

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
January 14, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.



Today we remember The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Pastor, Civil Rights Leader, and American prophet of justice, who inspired us with a vision of the Beloved Community. Legislated desegregation was just the beginning; although laws could correct injustices of housing, education and employment, such legislation could not effect the change of hearts and minds which would foster true community.

A wholehearted integration of society was King's hope and the hope of the movement he led.



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* A – *Assisting Minister* L – *Lector*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

PRELUDE

I Am Bound for the Promised Land

Trad American
Arr. Lynette Maynard

WELCOME

LITANY OF CALL *Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

P A child once heard the Voice calling his name – *Samuel*;
Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow;
and still the Voice beckons today. Can you hear?

C **I hear you calling, Lord.**

P Moses encountered the Voice at the burning bush;
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth;
And still the Voice beckons today. Can you hear?

C **I hear you calling, Lord.**

P Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus;
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice on the mountaintop and led us to the streets;
And still the Voice beckons today. Can you hear?

C **I hear you calling, Lord.**

P The Voice beckons from humble places...
in the tears of hungry children,
in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,
in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred;
And still the Voice beckons today. Can you hear?

C **I hear you calling, Lord.**

P A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice;
A struggling church hears the Voice and turns;
And still the Voice beckons today. Can you hear?

C **Here am I, Lord. Send me.**

Let Justice Roll Like a River

W&P #85

Refrain

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,

Cm⁷ B^b/D E^b C⁷/E E^b/F
 move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,
 F Cm⁷ F⁷ B^b (C) D⁷/A
 that we might live just - ly like you.

PASTORAL GREETING

P The grace, love and peace of the Triune + God be with you.

C And also with you.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God
 — in the high - est, Glo - ry to God.
 Glo - ry to God — in the high - est, Glo - ry to God.
 — Hear all the saints and an - gels — pro -
 claim God's ho - ly name. Crea - tures of sky and o -
 — cean — con - tin - ue the re - frain.
 Glo - ry to God — in the high - est, Glo - ry to God.
 — Glo - ry to God — in the high - est,

Glo - ry to God. — You know that hea - ven & earth
 — can-not hold back their joy — and their
 song ex-plodes — in gra - ti-tude for
 all God's gi - ven; won - drous deeds, —
 hea - ling peace and so — we sing. —
 Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo-ry to God. —
 Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo - ry,
 Glo - ry to our God. —

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like your servant Martin Luther King, to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 15-18

Janet Cruse

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

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 unflinching stand of our 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. Bless 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*

ELW #171

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.
C **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as the gospel or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who recognize this good news will respond with repentance and faith.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

P Let us profess our faith.

C **We believe and trust in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.**

We are called to be the church:

**To celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect for creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and hope.**

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church,
the world, and all creation.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A God of grace,

C **receive our prayer**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open yourself to us and open us to one another.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: May God be with you.
C: And al - so with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to God.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, to whom the saints and martyrs bore witness with their lives. And so with the church on Earth, all creation and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 God of po - wer and might.
 Hea - ven and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho san na

in the high-est. Bless-ed is the

one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.
 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,**
poured out 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, we pray as Jesus 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 At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see!

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.

CALL US HOME

God, Cre - a - tor, call us home. God, Christ
Je - sus, call us home. God, Ho - ly Spi - rit, call us
home. God, we're long - ing to come home. home.

COMMUNION HYMNS

We Shall Overcome

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland

1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe,
we shall overcome someday.
2. We'll walk hand in hand...we'll walk hand in hand someday.
3. We shall live in peace...we shall live in peace someday.
4. We shall see the Lord...we shall see the Lord someday.
5. We are not afraid...we are not afraid today.
6. God is on our side, God is on our side, God is on our side today.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe,
God is on our side today.



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
 Raise us to life by your power, for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you,
 And the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW #841, verses 1, 3

DISMISSAL

A Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

C Thanks be to God.


POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Crosby/Doane

*In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude,
 those who depart are invited to do so quietly.*

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received January 2024

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THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

The ELCA's Social Statement on Earth's Climate Crisis asks us to engage in legislative advocacy at all levels of government, individually and collectively. Faith Action Network's Interfaith Advocacy Day is Feb. 8. Register to attend at <https://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/> by Jan. 29 (and ask Marcia Olson about carpooling!). Want some training first? Watch FAN's Advocacy 101 Zoom training!
Pray for Creation: This week we pray for our state legislators to take bold actions in support of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increased protections for people living in areas such as South Park which are overburdened with toxic pollutants.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2023

Sunday, January 28, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar!

Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 16** – Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting agenda and draft budget.
- **JANUARY 21** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 28** – Annual Meeting following worship.

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Vicki Martinez, Erika Stephens, or Chris Kindem. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 28th. There is also an opening in the Audit Committee.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Offering envelopes for those households who use them are available on the table in the narthex.

NEW LUTHERWOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rev. Kevin Beebe has accepted the call to be Executive Director of Camp Lutherwood! We look forward to welcoming Pastor Kevin, his spouse, Pastor Kelsey Beebe, and their son Gabriel to the synod! He will be installed in a service at the Camp on Saturday, February 10th, and we'd like to bring a couple carloads of Peacefolk up to the Camp for the occasion. The schedule at Lutherwood includes: 10am Coffee and Continental breakfast 11am Annual Meeting. Lunch following. Installation is at 3pm. Between lunch and the installation there will be an opportunity to tour the camp, play games, and do crafts. If you're interested, please talk to Nicole Klinemeier or Chris Kindem.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

The *Season of Lent* comes early this year – commencing with *Ash Wednesday, on February 14th*. Once again we will host Wednesday evening Soup/Bread Suppers @ 6pm, followed by a 30 minute service of Evening Prayer. Those Wednesdays are: Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, & 20. Stay tuned!



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; Cay Bell; Joyce Bitner; Mary Bocker; Jan Burt; Melanie Coulson; Heidi Coy; Karl Coy; Larry Cruse; Marsha Davis; Laura Dwyer; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; William Gerhardt; Dawn Gringorten; Signa Gustafson; Donna Heiland; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Justin Makboul; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Penelope Grace; Michelle

Pierce; Rachel; Dana Rice; Irma Runge; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Pam Webber; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Jan Madsen

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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