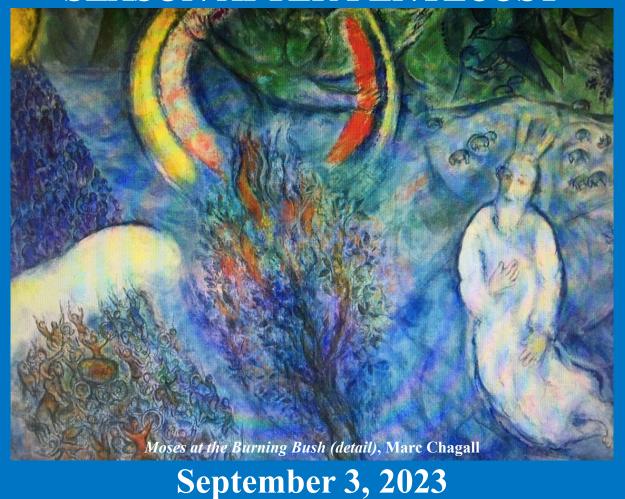
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Stepping off the path, Moses meets God at the burning bush, and receives a new call. In Romans, Paul addresses all who follow Jesus with the injunction: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good." When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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 +

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

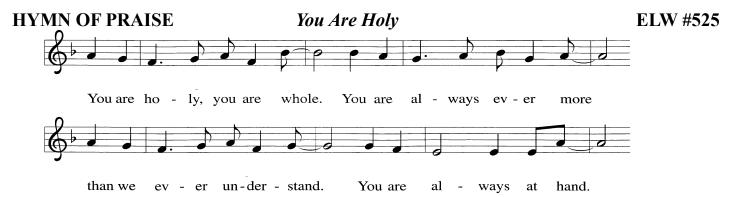
GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit. Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW #655



GREETING

- P The grace, the love, and the community of God the Three-in-One be with you all.
- C And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Ρ The Lord be with you.
- С And also with you.
- Ρ Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your servants Moses and Paul, and for your Son, Jesus, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by their example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength amid our doubts to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- С Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

Larry Cruse Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, YHWH (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see

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why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²God said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ' The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." God said further, " Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

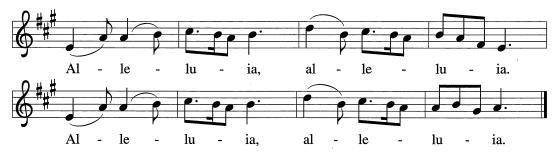
Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "The Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept even for a disciple whom Jesus has called "rock."

From that time on [after Peter's confession], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

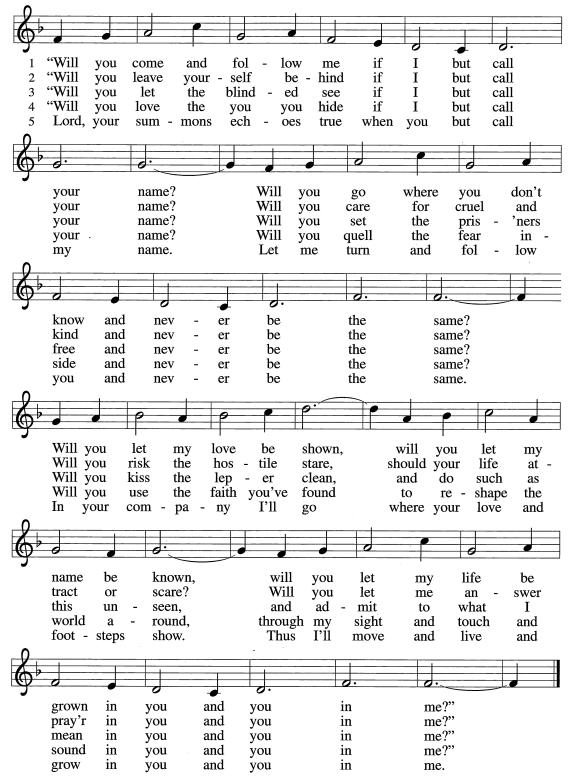
SERMON

Pastor Erik

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

A Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of the neighbors.

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

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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.

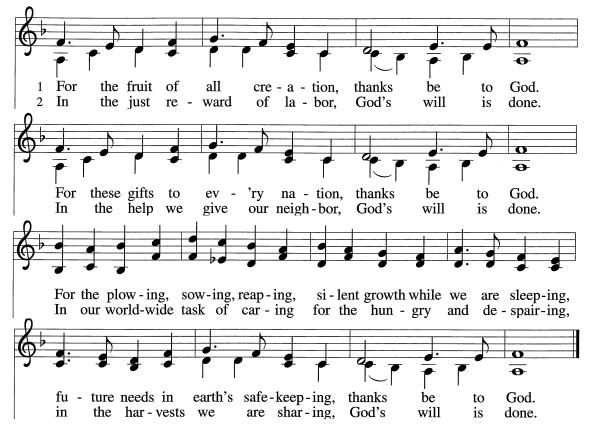
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OFFERTORY *Please rise as able. For the Fruit of All Creation*





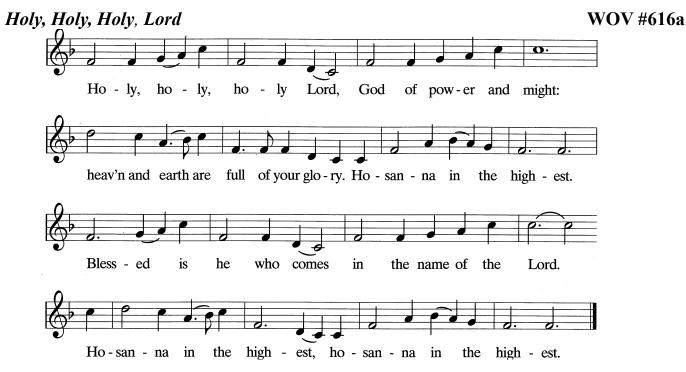


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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)

