

Christ Reigns Sunday

November 24, 2024



Celebrating 80 Years of Ministry

Peace Lutheran Church, West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace! Today marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of our congregation. As we celebrate what God is doing among us and through us we are reminded by today's gospel that Christ's reign does not conform to the world's norms of privilege or power. Jesus is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look toward the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

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*There are times during the service when you'll be invited to "rise 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!***

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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* WOV – *With One Voice*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

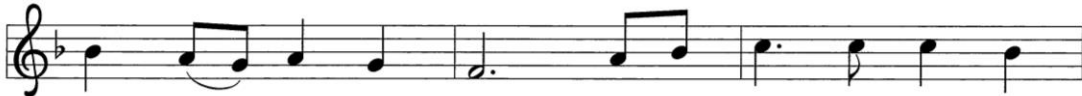
ELW #641



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
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



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
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



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
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



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
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation, Verses 1, 2 & 5

ELW #654

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your faithful presence in our congregation over 80 years. Increase in us the spirit of faith, hope, and love, that as we venture forward, our community of Peace may be an example to all believers and a witness to our neighbors of the grace, love, and abundance with which you bless the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Janet Cruse

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: Indeed, it shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to God's people who are represented by "one like a human being."

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

*After reminding the church at Ephesus of God's gift of grace in Christ Jesus,
Paul reminds them of their calling: to be a community united in faith
and dedicated in hope to utilizing their gifts to build up the church in love.*

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel* **ELW page 188**



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 John, the 18th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Jonathan Willcocks

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

Time for Reflection



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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.

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
C you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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 Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death. Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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 Holy One, we ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

C This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

P In the same way after supper, he took the cup, 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 to remember me.'

P As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ, whom we proclaim as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation!


C Thanks be to God!

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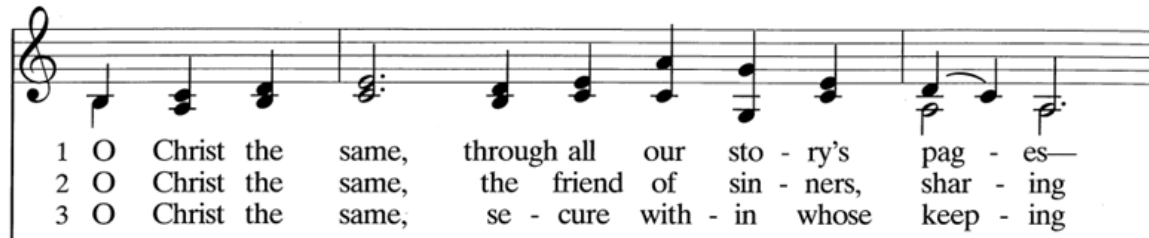
We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents 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

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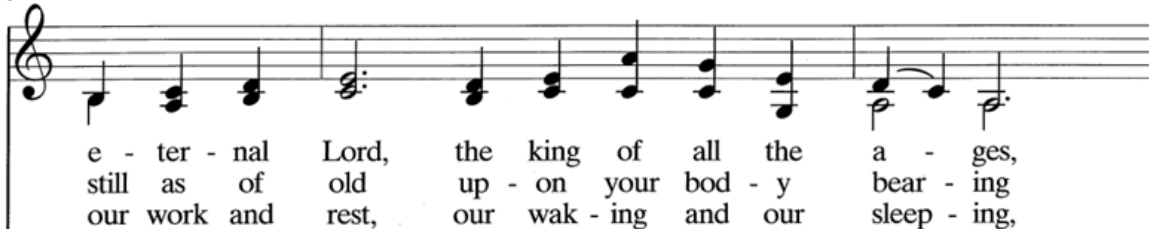
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



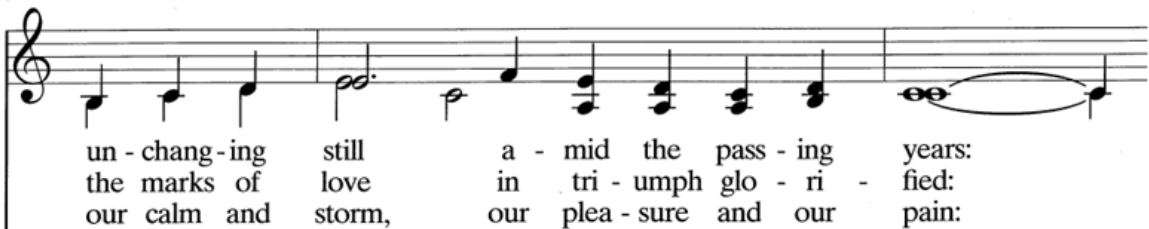
1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same; se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



