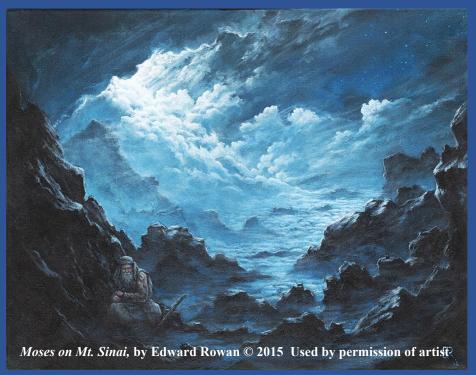
# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**December 8, 2024** 

# Peace Lutheran Church



# West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace! We pray you experience God's presence as you join us in worship. Throughout Advent we are exploring in particular the gifts that night and darkness bring. Our first reading, from Exodus, tells of how God chose thick, dark clouds to both reveal and conceal his presence.



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!

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 ACS – All Creation Sings

**PRELUDE** 

"An Advent Prelude, Op. 62, No. 1"

Chris Kindem, flute Jon Lackey, piano

#### **WELCOME**

**LITANY FOR ADVENT** Please rise in body or spirit as worship begins. **Today's Captivities** 

Brian Wren

- P Christ our Savior, save us from today's captivities. From the need to have more; and from having our identity and self-worth defined by what we possess.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- A From the need to be satisfied without waiting; and from anxiety when material longings are deferred.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- P From paralysis and confusion, in the face of so many needs, so much information.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- A From hyperactivism that denies our limitations, and from apathy that denies our God-given powers.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- P From trying to replace you as Savior, by taking the world on our shoulders.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- A From ignorance or denial of what drives us; and from captivity to personal drives and needs.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- P From embarrassment in speaking about your love; from not knowing what to say; And from the shame of being misunderstood, scorned, or ignored.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.
- A From captivity to anger, bitterness, and disappointment; and from captivities we cannot speak about, or name.
- C Savior Christ, set us free.

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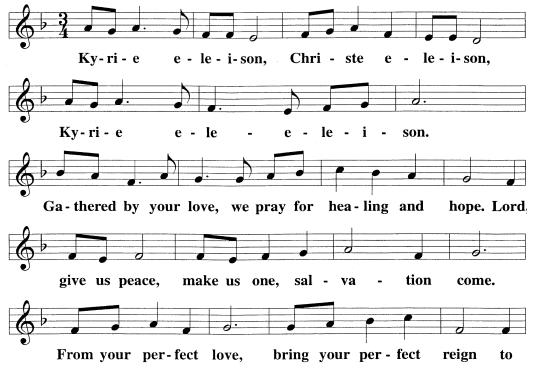
## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

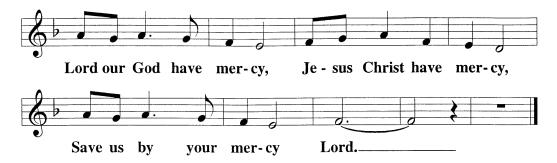


### **GREETING**

- P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## ADVENT SONG O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 3 & 4

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.* 

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.* 

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Smith/Avolio Family

The candles on the Advent wreath are lit progressively as we prepare to welcome Christ.

L In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, . . . the word of God came to John son of Zechariah. . . . He went into all the region ground the Jordan proclaiming a banti

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

God comes to us through particular people,

in particular places and times in the past, and here and now.

Our second candle reminds us to look for the face of God in God's messengers today.

The second candle is lit.

- L Living Christ, give us faith to trust you and hope to follow you.
- C We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.

# + WORD +

## **READING: Exodus 19:1, 3-14, 16-19**

Vicki Martinez

As the people of Israel enter the wilderness, God tells Moses he will speak to them from Mount Sinai in the form of a thick, dark cloud. The people are warned not to get too close, lest their lives be forfeit.

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after." When Moses had told the words of the people to the LORD, <sup>10</sup>the LORD said to Moses: "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes <sup>11</sup>and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup>You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup>No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain." <sup>14</sup>So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes.

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. <sup>19</sup>As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder.

