

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



The Canaanite Woman Pleads with Jesus for her daughter's sake

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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In our first reading we see how reconciliation rather than revenge is what God intends for Joseph and his brothers—and for us. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* WOV – *With One Voice*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW #684



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Your 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Nancy Hauger

Moved to tears by Judah's pleas on behalf of Benjamin, Joseph declares, "I am Joseph!" and asks, "Is my father still alive?" The evil intent of the brothers had been trumped by God's using Joseph to preserve many lives at a time of famine.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth,

and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; God has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there since there are five more years of famine to come so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then Joseph fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel, Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!

I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

(Jesus) called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then

the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW #588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word.



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

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.

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 *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:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

WOV #616a



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

One Bread, One Body ELW #496

Refrain
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Refrain
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

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.

+ 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.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power ELW #651, vs. 1, 3, 5

1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear.
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds.
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore

and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain
We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!


A 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

08/06/23	\$ 2,260.10
08/13/23	\$ 2,260.00
Electronic	\$ 1,990.08
Total	\$ 6,510.18

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

Buying locally when back-to-school shopping can help care for Creation. Nearly one-third of the U.S.'s solid waste comes from containers and packaging. Nearly 6 billion pounds of waste went to landfills from U.S. returns to online retailers in 2020 alone. Transporting those returns added up to 16 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions. That's about the yearly emissions of 3.5 million cars. Please shop creation-smart!

Pray for Creation: We ask God to make us advocates for safe working conditions for those who work outdoors during times of extreme heat.

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; from the south 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 or blankets (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, cups, tableware, and drinks

PARKING: Space is limited in the parking lots. If there are no spaces in either the south or north lots, you may park on the east side of Fauntleroy or in the neighborhood.

TRANSPORTATION: Due to the limited parking, we encourage you to carpool or ride the bus. If you choose to carpool, you may meet at the church between 8:45 and 9:00. Directions for riding the bus are below.

ACCESSIBILITY: People will be in the parking lot to assist you with the short walk to the shelter when you arrive.

HOW CAN YOU HELP BEFORE THE SERVICE? If your vehicle can be used for carpooling, please show up at the church at 8:45 to take others to the park.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AFTER THE PICNIC? We need a vehicle to transport some long tables back to the church when the event is over at 2:00.

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

TO JOIN US:

- Remotely via Livestream: [Peace Lutheran Church West Seattle – YouTube](#)
- Carpools leaving from the church at 8:45 am. (see above)
- [Map of Lincoln Park with location of Shelter 1](#) (link to PDF file on Seattle Parks site)
- Bus, Bike, and other commute options:
 - Address of Lincoln Park: **8011 Fauntleroy Way SW Seattle, WA 98136**
 - Nearby address for trip planning to South Parking Lot: **4699 SW Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98136**
 - GPS Coordinates for South Parking Lot: **47.526630, -122.393174**
 - [Google Maps to 4699 SW Cloverdale St](#)
 - [Metro Bus Trip Planner to Lincoln Park South Parking Lot](#)
 - BikeMap route planner tool: [Cycle route planner – Bikemap](#)
 - For RideShare users: [RideshareOnline](#)

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; Betty Fleck; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; Brian Ford; Caity Gerhardt; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H; Julia H.; Doug Hauger; Howard Heiland; Jerry Heiland; 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; Conrad Tollefson; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder.

Homebound: Jim Baker; 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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