

RALLY SUNDAY ~ FRIENDSHIP



SEPTEMBER 22, 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!



Deep caring and loyalty between friends is manifested in our two Scripture stories today.

*Ruth declares her enduring commitment to her mother in law Naomi;
and the friends of a paralyzed man won't let anything stand in the way of
a face to face encounter with Jesus.*

*Our Pass the Hat Partner this month is Camp Lutherwood, a place where lasting friendships are made!
We are joined today by Pastor Kevin Beebe, Exec. Dir, and Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller, Program Director.*

Pastor Kevin is our guest preacher.

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*

PRELUDE

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Peace Ringers

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome ELW #641, vs. 1-3



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
Refrain



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.**

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.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, you call us into relationship with your Son, Jesus, and one another. Strengthen our bonds of friendship, that our lives may bear witness to your circle of grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PASS THE HAT

Camp Lutherwood

Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ruth 1:6-18

Julie Ward

Grief stricken after the deaths of her husband and sons, Naomi turns toward home. Instead of staying with their own people, Ruth declares her fidelity to Naomi and embraces the risk of living as a stranger in a foreign land.

⁶Then [Naomi] started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

When some in the Corinthian community perceive Paul as someone unreliable, he defends himself by affirming the "yes" of God's promises and the Spirit as the seal of that pledge.

¹⁸As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been "Yes and No." ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes." ²⁰For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. ²¹But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, ²²by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Gathered Chosen, God's Creation

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 2nd Chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

Witnessing the faithfulness of the friends of a paralyzed man, Jesus offers forgiveness and healing.

¹When [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic-- ¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller

SONG

Shake a Friend's Hand!

1. *Shake a friend's hand, shake a hand next to ya,
Shake a friend's hand, as we sing this song,
Shake a friend's hand, shake a hand next to ya,
Shake a friend's hand as we sing...
sing this song, ah-la-la-le, al-le-lu-ia, ah-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Al-la-la-la-le, al-le-lu-ia, Ah-la-la-la-la le, le-lu-ia!*
2. *Scratch a friend's back, scratch a back next to ya...*
3. *Squeeze a friend's knee, squeeze a knee next to ya...*
4. *Jesus is a friend, he's a friend next to ya,
Jesus is a friend, so sing La La,
Jesus is a friend, he's a friend next to ya,
Jesus is a friend, so sing—sing al-la
Al-la-la-la-le, al-le-lu-ia, ah-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Al-la-la-la-le, al-le-lu-ia, la-la-la-la-la le, le-lu-ia!*

SERMON

Pastor Kevin Beebe

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

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 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

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, 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 voic-es, 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!

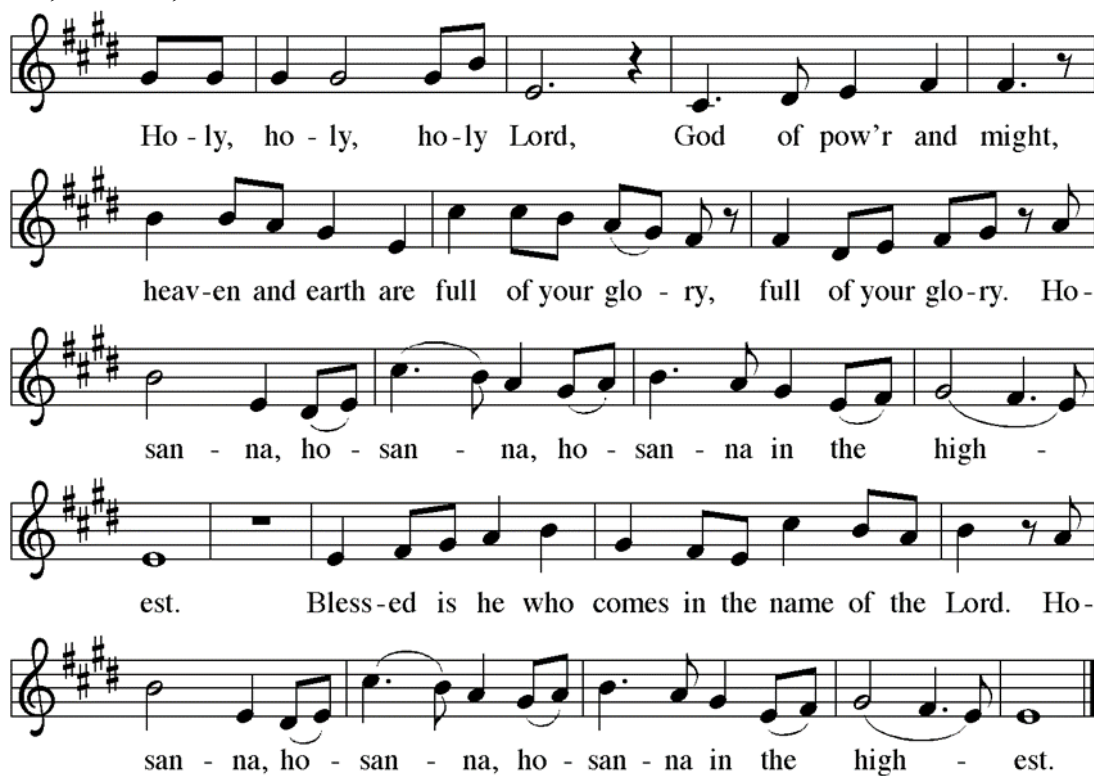
C **We lift them to the Lord!**

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 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 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, 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 HYMNS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



