

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In part two of a two week sermon series, we hear the story of Moses at the burning bush a second time. Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel teach us something about how to care for each other when conflict arises and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

OPEN INVITATION ~ **OPEN TABLE**

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 New Futures, a program of SW Youth and Family Services. As featured recently in the Seattle Times, New Futures provides students with after-school and summer programming for children ages 5-19. Dennis Omondi, Senior Development Manager at SW Youth and Family Services, the parent organization to New Futures, will be with us to provide an update.

+ GATHERING +

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

PRELUDE

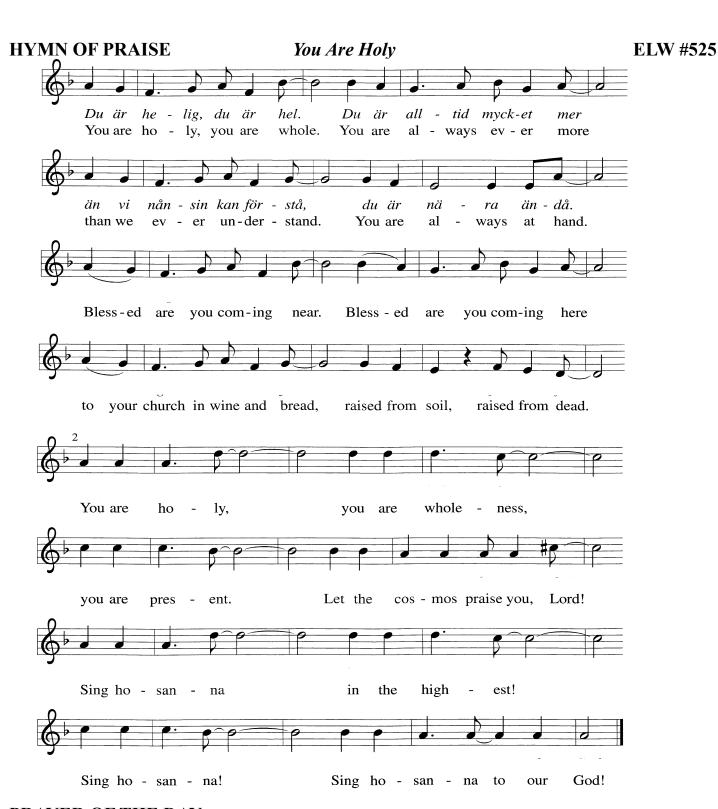
WELCOME

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



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

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O LORD God, whose name was revealed at the burning bush and whose mercy found its greatest expression in Jesus, enliven the work of the church through your faithful servants, that liberation and love might rule all in all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

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

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

Scott Sunde

For a second week we hear this text from Exodus, the basis for Pastor Erik's two part sermon series. 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 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 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174



- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals-and the church as a whole-should go about restoring relationships when on member has sinned against another.

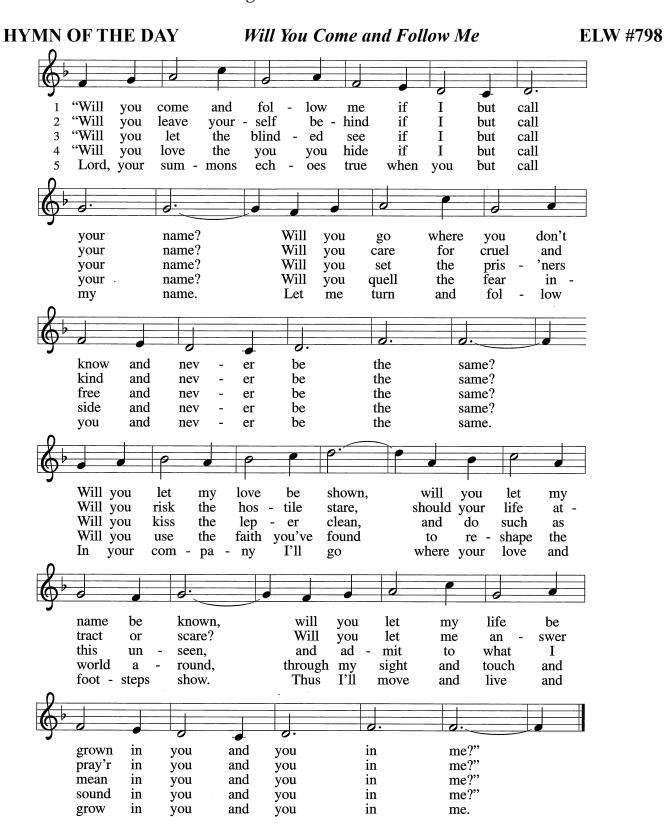
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Burning Bush Part 2: The Call

Pastor Erik Kindem



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

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.

When all petitions have been offered:

- 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.

