

WORSHIP IN THE PARK



AUGUST 25, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



As we gather for worship in this outdoor cathedral, we seek for resonances between the Book of Nature and the Book of Scripture. The sight of ferries going and coming, the voices of children at play, the commentary of crows, and the frolic of four and two-legged companions—all of it mingles with our songs of praise. The sacrament of life surrounds us! God is present! We welcome your presence and participation in whatever ways you choose.

*We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table.
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 Hymnal* ACS – *All Creation Sings*

GATHERING MUSIC

Laura Bermes, Heidi Eilers, Jim Hunt

WELCOME

INVOCATION *Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

P At every moment you draw this beautiful world to yourself, O God of all creation, sharing your life with all that you have made.

C **You have prepared a rich table, with places for all, only asking that we share the gifts you provide.**

P Gathered beneath these trees, with a view of the Salish Sea, we open our hearts and minds to you this day, reaching out to welcome your generosity, your tenderness, your mercy!

C **Breathe your holy breath into us, that our lives may touch this world with blessing!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

ELW #525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God,

C **You are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on God's holy mountain. The cedar tree is also a sacred blessing to Salish and other Tribal communities throughout the Northwest for all that it provides that sustains life and enables it to flourish.

²²Thus says the LORD GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 150


Praise the Lord with Trumpet Sound (a capella)

Repeat each line after the leader, then join together on "Alleluias"

♪ Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen!

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| 1 Praise the Lord with trumpet sound... | 4 Praise the Lord with a kooky clarinet... |
| 2 Praise the Lord with a big bass drum... | 5 Praise the Lord with sweet guitar... |
| 3 Praise the Lord with crashing cymbals | 6 Praise the Lord ALL creation... |

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.* **ELW #171**



1* 2 3

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 4th Chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom. His use of the mustard seed provides a surprising and unexpected twist.

²⁶[Jesus said], "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

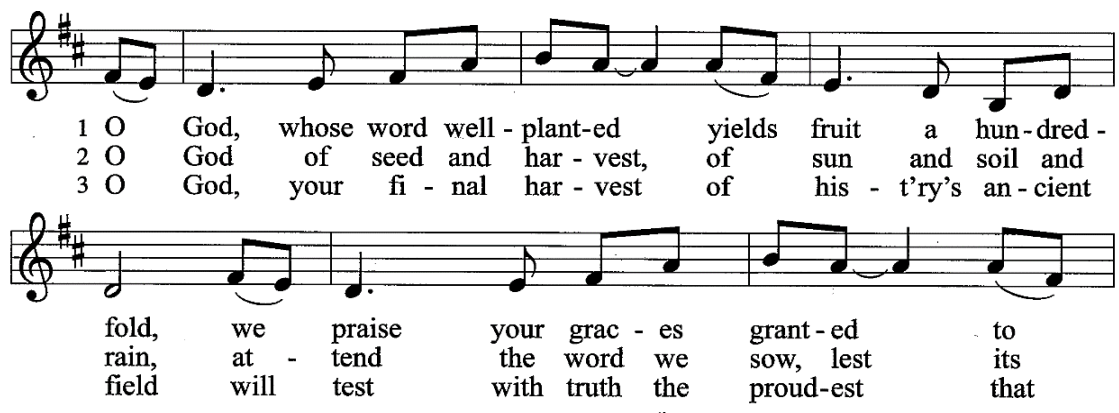
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nicole Klinemeier

MESSAGE

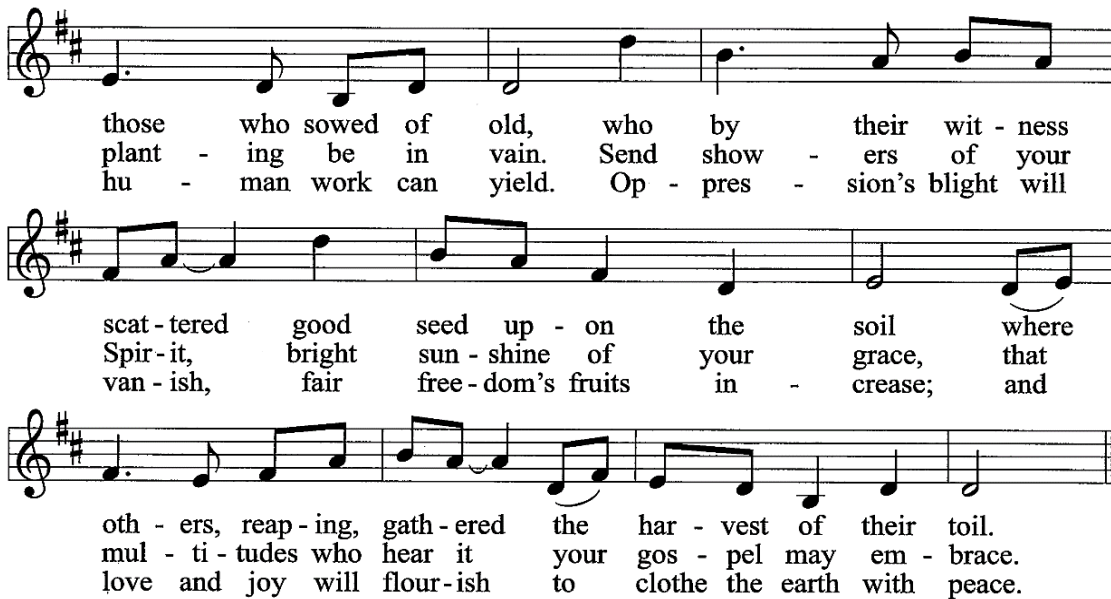
Pastor Erik Kindem

SONG OF THE DAY *O God, Whose Word Well Planted*



1 O God, whose word well - plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred -
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient

fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to
 rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its
 field will test with truth the proud - est that



those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
 plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
 hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will
 scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
 Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that
 van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and
 oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
 mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
 love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We use these words from the Iona Community to affirm our faith.

