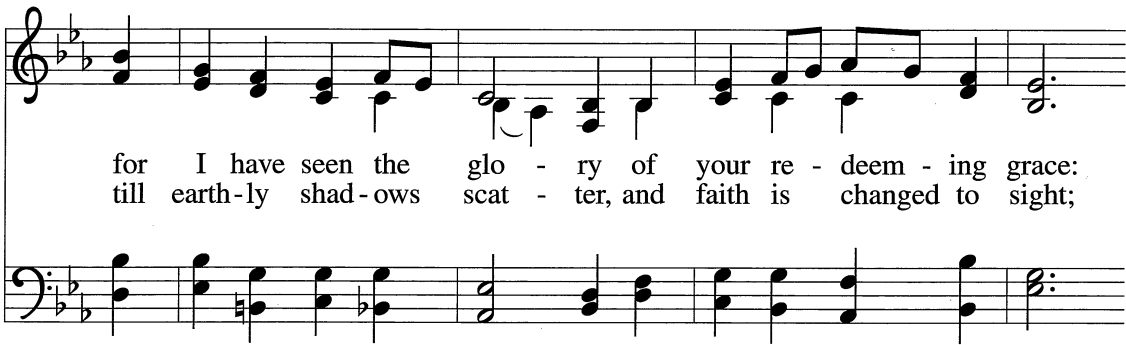
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

ELW #313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.


C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude,
those who depart are invited to do so quietly.*



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Lector	Kathleen Keyes
Children's Sermon	Erik Kindem
Greeters	Helen Hundley (host), Shannon Williams, Rae Ann Marrelli
Ushers	Barbara Hillier, Kristin Gimelli-Hemme
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Keyes, Shannon Williams
Coffee Server	Jean Sides
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Alan Jarvimaki
Counters	Kathleen Keyes, Kristin Gimelli-Hemme

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
12/18/22	\$ 2,790.00
12/25/22	\$ 1,415.00
electronic	<u>\$12,419.60</u>
Total	\$33,544.60

*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

Why not kick off 2023 by adopting Meatless Mondays? Cooking a vegetarian meal one day a week could save the carbon equivalent of driving 1,160 miles per year. That's 22 miles a week! Need inspiration? The mother and daughter team behind *Two Kooks In The Kitchen* offer 25 ideas for you to try. Check out <https://twokooksinthekitchen.com/meatless-monday-recipes-ideas/>

Pray for Creation: We ask God to give protection and encouragement to all who work on behalf of creation.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday, January 29, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar!

To help make the day more manageable for families with younger kids there will be no education hour that day and the worship service will be shortened. The Safe Opening Task Force will make a decision regarding the possibility of including a potluck by mid-January.

Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 3** – All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!)
- **JANUARY 8** – 2nd congregational conversation (if necessary) on the 2023 budget.
- **JANUARY 22** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available to be picked up.
- **JANUARY 29** – Annual Meeting.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

are available on the table in the narthex.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please submit your 2022 annual reports to the office in digital form by Tuesday, January 3rd.

10:30 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

According to Luke's Gospel, **January 1** is the day on which Jesus received his name and was circumcised, so we will celebrate **January 1 as Name of Jesus Sunday**. No education hour this morning, just a simple service with Holy Communion and lots of singing. **Come ring in the New Year!**

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; Kathy Anderson; Joyce Bitner; 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; Ford Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Steve Metzler; 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; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Arash Zare; Ayman Zare; Audrey Zemke.

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

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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