

GOD'S WORK ~ OUR HANDS



SEPTEMBER 15, 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: *Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel.*

This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah."

But Peter stumbles over Jesus' words about a suffering Messiah.

Jesus is anointed on his way to the cross.

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 ACS – All Creation Sings

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the font*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P **Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

we place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with your grace and turn us to follow

in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P Beloved, God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ,

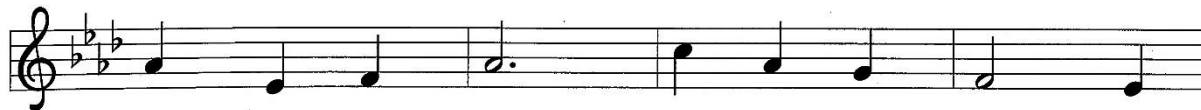
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God! We set our feet to follow Christ. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands

ACS #1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the ' world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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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



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



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

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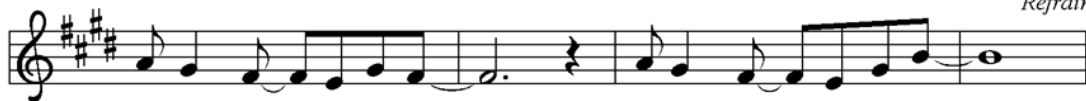
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Boots Winterstein

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus.

Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

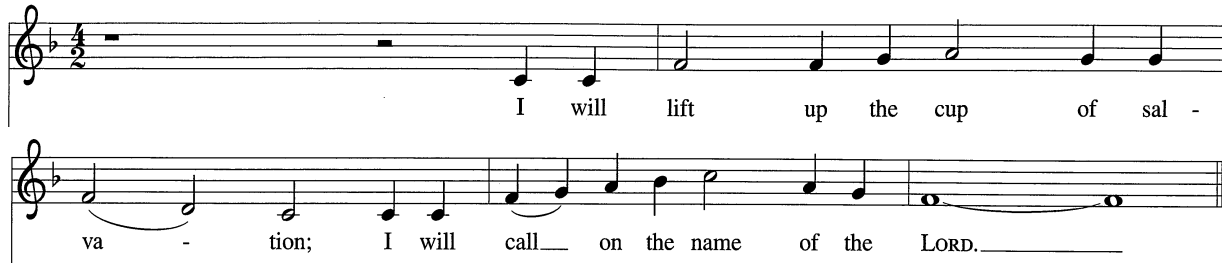
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116

The congregation joins the choir on each refrain.



1. I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
2. for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.
3. The cord of death entangled me: the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
4. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.” **Refrain**
5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
6. The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.
7. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt well with you.
8. For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
9. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer.

Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship to the cross.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

We Are the Hands of Christ

Parker/Ramey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Erik

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

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

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*We Are An Offering*

ELW #692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys,
 and taught them by the prophets.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but may have eternal life.

P In the night 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 Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,
 his life given for us, and his rising from the grave,
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

Strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

And by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son,
 through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender 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 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, receive his gifts.

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 HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW #754

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;
but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

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

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

DISMISSAL

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

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 September 2024

09/01/24	\$ 2,205.00
09/08/24	\$ 2,149.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$unavailable</u>
Total	\$ 4,354.00

Heating campaign total received to date: \$29,625

Our campaign goal is: \$35,000

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

One of the most powerful things we can do about climate change is to hold politicians at every level accountable by voting and by telling them why climate change matters and what you want them to do about it. ELCAvotes states that "we are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all." Learn more at <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/ELCAVotes>. Then join us for *Rally The Vote* during Rally Day next Sunday.

Pray for Creation: This week we pray for diligence in studying ballot measures and candidates' positions that we may, in this election season, be faithful stewards of your Creation.

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.

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; Mel Jacob; 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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