- L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 95** *The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:*



Cantor:

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,

Deb Hagen-Lukens

And in your advent, draw us all to you,

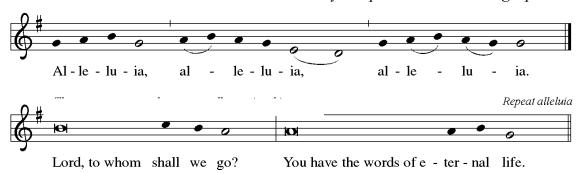
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising. Refrain

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,

We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,

Open to us the pathway of your peace. Refrain

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



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of humans leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

<sup>5</sup>'Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

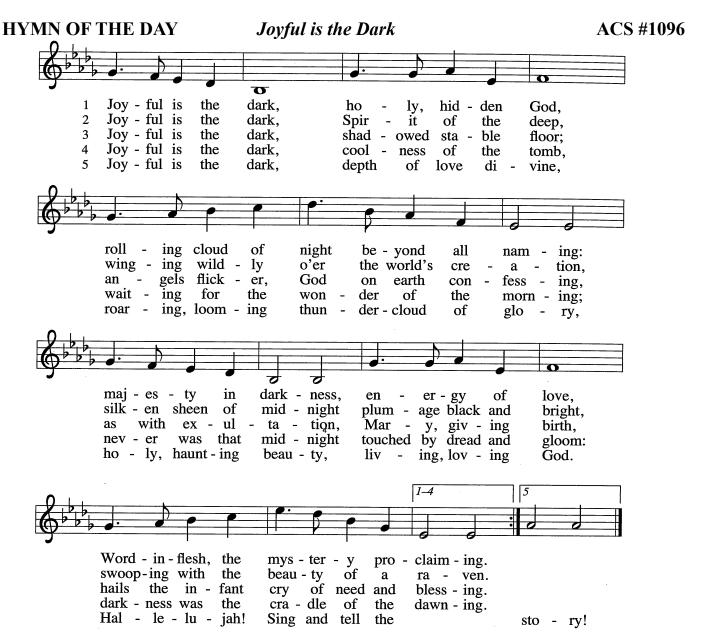
- L The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Chelsea Globe

### **SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem



# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From the Iona Community

- P With the whole church,
- C We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
- P With people everywhere,
- C We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
- P With all creation,
- C We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A swe prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

# + 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 <u>Tithely Giving Page</u> via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!





### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

give

P Let us pray. Creator God,

weak - est

us

life

strong

C you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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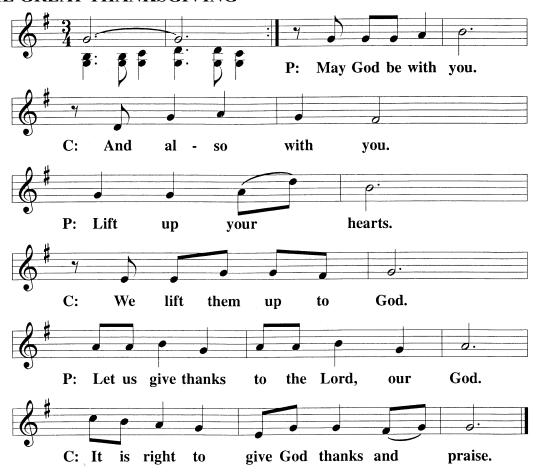
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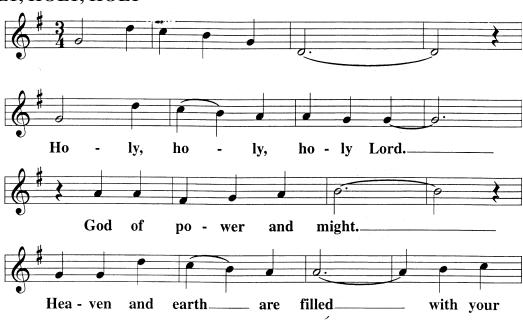
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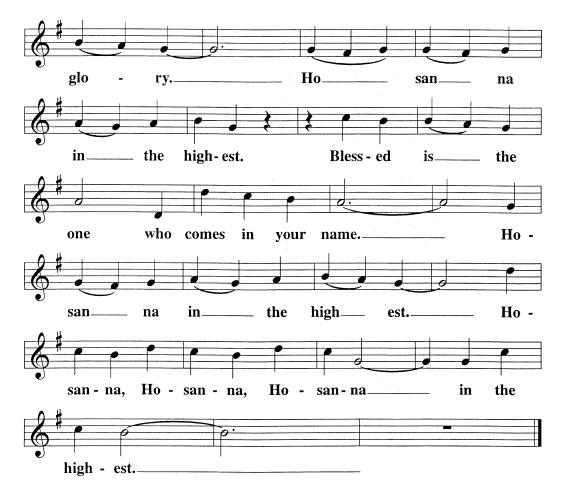


P Truly it is right and joyous to offer thanks and praise to our gracious God in all places and in all circumstances of life, but especially so on this day as we anticipate the coming of our Savior, the light which can never be extinguished. And so with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with all the saints and angels in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices with this never-ending hymn of praise!

