

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in work, bath, and meal—offering us the live-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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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 +

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

PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS At the font

During the season of Lent the Font is placed near the entrance, reminding us that in baptism we enter into fellowship with Christ, and the church. All may make the sing of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 - who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.
- C Amen.
- P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

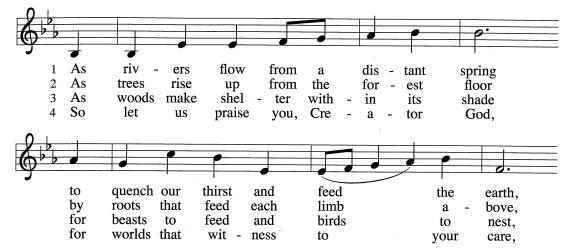
Silence is kept for reflection

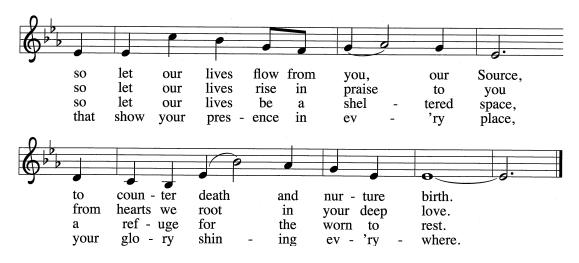
- P Holy God,
- C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt, though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.
- P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!
 God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN



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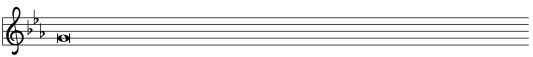


GREETING

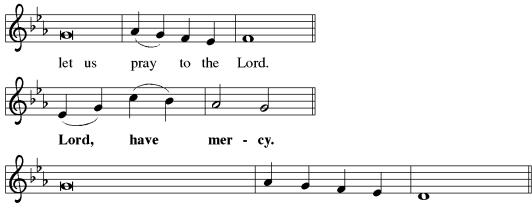
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

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





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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth, through 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: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place

Shannon Williams

Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

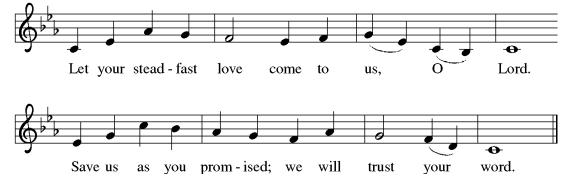
Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it

that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

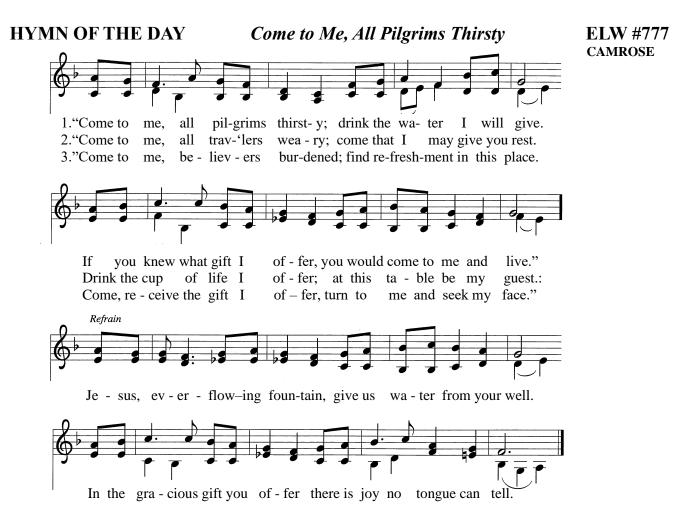
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Nicole Klinemeier

Pastor Erik Kindem



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

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.

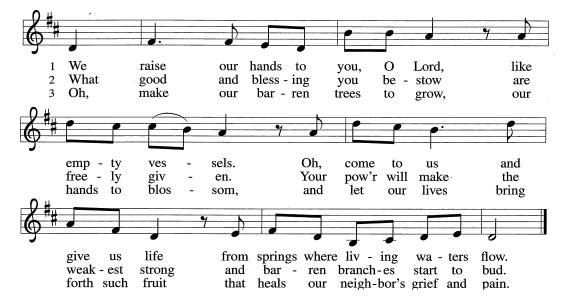
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OFFERTORY HYMN We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

