

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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Gathering with John and Jesus at the banks of the Jordan today, we're reminded of the words of St. Maximus: "In the baptism of the Savior the blessing which flowed down like a spiritual stream touched the outpouring of every flood and the course of every stream." All waters are holy, all streams sacred, and protecting the watersheds that surround the Salish Sea, and the vitality of the creatures for whom it is home, is part of our baptismal vocation as Christians.

We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. 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 A – Assisting Minister L - Lector ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal ACS – All Creation Sing

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is poured into the font as we celebrate the sacred gift of water and our baptismal life.

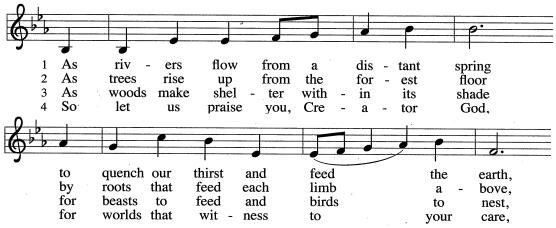
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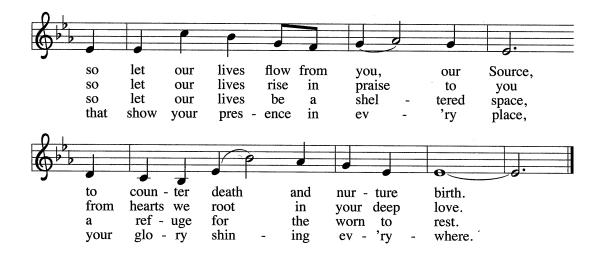
Fauntleroy Creek, Longfellow Creek, and the Salish Sea.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- C Amen.
- P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
- C Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
- P Praise to you for the Duwamish, the Green, the Cedar and White; for Longfellow and Fauntleroy Creeks, and the waters of the Salish Sea.
- C We thank you, sacred Trinity, for these waters, through which you sustain our lives and the lives of your creatures, and in baptism call us anew to tend and keep the Earth.
- P We bless you, O Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting Earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

 Remembering your call and claim on us in baptism, we pray:
- C Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ. Shower with life all creatures and habitats, flora and fauna, who live in the watershed of your grace.
- P To you be given all praise, in the glory of God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

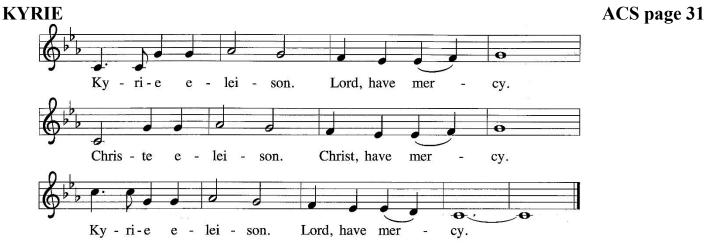
GATHERING HYMN As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring ACS #1046

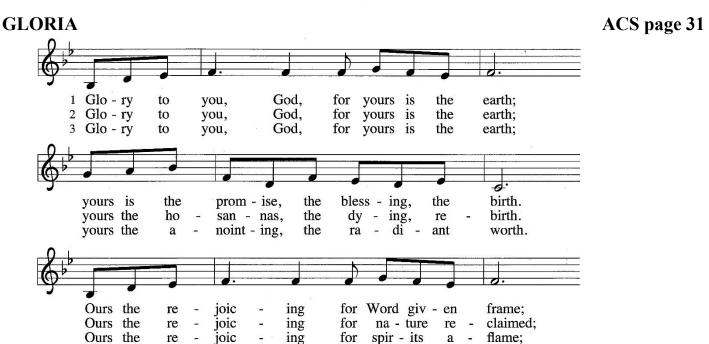


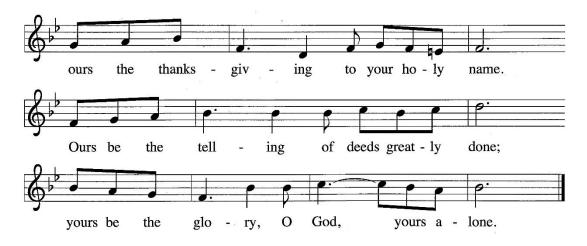


GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.







PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Holy God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice as your children and live with care with all your creatures, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Nancy Hauger

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia & Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 CHORAL PSALMODY

M. Mummert

Congregation joins on each refrain



CHOIR

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. Refrain

2. The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe, and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!" Refrain

3. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. *Refrain*

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

ACS page 33



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his

hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. John Carter

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

ACS #1049



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

A With the Spirit of Christ shining on us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

- P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

SHARING THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

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 Tithe.ly Giving Page via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #740

TUNE: GOD OF THE SPARROW

God of the river, God of the sea, God of the orca leaping,
 How does the creature say Holy? How does the creature say Praise?

God of the heron, God of the drake, God of polluted shorelines, How does the creature cry Woe! How does the creature cry Save!

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God who gives living water, How does the creature say Grace! How does the creature say Thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God of grace,
- C your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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 Truly it is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of the star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with all the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, Creator and Sustainer of all, you formed the Earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed your Chosen people and cherished them as your own.
- P That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through baptismal waters, yoking us to the life, death, and resurrection of your Beloved Son, Jesus, who in the night in which he was handed over to death, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

- P Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Satisfy the thirst of every living thing with your Living Water, and fit us for service as keepers and partners of all you have entrusted to us, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

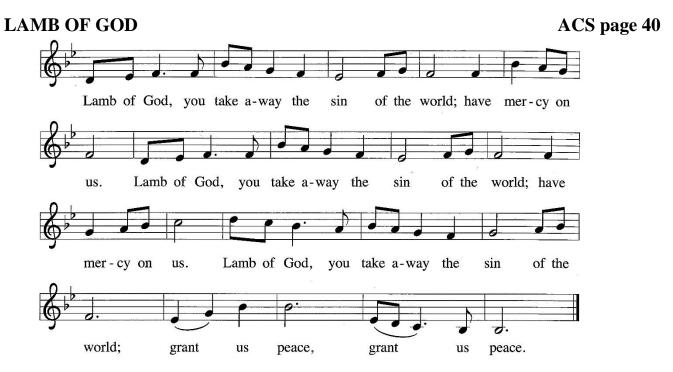
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer of Jesus:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

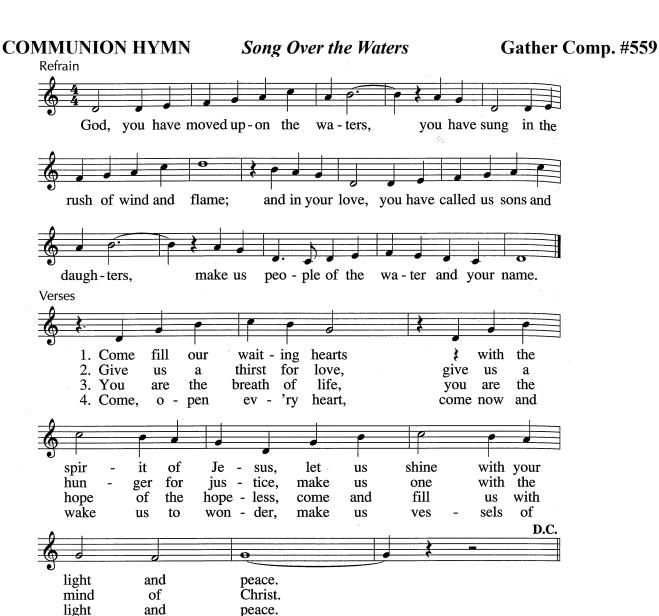
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.
- 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.





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Please rise in body or spirit.

peace.

A Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

C Amen.

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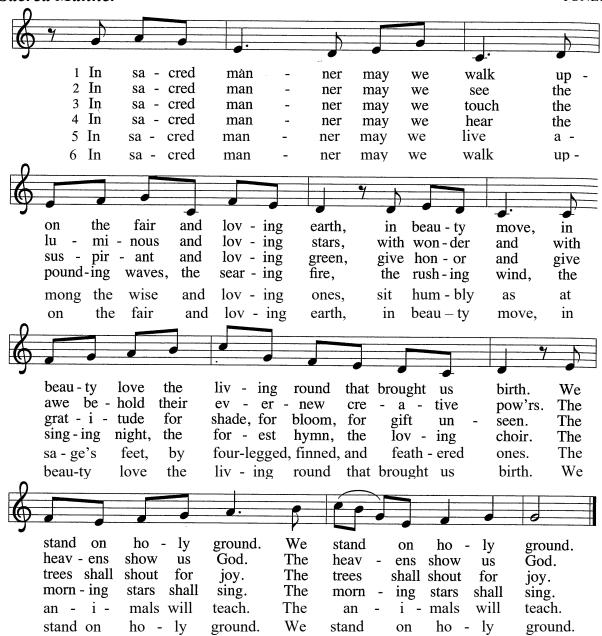
and

+ SENDING +

THE CALL

- P Christ calls us to be rooted and grounded in love, to serve Earth by caring for creation to serve by caring for all creatures, habitats, and watersheds. Will you care for creation?
- C We will care for creation!
 We will care for one another!
 We will nurture our planet!
 We will celebrate life!

