

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



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August 13, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In our first reading from the Joseph Cycle, the elder sons of Jacob show us how quickly jealousy and retribution within families can lead to bad decisions—and violence. In the gospel reading, when the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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.

*Our Pass the Hat Partner this month is **Refugees Northwest**. They believe that every person forced to flee war, persecution and terror can heal, thrive, and enrich our community with their unique gifts and strengths. Heather Brandt will be with us today to tell us about their programs.*

+ GATHERING +

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

What Is This Place

ELW #524

1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a
earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,
win - dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive
when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be
afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PASS THE HAT

Refugees Northwest

Heather Brandt

*Contributions to support the ministry of Refugees Northwest can be made in cash, by check, or online via
our secure giving portal. Checks can be made payable to Peace Lutheran Church with "Refugees
Northwest" on the memo line. Gifts will be received throughout the month of August.*

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Vicki Martinez

Though Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, his jealous brothers sold him into slavery.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent Joseph from the valley of Hebron.

Joseph came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered Joseph out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b *Read responsively*

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

**²Sing to the LORD, sing praises
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**⁴Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**⁶O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

¹⁶Then God called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.

**¹⁷The LORD sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.

**¹⁹Until his prediction came to pass,
the word of the LORD tested him.**

²⁰The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**²¹set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

²²to instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b}Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th Chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sarah Bliss

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.

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 *Please rise as able.*

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

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



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



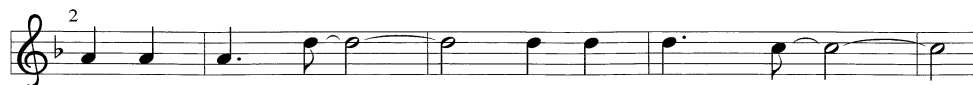
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



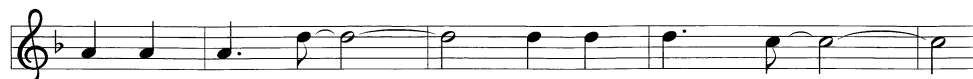
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



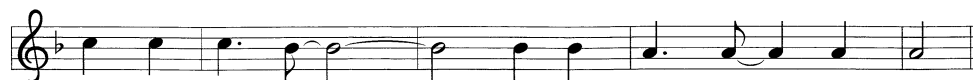
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

C **When sin scarred the world, 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us:

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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW #195

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.

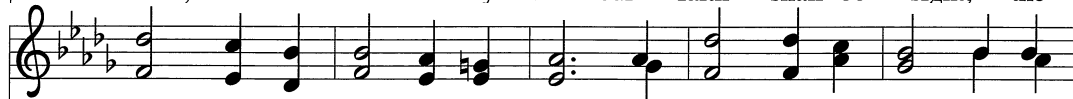
COMMUNION HYMN

When Peace Like a River

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The God who came that we might have life, and life abundant, + bless, keep,
And sustain you today and every day, to the end of the age.

C Amen.



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

P Go in peace, loving God and neighbor.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Offering Income received August 2023

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| 08/06/23 | \$ 2,260.10 |
| Electronic | \$ 1,990.08 |
| Total | \$ 4,250.18 |

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

Want to learn how to go back to school plastic free? The Plastic Pollution Coalition is holding a free webinar August 17 on how to avoid a school year filled with toxic plastic. Learn why reusable, refillable, non-plastic school supplies like stainless steel lunch boxes and food storage containers are better for student health, the planet, and wallets—and how to incorporate them into the school year. They will also discuss how schools can incorporate reusable, plastic-free items and practices into their operations. Learn more at <https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/event/ppc-webinar-081723>.

Pray for Creation: May the gifts of summer's bounty rekindle our resolve to carefully tend God's garden.

POST-SABBATICAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

The Sabbatical Team has reserved a place at Lincoln Park for our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, August 27. Following the service, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a picnic and talk with the Kindem family about their journeys during the time they were away. There will NOT be a service at the church building on this Sunday. However, the tech team will livestream the service at the park, so, if you are unable to join us there, please tune in!

WHEN: August 27, worship at 9:30, with potluck picnic to follow

WHERE: Lincoln Park, Shelter # 1 at the south end of the park on the upper level under the trees

PARKING: Use the south parking lot, or park on the street; from the parking lot, follow the path that veers slightly to the right; this will take you to the shelter

WHAT TO BRING: Food to share and a utensil for dishing; lawn chairs (if you have them; we will have extra chairs for those who don't have access to them)

WHAT WE WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU: Compostable plates and tableware; drinks; charcoal for those who wish to use one of the small grills at the site

QUESTIONS? Contact Heidi Eilers, Audrey Zemke, Marian Christjaener, Vicki Martinez, John Fueger, or Alan Jarvimaki.

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9-10

This year marks the 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday!

The weekend of September 9 -10, Peace will once again join in this annual day of service. Stay tuned as we make arrangements for what this year's project will be and how you can participate!

SAVE THE DATE FOR RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

RALLY SUNDAY is September 17. Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for this year's theme and activities, which will be announced in the September PEACE NOTES.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Jerry Andersen; Kathy Anderson; Connie Benjamin; Heidi Coy; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Sean Fenton; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; Brian Ford; Caity Gerhardt; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H; Julia H.; Doug Hauger; Arlene Johnson; Donna Kehle; Ken Keyes; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Juanita McLemore: Andy McPherson; Kay McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Jean Sides; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Annie Tigdig; Conrad Tollefson; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

We express our Christian sympathy to the Larson family on the death of Mike Larson on 6/15/23, to the Jennings family on the death of Heather Jennings, Deena Fuller's friend, and the family of Nan Beth Walton who passed away on 8/3/23. Nan Beth had been a guest pianist at Peace several times.

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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