

# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*



***Welcome to Peace! We pray you experience God's presence today as you join us in worship.***

*There are times during the service when you'll be invited to "rise as able in body or spirit."*

*You have full permission to care for yourself and your physical well-being, so if getting up and down is difficult, we encourage you to do whatever you need to do to care for yourself, including remaining seated.*

***Parents, know that if your young ones need to move around, we're cool with that!***

***Scripture Themes:*** *James tell us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

***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 the Holy Meal.***

# + GATHERING +

P – Presider C – Congregation L – Lector A – Assisting Minister  
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal


## PRELUDE

## WELCOME


## GATHERING HYMN

### *God Is Here*

ELW #526 vs. 1 & 2



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.

## GREETING

P The abounding grace of Jesus Christ, the steadfast love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## KYRIE

ELW page 184

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Helen Hundley

*These verses arise as a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. This desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.* ELW pg. 1



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th Chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mel

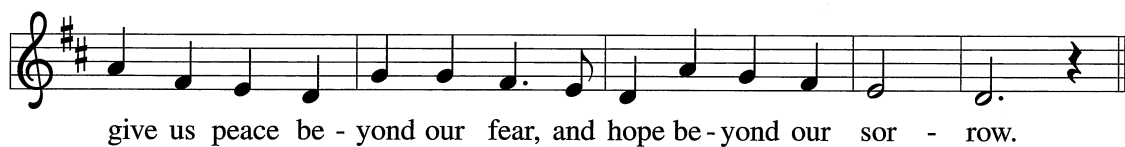
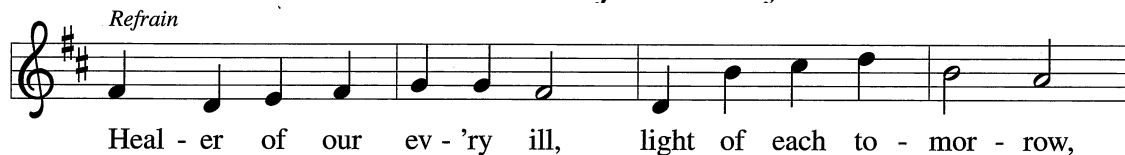
## SERMON

Pastor Mel Jacob

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW #612



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bernes

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 Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

*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

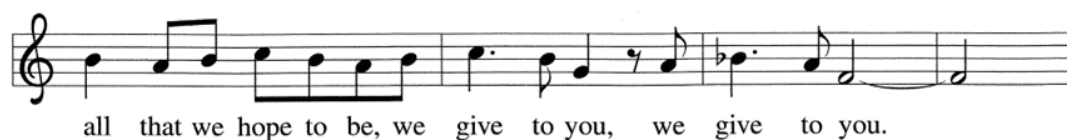
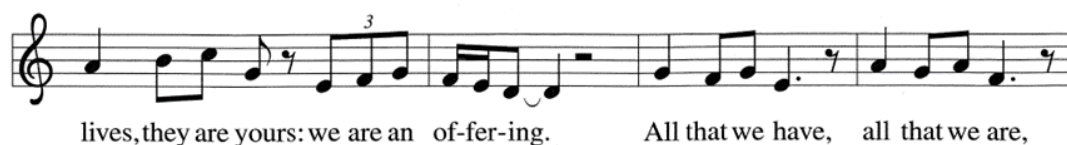
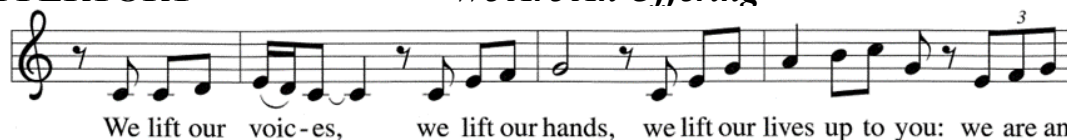
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### OFFERTORY

### *We Are An Offering*

ELW #692



## 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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

*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.*

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 191

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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION SOLO

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Ann Gault

## 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 One, Triune God + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### *God Is Here*

ELW #526, vs 3 & 4



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!


## DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Preacher & Presider	Rev. Mel Jacob
Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Liturgical Assistant	Laura Bermes
Acolyte	Luna Churchill
Lector	Helen Hundley
Children's Sermon	Pastor Mel
Greeters	Helen Hundley, Jean Sides
Ushers	John & Debi Flint
Altar Care	Randy Hernandez
Communion Assistant	Randy Hernandez, Kathleen Keyes
Coffee Server	Helen Hundley
Production Techs	Paul Bliss, Alex Wren
Counters	Paul Bliss, Jim Lukens

## 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>\$13,273.62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,805.12</b>

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

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

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Take the time to dispose of toxic household products properly. Hazardous materials have no place in our landfills. Landfills are terrible, but these things are too awful for landfills. You can fill up to 2 gallon jugs with motor or cooking oil, label them with your name and address and place them next to your recycling bin for free pick-up. For how to dispose of paints, stains, chemicals, tires, gasoline and glass, check <https://seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/collection-and-disposal/where-does-it-go#/a-z>

**Pray for Creation:** Thank God (truly!) for the youth advocates and citizen scientists who lead the rest of us to bolder actions on behalf of God's wondrous creation.

## WE WELCOME REV. MEL JACOB TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

*Today, September 8, Rev. Mel Jacob will preach and preside on the 50th anniversary of his ordination, while Pastor Erik is away. After his ordination on September 8, 1974, in Walburg, Texas, Pastor Mel served the following Calls:*

### Southeastern District, LCMS

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aiken SC, 1974 -1980
- Armed Forces Commission (St. Louis), Chaplain, U. S. Army Reserves, 1976 -2006
- Veterans Administration, Chaplain, Augusta, GA, 1980 - 1987
- Assist. Clinical Faculty, Dept of Psychiatry, Medical College of Georgia (Augusta), 1985-1987

### Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA

- St John Lutheran Church, Winter Park, FL, Pastoral Counselor, 1987 - 1990
- Lutheran Counseling Services (ELCA-SMO & LCMS-RSO) Winter Park, FL  
Founder/Developer/Executive Director, 1990 - 2015

In addition, for over six years Mel held a Speaker role with Food for the Poor, a large interfaith agency (Roman Catholic-Lutheran-Episcopal), based in south Florida, which primarily served 17 Caribbean & Central American countries. We lift our hearts in gratitude for Mel's ministry in Christ's church and in the larger community. There will be special treats during Fellowship time after worship.

## THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you very much for your generosity last Sunday in bringing food for our neighbors served by our own Peace Pantry, the interfaith Welcome Table, and the White Center Food Bank! It was a privilege to distribute your gifts. Next month's First Sunday emphasis will again be proteins of all kinds.

## MID YEAR OFFERING STATEMENTS READY

Second quarter offering statements are ready to be picked up. Please help us save a stamp and take yours. They are on a counter in the narthex. Thank you.

## GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

**This year our GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS project involves participating in the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project in South Park.** 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.

**On Sept 7 we worked with Queen Anne Lutheran to supply the lunch for volunteers. This coming weekend Sept 13/14 those who signed up will be performing a variety of tasks on the build, working beside others. We'll celebrate this on God's Work/Our Hands Sunday, Sept 15.**

## 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 Ellsworth-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; Cecilia Fenton; 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; 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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