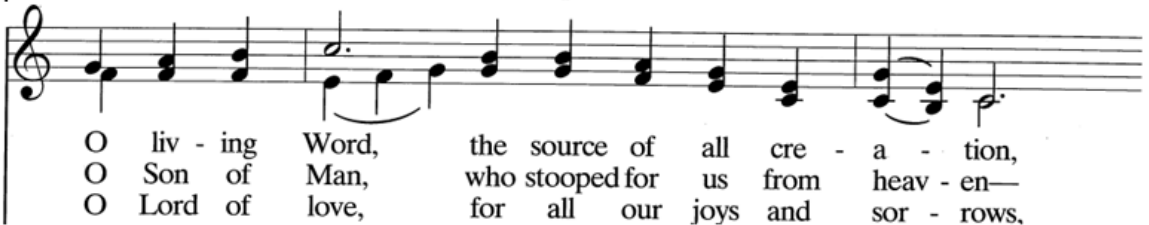
our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



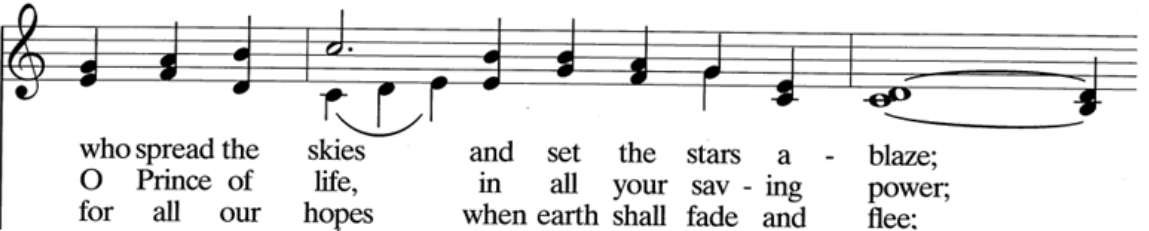
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



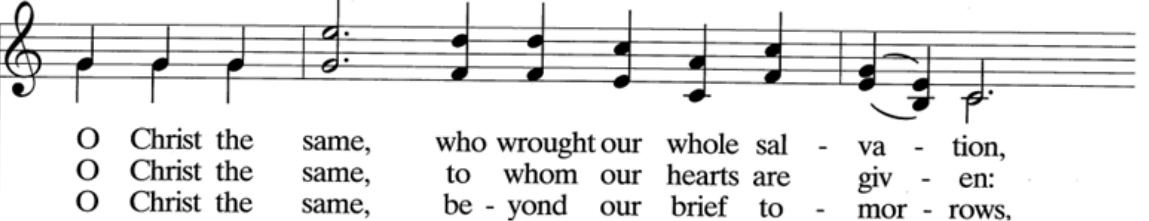
un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



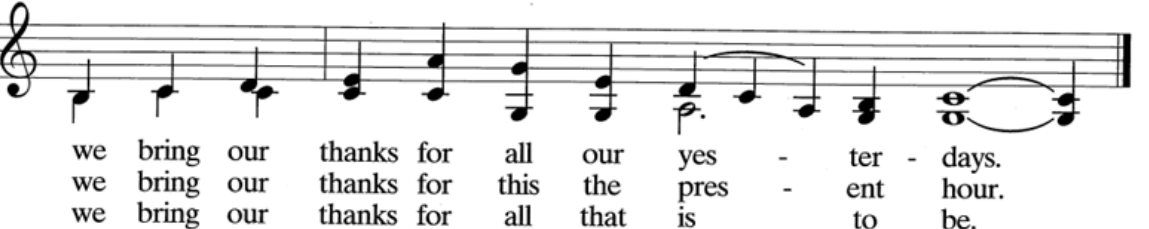
O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee:



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The God of all creation, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria

ELW #878



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:




So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Communion Assistants	Naomi Kindem, Shannon Williams
Coffee Server	Shannon Williams, Barbara Hillier
Counters	Joey DiJulio, Randy Hernandez
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Joey DiJulio
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received in November 2024

11/03/24	\$ 2,390.00
11/10/24	\$ 3,315.10
11/17/24	\$ 6,620.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 7,513.85</u>
Total	\$19,838.95

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Often Thanksgiving dinner produces plenty of "leftovers." Sometimes we eat them all up. Other times, we end up tossing them out later because we can't face another turkey sandwich. But thought of another way, those are really just "ingredients" for other meals, right? Make it easier to use all the fresh produce you prepare for the big meal, for instance, by cooking them simply, with less seasoning at the get-go, and then tossing them with dressings and sauces. That way, you can reimagine how to use those leftovers for days, so long as you have some pasta or rice in the pantry or leafy greens in the fridge. Pro tip: label your leftovers with the name and best-by date. The US Department of Agriculture recommends eating foods with cooked meat or seafood within four days; vegetarian foods keep longer.