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- P Gracious God of life and light our hearts are full of gratitude...
  ...in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread... took the cup...
  poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin, Do this for the remembrance of me.
- C We remember, O God, and with this bread and cup we feast at your table in joyful anticipation of that day when all creation will find its home in you.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional)

- P Trusting in the One who made his home with us, we pray the prayer of Jesus:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
  - and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
  - For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

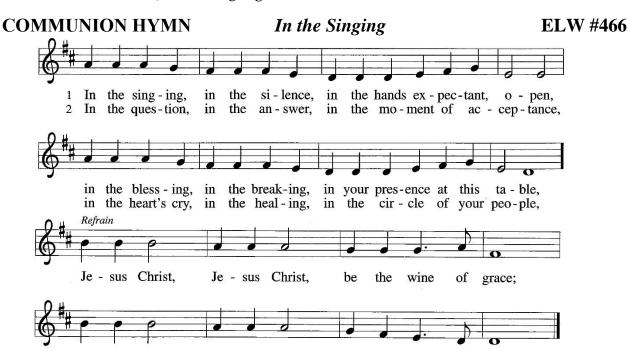
- P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### 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 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.

## **CALL US HOME**





#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ,

Je - sus

Christ,

Je - sus

P Let us pray. Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

be

the

bread

of peace.

C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

- P God of endings and beginnings, God of darkness and light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.
- C Amen.

# + SENDING +

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#### SENDING HYMN

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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- 1 Come, thou long-ex pect-ed Je-sus, 2 Born thy peo-ple to de liv-er, Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free; born a child, and yet a king;
- from our fears and sins re - lease us: let us find our rest in thee. born to reign in gra-cious king-dom bring.

us for - ev - er,



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

 $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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## **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 December 2024

12/01/24 \$ 2,483.00 Electronic \$ 1,468.87 **Total \$ 3,951.87** 

Your year-end gift will help us close the fiscal year with strength.

# THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

When shopping for clothes as gifts this Christmas, look for "100%" on the labels and especially try to avoid blends with synthetic materials. Fabrics made from only cotton, only wool, or only synthetic fabrics can be recycled. Those made from natural and synthetic blends are very difficult to recycle and generally end up clogging landfills around the world.

**Pray for Creation:** We pray that during this season of rest and renewal for nature and for ourselves, we may ever be aware of God's presence in all creation as we anticipate new life in you.

# WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERINGS IN ADVENT

**Join us at the Winterstein home on** <u>December 11, and 18</u>. 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 <u>All</u> <u>Creation Sings</u> hymnal. Come and join.

# **DECEMBER 8: A PREVIEW AT HOW WE FUND 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 this 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 Kyllo, is bringing together people from diverse faith traditions to create community across lines that often divide – Christian, Muslim, Jew, Indigenous. Pastor Terry is will be a guest at the adult forum and will serve as guest preacher. He will also be telling us more about his organization and current initiatives.

# **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2022**

Sunday, January 26, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar! We will have options for people to join the meeting in person and through two online platforms. Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **DECEMBER 8**  $1^{st}$  preview of how we will fund our mission in 2025.
- JANUARY 5 All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!)
- JANUARY 14 Church Council meets to finalize Annual Mtg agenda, Pass Hat proposals for 2025-26, and 2025 budget
- JANUARY 19 Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- JANUARY 26 Annual Meeting following worship.

# ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. We need you! If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Chris Kindem, Alan Jarvimaki, or Derek Lunde. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.; Bob Gaines; Gussie Gannon; Ann Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Diana Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Peter Dion Kindem; Kyle Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; August Menstell Coyle; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Janet Peek; Michelle Pierce; Joey Roberts; Victor Siders; 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; Inta Zagars We express our Christian sympathy to 1) The Unti family on the death of Kim Unti 11/27/24. Kim was a former NW Washington Synod Vice President and wife of former Bishop Kirby Unti. 2) The Flint family on the death of Joe Flint, John Flint's brother, on 12/1/24.

**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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