

# SEASON OF PENTECOST



JULY 2, 2023

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

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*At the close of worship today we will remember our sister in Christ,  
~ Rae Ann Marrelli May 14, 1936 – March 29, 2023 ~*

*Rae Ann was a longtime member of Calvary, and after Calvary closed, she became a member of Peace. Perhaps because she was living alone, she liked social contact and you may have seen her as host for the coffee hour. She was also a lifetime member of VFW Auxiliary at Post Home Rainier 2289. She was married twice and was mother of five children and three stepchildren. Her children and grandchildren and great grandchildren survive her.*

# ✦ GATHERING ✦

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

## PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

### *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies*

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;  
our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.  
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,  
and more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:  
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
a sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,  
the courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
a nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.

How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea  
that dream of peace, non-violence, all people living free.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
a hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.

## GREETING

## HYMN OF PRAISE

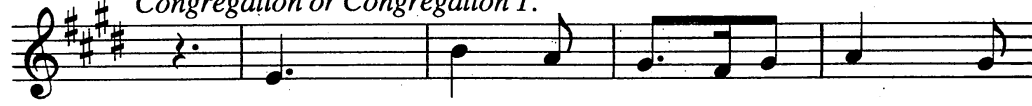
### *Now the Feast*

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -  
er - more!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/8 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note with a fermata, followed by the word 'more!'.

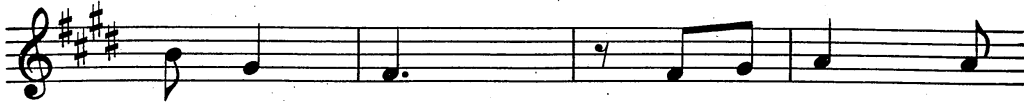
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -

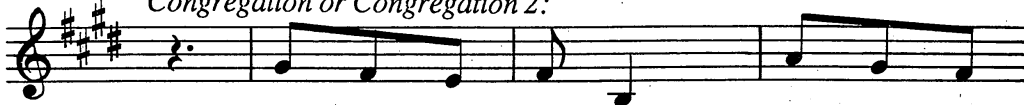


nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for - ev - er.

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

Julie Ward

*Unable to conceive a child, Sarah selected Hagar, her Egyptian maid, to be a surrogate mother. Though Hagar gave birth to Ishmael, Sarah subsequently gave birth to a son named Isaac, which led to Sarah's sending away of Hagar and Ishmael. God, however, heard Ishmael's cry and promised to make of him a great nation.*

The child Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup>But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup>So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave with her son; for the son of this slave shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup>The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup>But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup>As for the son of the slave, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup>When the water in the skin was gone, Hagar cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup>Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup>And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup>Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." <sup>19</sup>Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup>God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup>He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God

as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nicole Klinemeier

### 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!

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of

cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Winterstein

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak*

ELW #676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -  
liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Gracious and tender God, you care for us and your whole creation, and you invite us to come to you with our concerns. So, we bring our prayers to you for all people and situations of need.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Tender, compassionate God,

C **hear our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

P In your care for all, and by your grace demonstrated in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ who gave his life for us, hear our spoken prayers and those that remain in our hearts, and respond with compassion.

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



## OFFERTORY

### *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain:

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,—
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

*to Refrain*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, almighty and altender God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## YOU ARE HOLY

ELW #525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

**C in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.**

P When sin scarred the world,

**C you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.**

P So we give thanks that 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, therefore his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,  
**C we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**

P Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

**C so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**

P Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

**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

### *Lamb of God*

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:*

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

*Final time: Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

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

grant us peace,                      grant us                      peace.

#### *Additional invocations:*

you break the chains of hatred and fear:  
you are the way of justice and peace:  
you are the way of mercy and love:

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. We thank you generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C **Amen.**

# + SENDING +

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

**P** Let us commend our sister Rae Ann into the arms of our Risen Savior.  
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Rae 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.

## 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. Share the harvest.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Jon Lackey



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## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

### Offering Income received JUNE 2023

06/04/23 \$ 2,218.00

06/11/23 \$ 3,995.00

06/18/23 \$ 2,700.00

06/25/23 \$ 1,695.00

Electronic \$10,939.71

**Total \$21,547.71**

*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

During our annual summer droughts, we often turn to hoses, sprinklers and irrigation systems to keep our plants alive and thriving. But too much water actually *causes* many common plant problems.

Giving your lawn and garden just the water they need, and no more, nurtures healthier, deeper-rooted plants, saves money on water bills, and conserves precious water. Learn how with the [Smart Watering Guide](#) from [Seattle.gov](http://Seattle.gov).

**Pray for Creation:** This week we pray for wisdom for our elected leaders that they prioritize the sustainability of planet Earth and all its inhabitants.

## ALTAR FLOWERS FROM JON & JAMES

The altar flowers today are given in thanksgiving by **Jon Lackey & James Jelasic**, as they celebrate on July 4<sup>th</sup> their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being together as a couple and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## 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; Beth; Heidi Coy; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Mark Engelman; Sean Fenton; Marge Flint; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Signa Gustafson; Jaylin H.; Heather Jennings; Tony Jilek; Donna Kehle; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Evelyn Martinez; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Jenn Mersing; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; 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; Annie Tigdig; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Wendell & Wilson; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder.

**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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