

# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*



*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things but from the intentions of the human heart. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."*  
- James 1:27

*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*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Making Their Way*

ACS #979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris-tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

## 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

### *You Are Holy*

ELW #525



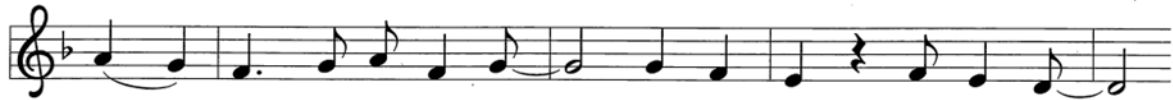
Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

*The Israelites believed the Law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant.*

*According to Moses, the people are to obey the Law and neither add to nor subtract from it.*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it,

but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is

whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear.*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Shannon Williams

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**ELW #174**



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-23**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from the faithful heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly

wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

<sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>17</sup>When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

<sup>18</sup>He said to them, "then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup>since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

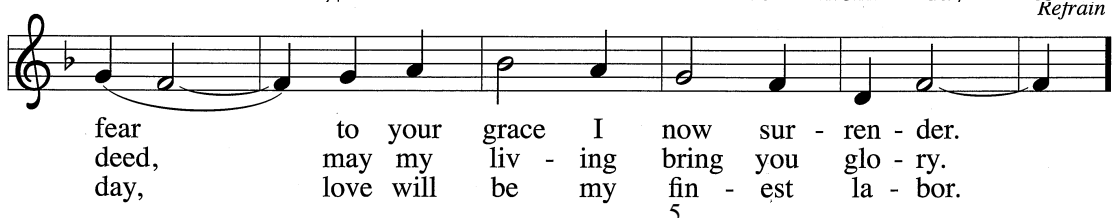
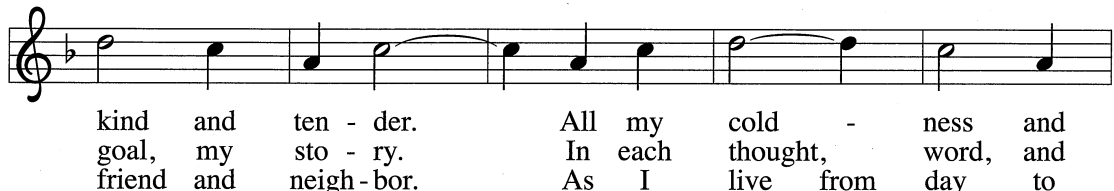
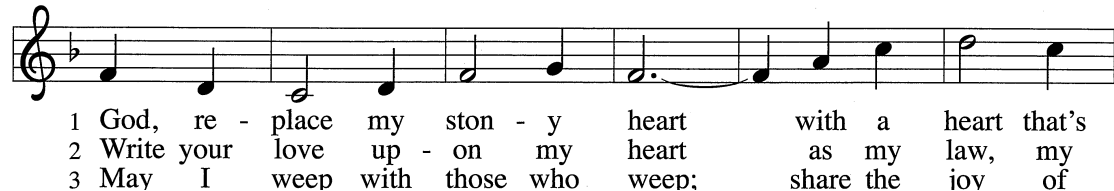
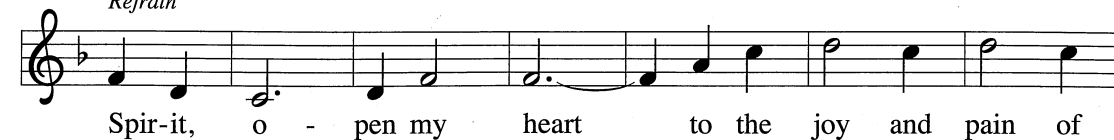
Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

ACS #1043

*Refrain*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's creation, and all who are in need.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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 the QR CODE at right. Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!*



## OFFERTORY

### *Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW #583, vs. 1-2

*Refrain/Estrillo*

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -  
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver, and my gold, not a mite

da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -  
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect

*Refrain/Estrillo*

da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.  
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, 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 Earth and all her creatures, 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:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night he shared his final meal with his disciples, 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, 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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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.*

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

*Change My Heart, O God*

ELW #801

*Refrain*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true. *End*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.



# + SENDING +

## BLESSING

P The Triune God + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



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## 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**

08/04/24	\$ 4,200.00
08/11/24	\$ 2,350.00
08/18/24	\$ 2,751.50
08/25/24	\$ 1,230.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$12,441.33</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,972.83</b>

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

**Our campaign goal is: \$35,000**

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

It's Labor Day weekend here at home and the start of Zero Waste Week in the U.K. That makes it a great time to give yourself a week-long challenge to reduce landfill waste, save money, and preserve resources. Pick an area to focus on, such as food waste, plastic packaging or repairing rather than discarding items. Give yourself a goal. Maybe shoot to throw out one less bag of garbage than you typically do come garbage day, or to produce zero food waste for two full days in the week, or go big and try to have a completely waste free week! It's just one week. You can do it!

**Pray for Creation:** As the busyness of a new school and work year begins, we pray for wisdom and compassion for ourselves as we attempt to move toward using reusable and compostable products that will bring less harm to God's good creation.

## SCHOOL YEAR COMING UP SOON!!

**That means school supplies! Peace's Social Ministry Team is inviting you to consider some donation 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

## NEXT WEEK WORSHIP STARTS AT 10:30

Starting next Sunday, 9/8, we will go back to our fall start time. Worship will start at 10:30 am until next summer.

## MEL JACOB WILL PREACH SUNDAY, 9/8

On Sunday, September 8, Rev. Mel Jacob will preach while Pastor Erik is away. This day is the 50th anniversary of his ordination. There will be special treats for hospitality.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jamesofarrell@hotmail.com) or call (425) 941-7175.

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://www.habitatskc.org/interfaithbuild/>. **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.

## RALLY DAY, SUNDAY 9/22

Our theme for the Cross-Generational experience and for worship is FRIENDSHIP, and the Executive and Program directors from Lutherwood, Rev. Kevin Beebe and Ashleigh Elsworth-Keller, will also be joining us for the morning. Pastor Kevin will preach during worship. We'll return to the rhythms of Setting 8 liturgy, (AKA the "groovy setting")

## RECYCLE ROUNDUP SATURDAY, 9/21

It's twice a year -- at Fauntleroy UCC parking lot. Saturday, September 21 is next one. For your electronic stuff, metal scraps including coat hangers! (no wood, plastics, fabric) -- just drive up and drop off -- from 9 am to 3 pm.

## 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; Aaden Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Don 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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