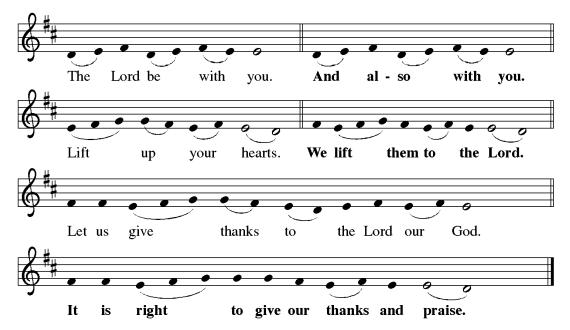
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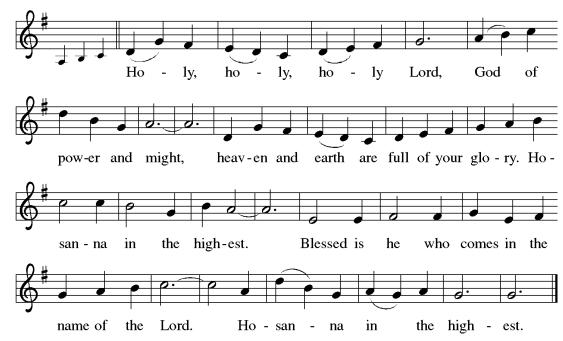
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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



P J 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

EUCHARISTIC 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



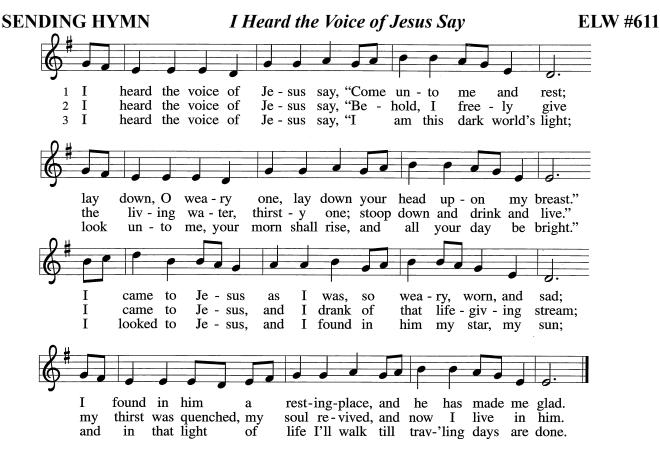
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- 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 +

BLESSING

- P God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, Holy Spirit, source of rebirth, bless you in this Lenten journey.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve in love.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Children's Sermon	Nicole Klinemeier
Greeters	Corinne Otakie (host), Liz & Randy Hernandez
Ushers	Kristin Gimelli-Hemme, Barbara Hillier
Altar Care	Liz & Randy Hernandez
Communion Assistants	Liz & Randy Hernandez
Coffee Server	Shannon Williams
Production Techs	Dustin Smith, Alex Wren
Counters	Kristin Gimelli-Hemme, Randy Hernandez
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month. **Offering Income received MARCH 2023**

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03/05/23	\$ 2,431.00
electronic	<u>\$ 3,207.10</u>
Total	\$ 5,638.10

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

Saturday is Global Recycling Day! What better day to make sure you're recycling all you can? Check out King County's quick guide to residential recycling with lots of "What do I do with...?" answers. Scroll way down and you'll even find a search box to learn how to deal with tougher to recycle items. Click this <u>link</u> or look it up at <u>https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/recycling-quick-guide.aspx#resources</u>.

Pray for Creation: We give thanks for the pure water of our watershed and pray for the workers who protect it.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

On Wednesday, March 15th, we continue our <u>Wednesday Evening Soup Supper tradition @ 6pm,</u> <u>followed by Evening Prayer from 7:00–7:30pm</u>, with the liturgy: *That You May Have Life*. Look for the <u>Soup Supper Sign-up Sheet</u> on the SIGN-IN TABLE in the narthex for how you can participate.

SUPPORT SOFIA WONG'S FAMILY, 3/24 AT 7 PM

Sofia Wong's mother, <u>Hung-Yee (Louisa) Wagner</u>, passed away on December 9, 2022. She is survived by her husband Rob and four children, Hans, Sofia, Erik, and her youngest daughter Anneliese, who is 13 (going on 14...) years old. We are hosting an event at the church on Friday, March 24th to raise money for Anneliese's tuition and future college fund. We'll have dinner together while watching <u>*The Sound of Music.*</u> It's open to all, and we will be asking for donations during the event. *We hope you join us!*

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: <u>Sick/Recovering</u>: 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; Victoria Johnson; 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; Katrina Moore; 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; Inta Zagars.

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

<u>We express our Christian sympathy</u> to Helen McBride and the McCracken family on the death of Lynn McCracken, Helen's niece on 3/8/23.

<u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> 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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