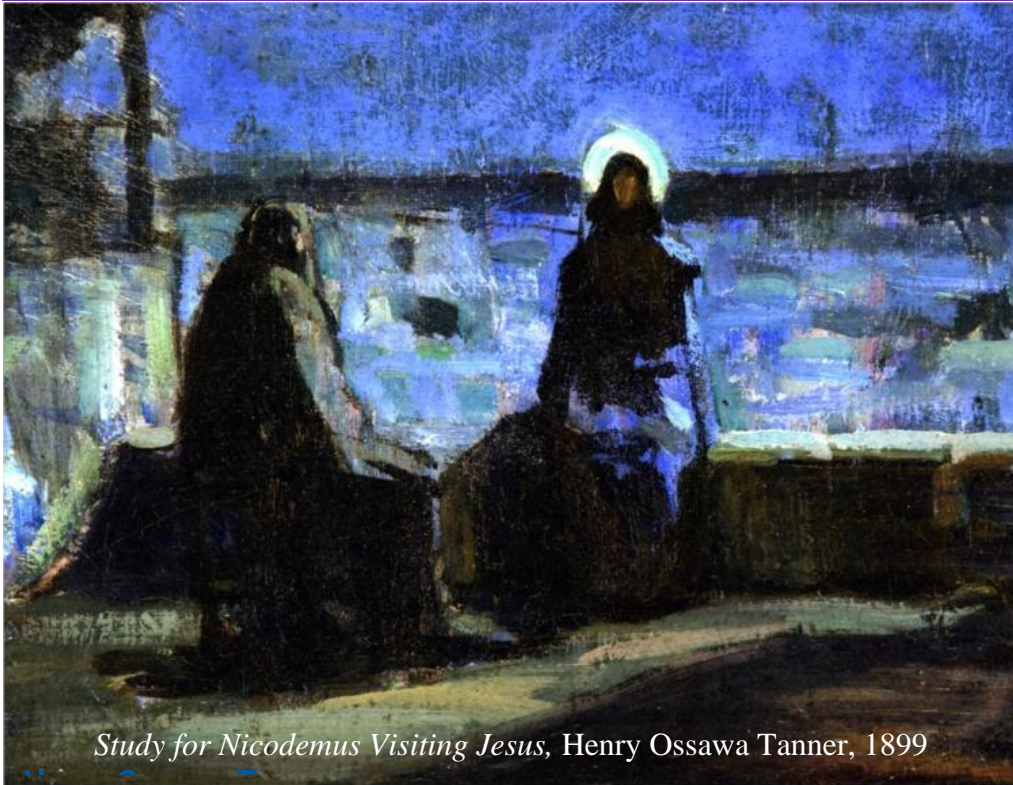


SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Study for Nicodemus Visiting Jesus, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

MARCH 5, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit.

At the font we are given a new birth as children of God and raised up with Christ to new life.

From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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At the close of worship today we will remember our sister in Christ,

~ Ann Detlefs February 18, 1932 – January 27, 2023 ~

Ann moved to West Seattle in 2008 and was received into the fellowship of Peace in 2010, soon after the death of her husband Darwin. It was at Peace that she later met Bob Gaines, who became her constant companion and life partner during the final decade of her life.

Born and raised in historic Ballard, Ann celebrated her family's Norwegian heritage. Today's Communion Hymn, Behold the Host Arrayed in White, is a Danish hymn set to a Norwegian folk tune harmonized by Edvard Grieg, and has been chosen in her honor.

+ GATHERING +

P – *Presider* A – *Assisting Minister* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

PRELUDE

Chris Kindem, flute

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is poured into the font as we celebrate the sacred gifts that are part of our baptismal life, and the assurance that, just as we were buried with Christ, we will be raised with him.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Here the promise of God:

“When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C **At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C **Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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.**

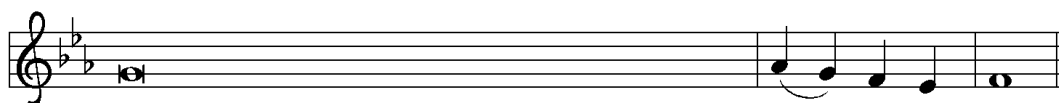
KYRIE *The Cantor leads the Kyrie and the congregation responds with "Lord, have mercy."*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



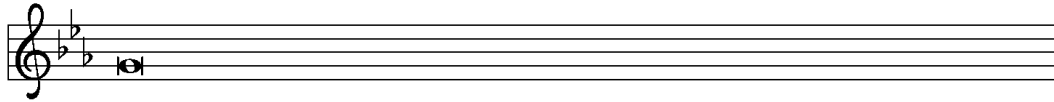
Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



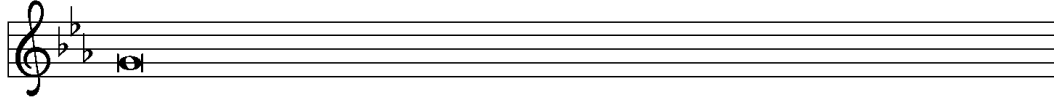
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Julie Ward

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

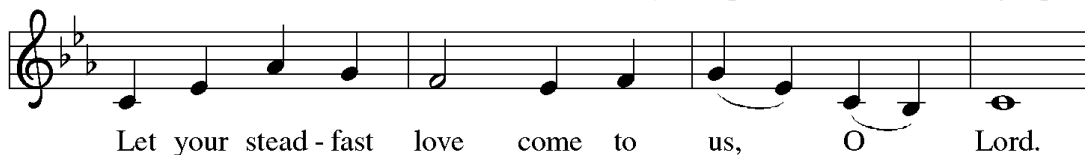
What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel*



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

For the next four Sundays, a narrator and additional readers will proclaim our gospel lections.