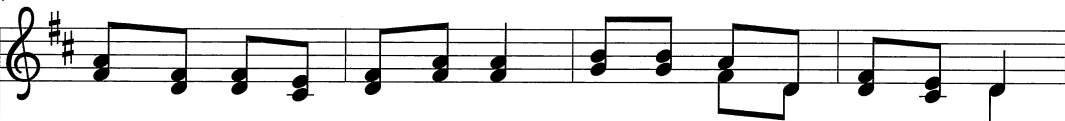
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Jesus Loves Me

ELW #595

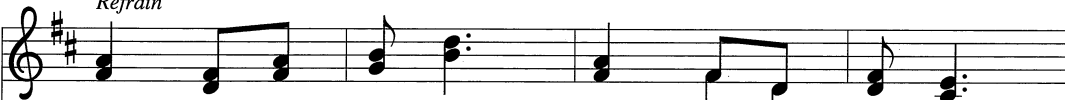


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal as friends, around this 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

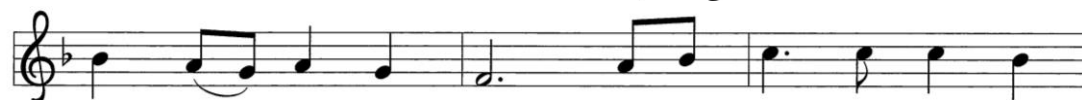
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3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



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true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



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laugh - ter. prayers of faith and songs of grace. let this house pro -

Refrain



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
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end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Peace Ringers

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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

09/15/24 \$ 500.00

Electronic \$ 6,338.90

Total \$11,192.90

Heating campaign total received to date: \$35,625

Our campaign goal is: \$35,000

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Check out our *Rally The Vote* table today! Election Day will be here before you know it. It's time to help get out the vote and get smart about your options. Earth Ministry/WAIPL is running a *Cast Your Vote, Washington* campaign that's all about ACTIVELY CHOOSING how we will work, live, play, and pray and be in relationship with the land. Learn more at <https://earthministry.org/cast-your-vote-washington/>.

Pray for Creation: We thank God for the beauty and bounty of overflowing end-of-summer gardens and farmers' markets. "Your mercies are new every morning!"

100% VOTING FAITH COMMUNITY – REGISTER TO VOTE

Peace has joined this FAN-sponsored campaign to encourage everyone in our congregation to participate in the electoral process. If you need assistance to register to vote, you may talk with Kathleen Fueger in the narthex after the service.

WEST SEATTLE ECOLOGY FAIR, SATURDAY, 9/28

Stop by the fair between 10 am and 2 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Walmesley Center, on the northeast corner of 35th Ave SW and SW Myrtle. Visit with organizations from the Puget Sound region who will answer your questions about how to respond to our changing natural world. At noon, retired KING-TV chief meteorologist Jeff Renner will offer his insights on the impacts of climate change in the Pacific Northwest.

SEPTEMBER 29 IS THE FEAST DAY FOR THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

It is a reminder of the breathtaking size of creation—seen and unseen—and that there are aspects of reality beyond what can be grasped with the senses. The Greek word for angel — *angelos*, means *messenger*. Throughout scripture these messengers of the Divine reveal God's will and purpose at times and places that God chooses. These encounters—or theophanies—change the course of the Divine-human narrative. **Join us next week as we celebrate the mysteries of what God has created and join our voices "with all the choirs of angels..."**

SUNDAY, 9/29 – LEARN ABOUT THE INITIATIVES

The initiatives on our November ballot are especially consequential in terms of social and environmental justice. Kristin Ang, FAN Policy Engagement Director, will provide an overview of these initiatives after the service. Pick up your treats in the narthex and then return to the sanctuary to participate in this important discussion.

FORMER GRACE, DES MOINES PASTOR ED MARQUART

A memorial service for Pastor Ed Marquart, who served Grace Lutheran in Des Moines from 1973 to 2007, will be held on Saturday, September 28th, at 11 am, at Grace Lutheran Church.

DOCUMENTARIES AT PLU 9/29 & 10/1

The Scandinavian Cultural Center (SCC) at PLU presents two award-winning documentary films from Norway. Meet the filmmaker/director, Ragnhild Nøst Bergem, who gives power to voices that are often not heard and insights into lives that are often overlooked.



"Being OLA" - 9/29, 3 PM, in the SCC - tells the story of Ola, a man with an intellectual disability who resolves to become more self-reliant. **NOTE! "Being OLA" will also be shown at The Grand Cinema, Tacoma, on Monday, September 30, at 7 PM.**

Preview: <https://tinyurl.com/mwap2s3d>

"STAY" - Oct. 1, 7:30 PM, in the SCC - is about three individuals whose lives are severely changed due to dementia. Preview: <https://vimeo.com/702778679>

Meet the director! Reception after each film. No fee.



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; Bailey Byam; Cay Bell; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Ixchela Castaneda; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Joe Flint; Bob Gaines; Caity Gerhardt; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Mel Jacob; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Peter Dion Kindem; Kari Kindem; Kyle Madsen; 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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