

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THAT THEY  
MAY BE  
ONE, AS  
WE ARE  
ONE

John 17:11

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## May 21, 2023

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Our First Reading records Jesus's ascending and the gathered disciples—including some women—returning to Jerusalem to pray as they await the coming of the Spirit. Jesus, in the Gospel, prays for protection and unity for his followers because he is going to be gone from them. There is reason for Jesus to pray. The Second Reading reminds us that the forces arrayed against us will not make our lives simple. We are urged to faithfulness.*

***Thank you for joining us for this celebration of Christ's resurrection!  
Your presence enriches our community.***

# ✝ GATHERING ✝

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

## PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

## WELCOME

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

ELW #392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

**GREETING**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!*

*Refrain* S 101

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14**

Mary Jacob

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost.*

*These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

When the [apostles] had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Chelsea Globe

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN** *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*

***Be Not Afraid***

**ELW #388**

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th Chapter

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

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**SERMON**

Pastor Paul Winterstein

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***This Joyful Eastertide***

**ELW #391**

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my  
 sprung to life this mor - row.  
 wake the dead in num - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our  
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A Lord Jesus Christ, as you prayed for your disciples and the people who would trust in you after you were gone, so we pray for your people the church, the whole creation you gave us, and all those in need.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Caring Jesus,

**C hear our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

P Knowing that you prayed for us, we offer these prayers and those that remain in our hearts, trusting that in your care you will respond.

**C Amen**

## + MEAL +

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.*

### 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 [Tithe Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*



#### OFFERTORY

***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by you we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Generous God,

**C in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...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.

**P** Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,

**C** **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**P** In great love you sent us Jesus, your Son, who as the bread of life reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

**C** **whose very flesh and blood became in person the good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

**P** 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, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**P** Remembering that in this bread and wine we receive his life lived for us, his death to redeem us, his resurrection that conquers our death, and his ascension that fills us with hope, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Feed your children, O God, with the flesh and blood of your Son that, sustained with the bread of heaven, we may serve you with our lives. Make this feast truly a foretaste of the feast to come.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

P Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*ecumenical*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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 know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

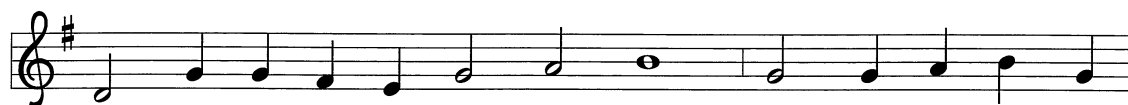
C **Thanks be to God!**

**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** *Father, We Thank You* **ELW #478**

1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -  
 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,  
 in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your  
 guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -  
 Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,  
 formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Eternal God, through baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ you welcome us to this table and nourish us with the food and drink of the Promised Land. Now send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

**BLESSING**

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

# ✚ SENDING ✚

SENDING HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Jon Lackey

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Altar Care	Randy & Liz Hernandez
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Coffee Server	Sofia Wagner
Counters	Randy Hernandez, Erika Stephens
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## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

### **Offering Income received MAY 2023**

05/07/23	\$ 3,012.00
05/14/23	\$ 1,749.00
Electronic	<u>\$ 7,180.06</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,941.06</b>

*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

Need a tool for a special project this coming Memorial Day weekend? Don't buy it, check it out from the West Seattle Tool Library at 4408 Delridge Way SW. A pay-what-you-can organization, the WSTL suggests a donation to check out each tool—generally \$1-3 for hand tools, \$5-7 for most power tools, and \$10-20 for large power tools. It also offers training and relevant advice. Got tools you rarely use taking up space in your garage? Donate them! Learn more at <https://www.wstools.org/>.

**Pray for Creation:** We ask God to give us the will to work to overcome past destructive ways of living with the gift of creation.

## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER JUNE 3 AT 7 PM

Once a year Holden invites Villagers across the globe to come together through participation in the Holden Evening Prayer. This year, we will be celebrating Holden Evening Prayer Around the World on June 3, 2023. Help us kick-off the first week of summer programming by joining us on the first night that Holden Evening Prayer will be sung in the Village for the summer.

Even though geography may separate us, by singing and saying the same words together on the same day, we connect in spirit. May the prayers for peace and justice of the extended Holden community rise up like incense. Peace Lutheran will be hosting Holden Evening Prayer Around the World at 7 pm on Saturday, June 3.

## WORSHIP TIME 9:30 AM STARTING JUNE 4

During the summer we switch our worship time to 9:30 am. Starting June 4 and through Labor Day, our worship will start at 9:30 am.

## 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; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Mark Engelman; Sean Fenton; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H.; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Heather Jennings; Tony Jilek; Victoria Johnson; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Evelyn Martinez; Vicki Martinez; Chloe McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Ken McPherson; Jenn Mersing; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Jean Sides; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Wendell & Wilson; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars.

**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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