- P With the whole church
 C **We affirm that we are made in God's image,
 befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit,**
 P With people everywhere
 C **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
 planted more deeply than all that is wrong,**
 P With all creation
 C **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
 the unfolding purposes of God,
 Forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

✦ 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 a difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY*Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW #689, vs. 1-2

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things
 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our
 liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,
 C **you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- 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 our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise to you, almighty and almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, for you are 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. When sin scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.
 So we give thanks that in the night in which he was handed over to death, 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.**
 P Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Almightier God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C **Thanks be to God!**

DISTRIBUTION


Today we will receive by intinction (dipping) in the split chalice. If you would like to commune, come forward and extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Dip your bread or wafer in either the wine (dark) or the grape juice (light), then eat it. 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

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

ELW #472

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG (and Table Grace!)
I'm Going to Eat at the Welcome Table

ACS #969

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

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I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Please stay and join in the potluck!

We express our deep thanks and gratitude to all those volunteers who worked diligently and tirelessly behind the scenes to make this experience possible today. Thank you!

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Percussion | Janet Cruse, Naomi Kindem, Boots Winterstein |
| Lector | Nancy Hauger |
| Children's Sermon | Nicole Klinemeier |
| Greeters | Kathleen Keyes, Marcia Olson |
| Ushers | Larry & Janet Cruse |
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| Communion Assistant | Kathleen Keyes |
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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plan anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received August 2024

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| 08/04/24 | \$ 4,200.00 |
| 08/11/24 | \$ 2,350.00 |
| 08/18/24 | \$ 2,751.50 |
| <u>Electronic</u> | <u>\$ 7,596.51</u> |
| Total | \$16,898.01 |

Heating campaign total received to date: \$29,425

Our campaign goal is: \$35,000

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Protect our watershed by cleaning up after your dog. Only 40% of dog owners do! America has about 72 million pet dogs. Worldwide, around 40 MILLION tons of dog poop is left behind every year, and that's bad. Dog poop: 1) can contain parasites that may transfer to native wildlife, like squirrels and birds, and up to 23 million fecal bacteria in a single gram of waste; 2) is among the top five contributors of bacteria in contaminated water; and 3) was categorized by the EPA, in the early 90s, an environmental pollutant on the same level as pesticides! So please, stoop and scoop.

SCHOOL YEAR COMING UP SOON!!

That means school supplies! Peace's Social Ministry Team is inviting you to consider some donations options again this year:

- Purchase backpacks and/or any kind of supplies needed in the classroom --pens, notebooks, rulers, hand sanitizer, etc. - and bring them to our narthex from August 15 until Labor Day weekend -- September 1.
- Donate money to Peace Lutheran Church/school supplies -- these funds will be used to purchase needed items for a local school.
- Send checks to the Seattle Times School-Supply Drive, PO Box C-11025, Seattle WA 98111. Funds will be distributed to Hopelink, YWCA Seattle-King-Snohomish and the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness -- they will purchase the essentials and give to kids in need.

All of these options work well -- but families with children might choose to involve the kiddos in purchase and display at church. Let's help Seattle children start off another school year with a new backpack and essential supplies!! Thank you!

Social Ministry Team

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 9/7 or 9/14

This year Peace will be participating in the **Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project** in South Park on Saturday, 9/14 to participate in the build activities; we will be supplying the meal on Saturday, 9/7. The Interfaith Build is a cherished tradition, started over 20 years ago in memory of September 11th, aiming to bring together faith communities in both love and action. This project celebrates our unity, demonstrating that together we're stronger and can achieve great things, including addressing our regional housing crisis.

This project is happening on September 6, 7, 13, and 14. If you cannot participate with Peace on the 7th or 14th, you can sign up on one of the other days as an individual. Everyone needs to register individually, even if you are going with Peace as a group. The link is below.

Project Dates: September 6, 7, 13, and 14, 2024

Location: Yarrow Cottages, South Park

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Build Activities:** Groups of 5-8 people per faith tradition. Building volunteers must be at least 16 years old. All tools, safety equipment, and supervision will be provided.
- **Provide a Meal:** Peace will be providing the meal on 9/7, and Nicole will be sending out more information about this.
- **Get Involved:** To express your interest or for more information, please contact James O'Farrell at jamesofarrell@hotmail.com or call (425) 941-7175.



REGISTER HERE: <https://www.habitatskc.org/interfaithbuild/> or use this QR code.

Registration deadline is one week before the event. On this link there is a short promotional video done by Pastor Erik, Larry and Janet Cruse and Rabbi Allison Flash.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Carrol Andersen; Cay Bell; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Ixchela Castaneda; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Joe Flint; Bob Gaines; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Sandy Kaduce; Mark Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; Ken Keyes; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Michelle Pierce; Joey Roberts; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Nancy Spannaus; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Pam Webber; Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee; Roger Wingfield.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; 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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