Pray for Creation: We pray that, following the footsteps of those who have tended this land, promoted peace, and faithfully cared for God's beloved creation, we, too, may become worthy ancestors.

80th ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK TODAY

We're marking the **80th Anniversary of Peace** today. Join the celebration of Peace's 80th Anniversary this Sunday immediately following the service. The celebration will include a potluck and short program along with the activities mentioned in the ReVision update.

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Comfort tired feet. Lift weary spirits. Give someone hope. Operation Nightwatch has a goal of collecting 30,000 pairs of socks in the next six months. Will you help? Socks are critical to the comfort and well-being of homeless people. Imagine what it must be like to have the same pair of nasty, wet socks on your feet, 24-hours a day. Not good. Socks won't solve our community's homeless crisis. But socks can keep homeless people hopeful, knowing there are neighbors like you, who care.

DEPOSIT SOCKS IN THE NARTHEX TUB THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 11/27 @ 7 PM

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP will be held **Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm**, with our traditional "pie potluck" following. This year you are invited to consider a donation to the Agape Fund. Donations will be received throughout the month.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS NEXT SUNDAY, 12/1!

December emphasis: ready-to-eat, nutrient-rich food, especially helpful for children home during the coming holiday break and for unsheltered neighbors lacking cooking facilities. Other shelf-stable food items are always welcome as well. Donations will be shared among the Peace Free Pantry on the patio, the White Center Food Bank, and the every-Saturday Welcome Table in White Center. Thank you!

ADVENT FEST! DECEMBER 1, 9:15—10:15 AM

ADVENT begins December 1st and our annual Advent Feast will include all your favorite traditions - Advent logs, paperwhites, card making, and more! Bring the whole family. Light breakfast served.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERING IN ADVENT

Are being held at the Winterstein home on December 4, 11, and 18. Come @ 6pm for soup and @ 7 pm for a brief service of evening prayer. The liturgy for these evenings is drawn from diverse sources, including Celtic prayer traditions that originate in the Northumbrian Community of northeast England, and the hymnal *All Creation Sings* hymnal. Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, complementary readings from contemporary authors, and shared reflection time help us explore the theme. All this, grounded in a time of prayer and the pithy poetry of new hymns and psalm setting. Come and join.

DECEMBER 8: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION

Early in December each year the council provides an opportunity to preview and comment on the coming year's draft budget, which is now under development for 2025. This year, that opportunity is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th following Worship. This meeting will be in-person only.

PASS THE HAT DECEMBER 15: PATHS TO UNDERSTANDING

Paths to Understanding will be a new Pass the Hat recipient for Peace. It is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization based in Washington State. The organization, led by ELCA Pastor Terry Kyllö, is bringing together people from diverse faith traditions to create community across lines that often divide – Christian, Muslim, Jew, Indigenous... Pastor Terry is already slated to be a guest at the adult forum on December 15th and to serve as guest preacher that day. He will also be telling us more about this organization.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Rich Albers; Carrol Andersen; Bailey Byam; Deric Bevier; Jan

Burt; Ixchela Castaneda; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Joe DiJulio, Sr.; Joe Flint; Bob Gaines; Gussie Gannon; Ann Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Peter Dion Kindem; Kari Kindem; Kyle Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Janet Peek; Michelle Pierce; Joey Roberts; Aaden Smith; Don Spangler; Pat Spangler; Nancy Spannaus; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Kaity Streit; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Megan Kindem Webber; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen

We express our Christian sympathy to the Charlie Spangler and family on the death of our dear sister in Christ JoAnne Spangler on 11/17. A Memorial Service will be held at Peace on Saturday, 12/7 @ 1pm.

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homeland of the DUWAMISH PEOPLE. We recognize the DUWAMISH and other SALISH PEOPLES, the FIRST STEWARDS of this land, who have called this region home—and continue to call it home—from time immemorial. We join with them and with all people who see the Earth, its creatures, watersheds, and habitats, as part of an integral whole reflecting our Creator's intention for wholeness and balance.

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