

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



*“I have set before you today life and prosperity,
death and adversity...
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”
Deuteronomy 30:15, 19*

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.

In today’s reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today’s gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus’ instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW #604

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

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

Congregation:


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:


(Refrain begins)



You are God; we praise you. You are




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




To refrain
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,



To refrain
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PASS THE HAT

Faith Action Network

Elizabeth Dickinson

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Vicki Martinez

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are

led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Praise Him Alleluia!

Eugene Butler

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit 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 St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

²¹ ‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your

right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ ‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS #1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

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 you 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

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

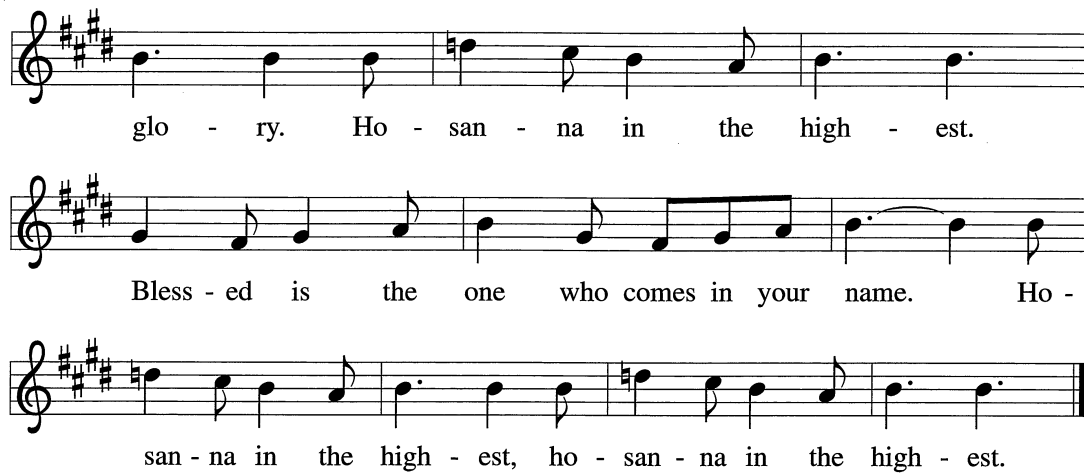
The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with
 Congregation: you. Lift up your hearts. We
 Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
 Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
 right to give God thanks and praise.

P ♪ *It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is your light, made manifest to all the nations, and so with the church on Earth, all creation, and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light,
 shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In 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,**
poured out for you and for all for forgiveness and healing.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe will rejoice
 in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son,
 through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
 with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. 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 and taste the joy of God!

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.

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:



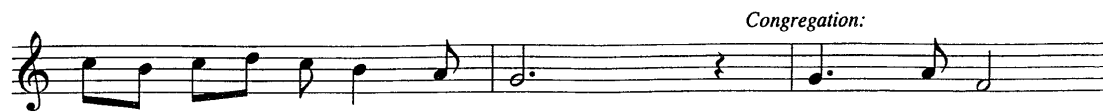
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

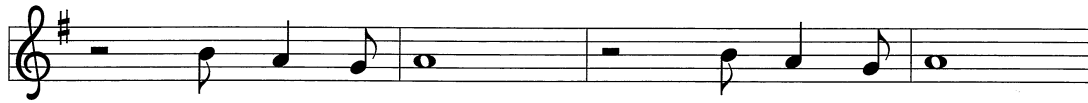
One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y
through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
 + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C May it be so! Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow 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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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
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Coffee Server	Kathleen Keyes
Production Techs	Dustin Smith, Alex Wren
Counters	Paul Bliss, Tyler Menstell Coyle

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month.

Offering Income received FEBRUARY 2023

02/05/23	\$ 3,625.00
electronic	\$ 3,164.87
Total	\$ 6,789.87

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

PASS THE HAT THIS SUNDAY 2/12 IS FAN

Faith Action Network is our Pass the Hat Partner next Sunday. Elizabeth Dickinson will be here to tell us about FAN and give us an update of the Interfaith Advocacy Day 2/9.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Church Council, which will be installed Sunday, 2/26 during worship.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Be a citizen scientist and join The Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 17-20! Learn more at <https://www.birdcount.org/participate/>. There's also a free Webinar Feb. 15th from 10-11:00 am. [Register](#) to attend. #PeacePollinatorProject

Pray for Creation: Bedazzled as we are by your gifts of exuberant natural wonders, we ask God to help us work to heal and preserve our air, water, and soil.

A FOLLOW-UP ON CCT'S CARBON CREDIT PURCHASES

Thanks to all who weighed in with their preferences for purchasing carbon credits to offset PLC's carbon footprint from 2019-2021. The distribution of your votes equaled the distribution of allocated CCT funds to make the purchases. In summary, [Stoves in Africa](#) got 54% of your votes and 54% of the funds, [Solar in India](#) got 31% of votes and funds. Our third project, Wind in the Philippines got 15% of votes but required a minimum purchase of \$5,000. Instead, 15% of funds were used to purchase credits from a similar project in [South Korea](#). On the CCT bulletin board in the narthex you can find a more detailed chart that we used to calculate the purchases.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 12

Not everyone can make a tackle on the field, but you can help tackle hunger before the game begins. On February 12th, bring canned goods or donations for the White center food Bank for the Souper bowl of Caring. For added fun, the youth will have two tables decorated for the teams. You can vote for who you think will win with your canned goods.

COMPANIONSHIP TRAINING FEBRUARY 12, 1-4pm

On Sunday, February 12, our congregation has the opportunity to participate in the Mental Health Chaplaincy's Companionship Training hosted by Fauntleroy Church, UCC. The three-hour, in-person workshop will equip laity to be a caring, listening presence for those in need of human connection, whether from loneliness, stress, or a crisis event.

Check out details at www.mentalhealthchaplaincy.net/services.html and sign up for the free workshop by emailing the Fauntleroy Church office at info@fauntleroyucc.org.

GIVE NOW FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Two powerful earthquakes have hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Turkey, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 2,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. A cold and snowy weather system now moving through the region complicates the response efforts.

Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are prepared to accompany our neighbors impacted by these earthquakes. One hundred percent of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region.

GIVE NOW

ASH WEDNESDAY 2/22

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. There will be a service at Peace at 7 pm with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Join us as we cross the threshold into this new season.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

We will be holding Wednesday Evening Prayer Services at 7 pm during Lent, beginning March 1st. The Safe Opening Task Force has approved soup suppers beforehand. Look for an email with a [Google survey](#) to gauge your interest in participating in a soup supper, both as guests and hosts. Please take the time to fill out the survey. It is quick and easy.

FAITHFUL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP AT PEACE 2/26

Faithful Advocacy Workshop & Lunch at Peace Lutheran Sunday, February 26, noon
Led by Reverend AC Churchill, Executive Director of Earth Ministry/WAIPL
Hosted by Creation Care Team. More details coming soon!

2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

Your record of giving for 2022 is available on the table in the narthex. Please pick it up, and help us save a stamp!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

For those who utilize offering envelopes, check the narthex for the box with your name on it.6

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; 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; Jerry Heiland; Garrison Hernandez; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Ford Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Jack McBride; 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; Anastasia Stavrogena; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; 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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