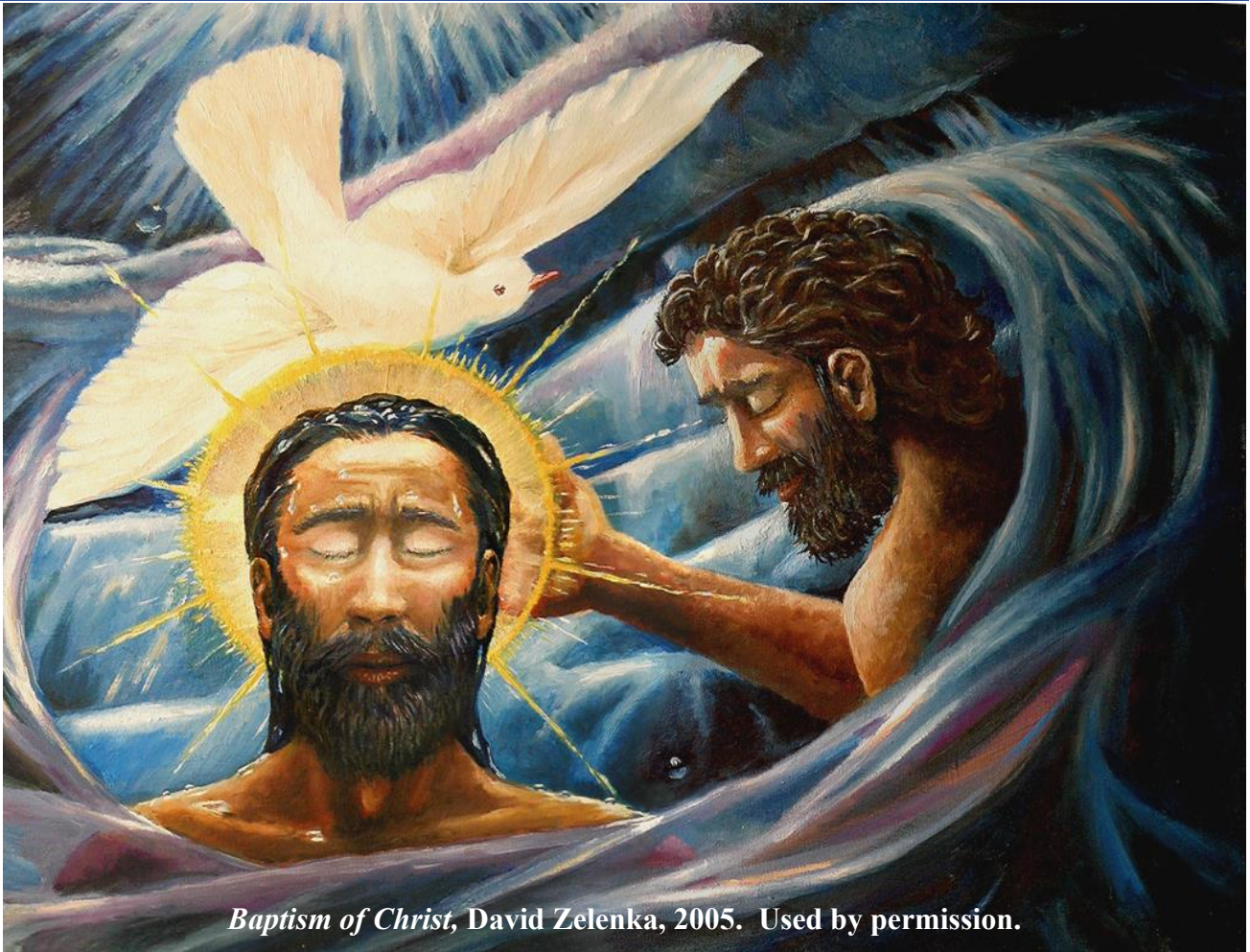


BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.



In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal vocation includes caring for the watersheds which supply us with the water that fills our fonts.



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.