This week, a curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject.

Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

When all petitions have been offered:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
 2 What good and blessing you bestow are
 3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
 free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
 hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
 weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
 forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

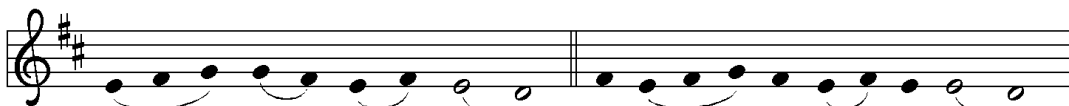
A Let us pray. God of good gifts,

C receive these gifts and all our offerings, as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



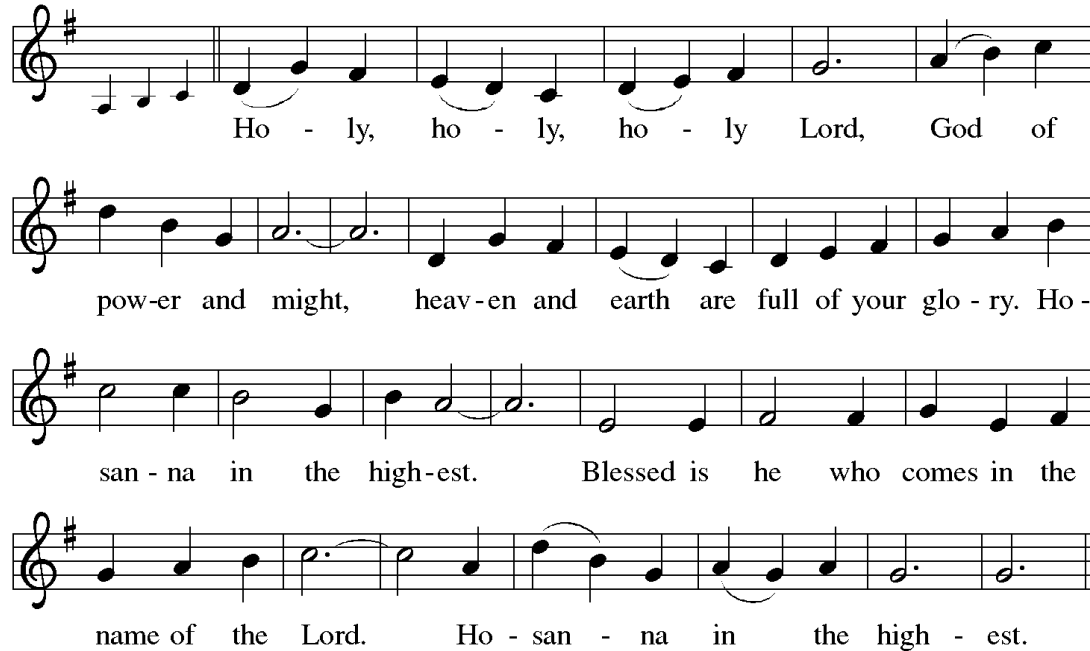
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

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. During Lent we commune at the rail, either kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is 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 world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Host Arrayed in White

ELW #425



1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in

is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the

stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O

sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let

they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.
 heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

COMMENDATION *Those who wish may lift a hand upward in thanksgiving and benediction.*

- P Let us commend our sister Ann into the arms of our Risen Savior. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ann. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
 The Lord bless her and keep her.
 The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy,
 The Lord look upon her with favor and + grant her eternal peace and joy.
- C **Amen.**



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Chris Kindem, flute



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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
02/12/23	\$ 1,620.00
02/19/23	\$ 682.00
02/26/23	\$ 3,717.00
electronic	<u>\$12,951.80</u>
Total	\$22,595.80

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

The UN's Environment Programme calls plastics pollution the "second most ominous threat to the global environment, after climate change." As we launch our audit of plastics use here at Peace, we encourage you to do the same at home. EarthDay.org, which made reducing and ultimately ending Plastic Pollution one of its 2023 Earth Day priorities, offers a [calculator](#) to help us each determine how many plastic items we consume and discard every year. Find it at

<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/> and join us in helping to End Plastics.

Pray for Creation: We pray that God gives us the will to love and serve God's world as God does.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

On Wednesday, March 8th, we continue our Wednesday Evening Soup Supper tradition @ 6pm, followed by Evening Prayer from 7:00–7:30pm, with the liturgy: *That You May Have Life*. Look for the Soup Supper Sign-up Sheet on the SIGN-IN TABLE in the narthex for how you can participate.

SPRING 2023 BIBLE STUDY

The Sabbatical Planning Team is excited to share plans for a Bible study during Pastor Erik's 2023 sabbatical. The study will begin the Sunday following Easter (4/16), will be held virtually on Sundays during the Adult Sunday School hour (8:30 – 9:30 am), and last 6 weeks (ending 5/21). Our conversation will be based on *Presiding Bishop Eaton's Four Emphases Bible Study*. These areas for emphasis are: We are church, We are Lutheran, We are church together, and We are church for the sake of the world. – Please email the church office (office@peacelutheranseattle.org) if you would

like to be placed on the list to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Links to the Bible study materials are planned to be posted on the Peace website (www.peacelutheranseattle.org) under Groups / Bible Study as the start date gets closer.

The Sabbatical Planning Team is also trying to gauge if there is interest in a second additional day/time for this study. Please also email the church office if you would be interested in an alternate day/time indicating your availability. Please contact the office no later than 3/19 if you are interested in this as an option.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Kathy Anderson; Arlene; Mark Brocker; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Grayson Eller; Mark Engelman; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Garrison Hernandez; Heather Jennings; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Jack McBride; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Bill Morrell; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; Charlie Spangler; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder.

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

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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