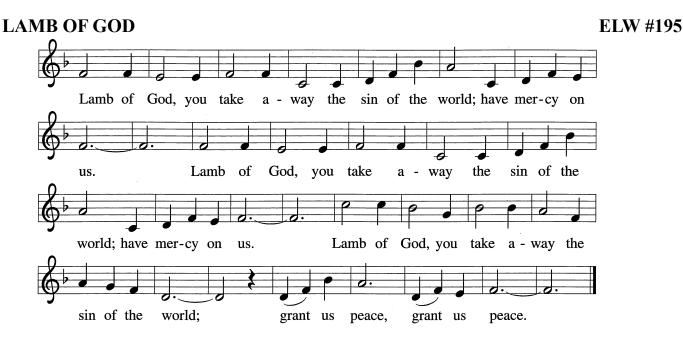
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of 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 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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

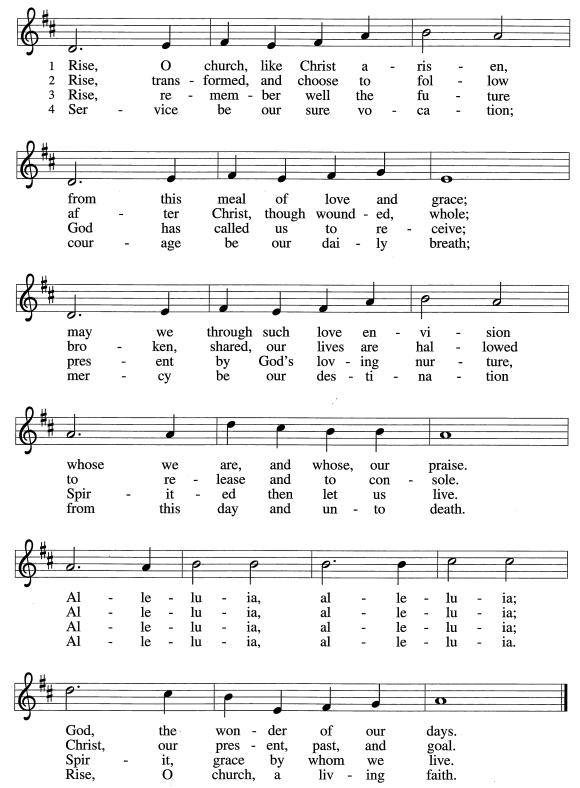
- A Let us pray. We thank you generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ 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 *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*



- 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	\$ 2,220.10
08/13/23	\$ 2,260.00
08/20/23	\$ 2,291.00
08/27/23	\$ 0.00
Electronic	<u>\$12,837.71</u>
Total	\$19,608.81

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

The Secondhand September Challenge encourages each of us to rethink buying new and try to find what we need pre-loved when possible. We have numerous consignment and charity shops in West Seattle for 'thrifting,' as it's popularly called. You never know what treasure you may find. You can even get perfectly good, refurbished replacement appliances and save a bunch of bucks. Challenge yourself to explore our secondhand options before October arrives.

Pray for Creation: We pray this week for the 73 remaining southern resident orcas: for adequate food supply, suppression of disturbances from passing vessels, and an end to pollution.

GOD'S WORK~OUR HANDS SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9am – 12 noon @ LINCOLN PARK

We're teaming once again with Friends of Lincoln Park (FLiP) for this year's project. Be sure to <u>sign</u> <u>up</u> using this link from project leader Lisa McGinty: <u>https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/22674/</u> Lisa is working on hands-on tasks that will be FAMILY FRIENDLY! We will meet near the map kiosk in the NORTH parking lot on Fauntleroy Way SW (and SW Rose St). If you are running late, call Lisa at 248.506.7155. <u>Meeting Location Map</u> Hope to see you!

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 9:15 -10:15 AM

The Peace Education Team is kicking off a new Sunday School year with RALLY DAY on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 17th from 9:15-10:15am</u> downstairs in the Peace Fellowship Hall and on the outside patio. Once again, our theme for the day is *WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST – <u>Everyone</u> has an important role!* (Because we all do! :)) Rally Day morning will include fun crafts and activity stations! The Creation Care team has been working on a special station all about garbology, so make sure you look for Mother Earth and the Wishcycling Witch.

We will be serving a light breakfast as well.. :) Looking forward to seeing you there! **Please bring a few items to add to our outdoor Food Pantry if you can!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 24

Then, the following Sunday, September 24th, Sunday school classes resume!!! Preschool-2nd Grade from 9:45-10:15am (playtime at 9:30am) with Teacher Julie or Teacher Melanie, 2nd-5th Grade from 9:30-10:15am with Chris or Katie, and Middle & High School Youth from 9:15-10:15am with Nicole.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We made it through the summer with a skeleton crew. Now that fall is approaching, I am hoping that some of you will be willing to help us out. We are losing some assistants due to college, pregnancy and health issues. What we need the most are counters (people to count the offering after service on Sunday), communion assistants (older children would be able to do this), and people to set up the altar prior to service and clean it all up afterwards. We also need someone to deliver the children's message. If you or your children are interested in helping out, please let Kathleen in the office know. I can answer any questions you may have about what the duties entail. If you are interested in delivering the children's message, talk to Nicole.

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; Amelia Bliss; Coco & Eric, Penelope Grace, Liz; 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; Kristofer Kindem; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Juanita McLemore; Andy McPherson; Kay McPherson; Erin McPherson; Katharine Menstell; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Jean Sides; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

<u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome

people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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