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



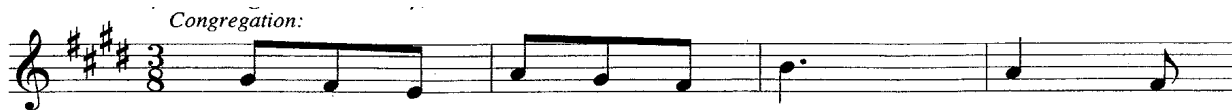
to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;



all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)

All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

To refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Creator God, our Source and our Goal, with ancient stars you seeded Earth with water, establishing seas from which all life would evolve. And at this end of the ages you became one with us, making your appearance through the waters of Mary's womb. As you claimed Jesus as beloved Son in Jordan's waters, make us, too, your beloveds, and empower us by your Spirit to be your faithful followers, living out our baptismal vocation through care-full stewardship of Earth's precious waters. Through him in whom we find fullness of life, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Janet Cruse

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations.

The Servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,

L The Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 CHORAL PSALMODY

M. Mummert

Congregation joins on each refrain



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

CHOIR

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**
2. The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe, and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**
3. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
 O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise as able to receive the gospel.*

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sweet Rivers of Mercy

Sheldon Curry

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams

NCH #169



1 What rul - er wades through murk - y streams and bows be-neath the wave,
2 Christ gleams with wa - ter brown with clay from land the proph-ets trod.
3 Come bow be-neath the flow - ing wave. Christ stands here at your side



Ig - nor - ing how the world es-teems the pow - er - ful and brave?
A - bove while heav-en's clouds give way de - scends the dove of God.
and rais - es you as from the grave God raised the cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
Wa-ter, Riv-er, Spir-it, Grace, sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me!



Re - carve the depths your fing-ers traced in sculpt - ing me.

THE PRAYERS

Larry Cruse

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

When all petitions have been offered:

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

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

ELW #740

TUNE: GOD OF THE SPARROW

♪ God of the river, God of the creek, God of the salmon leaping,
How does the creature say Holy? How does the creature say Praise?

God of the heron, God of the drake, God of polluted shorelines,
How does the creature cry Woe! How does the creature cry Save!

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God who gives living water,
How does the creature say Grace! How does the creature say Thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Presider, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And also with'. The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'you. Lift up your hearts. We'. The third staff is for the Presider, with lyrics 'lift them to the Lord. Let us give'. The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'thanks to the Lord our God. It is'. The fifth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'right to give God thanks and praise.'

P ♪ It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves of a treble clef in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues with: "might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your". The third staff has a 3/8 time signature and continues with: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the". The fourth staff continues with: "One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff concludes with: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, Creator and Sustainer of all,
you formed the Earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed your Chosen people
and cherished them as your own.
That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through baptismal waters,
yoking us to the life, death, and resurrection of your Beloved Son, Jesus,
who in the night in which he was handed over to death, took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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,**
poured out for you and for all for forgiveness and healing.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.

P Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
 Satisfy the thirst of every living thing with your Living Water, and fit us for service as keepers and partners of all you have entrusted to us, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 Come, taste, and see!
C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processsionally. 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and

Congregation:

world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Refrain

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the
 rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and
 daugh - ters, make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Verses

1. Come fill our wait - ing hearts with the
 2. Give us a thirst for love, give us a
 3. You are the breath of life, you are the
 4. Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart, come now and

spir - it of Je - sus, let us shine with your
 hun - ger for jus - tice, make us one with the
 hope of the hope - less, come and fill us with
 wake us to won - der, make us ves - sels of

D.C.

light and peace.
 mind of Christ.
 light and peace.
 light and peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our Source and our Goal, you have called us through the waters of rebirth and fed us at this table with gifts which sustain the life of the world. As salmon smolts leave their natal streams for the ocean, send us forth from this gathering renewed in our commitment to offer all that we have and all we are for the sustenance of our planet home. In Jesus' name.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The Triune God, Holy One, Holy Three, grant you grace, mercy, and peace overflowing, that you may walk with sacred manner upon Earth.

C **May it be so! Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

In Sacred Manner

ACS #1071

TUNE: SEATTLE



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
 2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
 3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
 4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
 lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
 sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
 pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, walk wet in the way of Jesus.

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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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received JANUARY 2023

01/01/23 \$ 1,750.00

Total \$ 1,750.00

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

As we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, we reflect on the fact that 2.2 billion people lack safe drinking water and more than half the world can't access safe sanitation. Remember you can use this City of Seattle tool to learn how you can use water more wisely: <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/sustainability-tips/conserves-water/for-residents>

Pray for Creation: We pray for the healing of all oceans, lakes, and rivers, and for the plants and animals whose home is in the water.

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.

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.

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; Elaine Ross; 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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