+ 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 <u>Tithely Giving Page</u> 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

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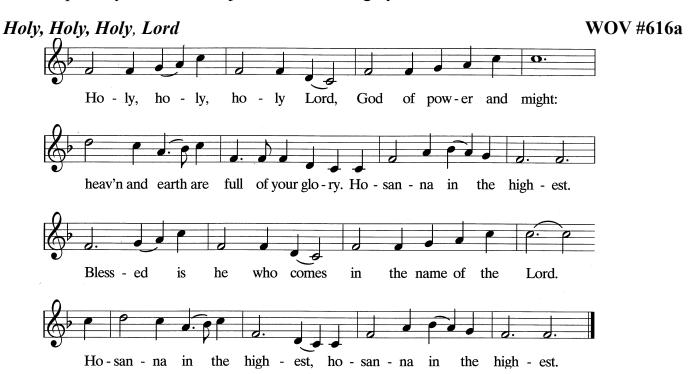


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

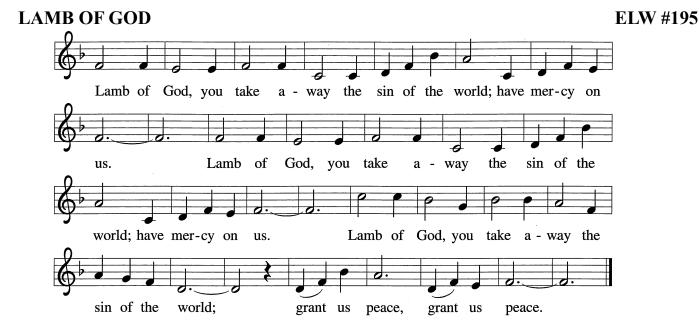
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.





I Come with Joy



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

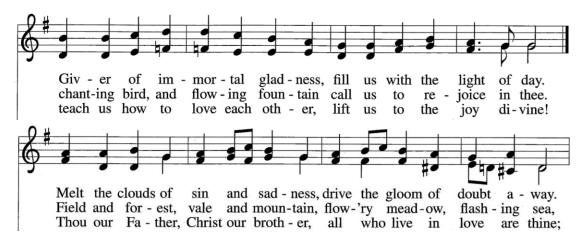
- A Let us pray. We thank you generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ 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.





- 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 September 2023

09/03/23 \$ 2,025.00 **Total** \$ **2,025.00**

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

September is Whole Grains Month, celebrating food that's good for you *and* Creation. The U.S. Food and Agriculture Organization reports that if everyone in the U.S. ate no meat or cheese <u>just one day a week</u>, it would have the same environmental impact as taking 7.6 million cars off the road! Focusing on whole foods from plant sources can reduce body weight, blood pressure and risk of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. The key is to avoid highly processed foods. Get a free guide from Harvard at https://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/the-right-plant-based-diet-for-you

Pray for Creation: This week, we give thanks and pray for the safety of all farm workers who labor to bring the bounty of the harvest to our tables.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE AGAPE FUND

There is less than \$100 in the Agape Fund and all gift cards have been distributed. Pastor Erik uses this fund to assist people in desperate need with grocery/gas cards, housing assistance, uncovered prescriptions, medical supplies, utilities help, and other things they may need. Please donate if you are able.

NEXT WEEK: RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

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!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We made it through the summer with a skeleton crew. Now that fall is here we are hoping that some of you will be willing to share your gifts and help us out. We are losing some assistants due to college, pregnancy and health issues. What we need the most are <u>counters</u> (people to count the offering after service on Sunday), <u>communion assistants</u> (older children would be able to do this), and <u>altar care</u> people to set the Table prior to service and clean it all up afterwards. We also could use more folks to deliver the children's message on occasion. If you or your children are interested in helping out, please let Kathleen in the office know. She 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.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP 9/23 10 AM TO 3 PM

Saturday, September 23, 10-3, Fauntleroy UCC parking lot. See posted flyer for info on what they will accept and what they do not want! QUESTIONS? INFO@1GREENPLANET.ORG OR 425-996-3513

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

THANK YOU to all who contributed school supplies for the new school year. A dozen backpacks, filled with paper, pencils, tissues and other necessities, were delivered to our neighborhood school, Roxhill (formerly E.C. Hughes). Shannon Williams, a para educator there for several years helped with the delivery; the staff expressed deep appreciation. Also, thanks to all who sent checks to the Seattle Times fund for school supplies. Many happy kiddos out there!

Social Ministry Team

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; Barbara Brocker; 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.

<u>Homebound</u>: 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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| Lawnmowers (empty gas) | Garden tractors | file cabinets |
| Medical equipment | Keyboards | Metal kitchenware/pots |
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| Paging equipment | Modems | line, PBX, PDA/handheld |
| PDA/handheld systems | Receivers | Printer/toner cartridges |
| Satellite receivers & dishes | Remote controls | Printers & parts- laser, inkjet, |
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| Sound keyboards & mics | Speakers | Radios & equipment- CB, 2-way, |
| Stereos & accessories | Typewriters | Walkie-Talkie |
| VCR players/recorders | Vehicles | Scrap metal-ferrous, non-ferrous |
| Video cameras/camcorders | Washers | Small appliances-blenders, |
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