In Sacred Manner



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Coffee Server Creation Care Team

Production Techs Dustin Smith

Counters Kathleen Keyes, Kevin Klinemeier

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! Thank you for helping us finish 2024 strong!

Offering Income received in December 2024

12/01/24	\$ 2,363.00
12/08/24	\$ 3,210.00
12/15/24	\$ 1,250.00
12/22/24	\$ 7,381.97
12/24/24	\$ 1,208.00
12/29/24	\$ 409.00
12/31/24	\$ 2,005.00
Matching funds	\$ 3,427.20
Electronic	\$18,508.11
Total	\$39,769.28

Offering Income received in January 2025

01/05/25	\$ 3,211.00
Electronic	\$ 1,954.07
Total	\$ 5,165.07

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Today we recognize the blessing of water. Did you know the average person in America wastes 26,500 gallons of water per year by tossing just six common food items in the trash: lettuce, almonds, apples, tomatoes, eggs and beef? According to Foodprint, which tracks everything it takes to get your food from the farm to your plate, "Everything we eat has a water footprint. The same is true for the rotten lettuce, the long-forgotten eggs and the half-eaten steak grabbed from the back of the fridge and thrown in the garbage." When we waste food, it's like we're dumping huge amounts of water into the garbage. Another great reason to reduce our food waste this year!

Pray for Creation: We pray for the Salish Sea and the southern resident orcas for whom it is home. Especially we pray that the waters be freed of pollutants and excessive boat traffic noise and that barriers affecting migrating chinook be mitigated so that parents may see their newborn calves grow to healthy adulthood.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 AVAILABLE

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available for pick-up for those of you who do <u>not</u> donate electronically. They are on a counter in the narthex closest to the office.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2023

Sunday, January 26, is our Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck. Please add it to your calendar! NO EDUCATION classes will be held that morning, to make the day shorter for families with children. This will be an IN-PERSON EVENT ONLY. NO LIVE STREAM. The Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 14** Church Council meets to finalize Annual Mtg agenda, a Pass Hat proposal for 2025-26, and the 2025 budget
- JANUARY 19 Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available via email.
- JANUARY 26 Annual Meeting and Potluck following worship.

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike. Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

Give through your congregation or make out your check to Lutheran Disaster Response and send it to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line. Or scan the QR code or click on this link:



GIVE NOW

THANK YOU FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Thanks for your incredible and life-giving food donations last Sunday! Our neighbors were thrilled to receive from your generosity. Emphasis for February 2: rice (2-pound bags), rice noodles, and ramen.

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 26th.

LIVE EMBRACING DIFFERENCE RETREAT SATURDAY 2/8

Our Saviors Lutheran, Everett 9am to 3 pm

Engaging with difference means recognizing the inner tension it can create, managing our emotional and reactive responses, and approaching situations from a calmer, more centered mindset. This retreat is a practical workshop that will help us learn to listen to others and connect across difference and diversity. Guest presenter, Fred Oduyoye, who led one of our Faith in Public Life sessions, is the founder of **Reachable Reconciliation Ministry** dedicated to building cultural bridges and reconciliation. Website Link (Peace has a subscription that will cover your fees.) Register HERE

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; Marlen Boivin; Bailey Byam; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Joe DiJulio, Sr.; Jackie Farah; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Jon Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Diana Heiland; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Alan Jarvimaki; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; Kyle Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Janet Peek; Michelle Pierce; Victor Siders; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sam Steidel; Sean Stephens; Kaity Streit; Mark Swanson; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield.

<u>Homebound</u>: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars <u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> 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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HELP REDUCE OUR CLUTTER! ITEMS UP FOR GRABS

(THINGS PEACE LUTHERAN NO LONGER NEEDS)

4 FOOT ROUND FIXED LEG TABLES (3)

6 FOOT RECTANGULAR FOLDING LEG TABLES (4)

5 FOOT RECTANGULAR FOLDING LEG TABLE (1)

44" WOODEN DINING TABLE + 2 11" LEAVES

UPHOLSTERED, WHEELED OFFICE CHAIR

PING PONG TABLE (currently disassembled)

SHELVING HARDWARE

WOODEN SHELVES (multiple sizes and styles)

96"X22" WHEELED CHAIR STORAGE CARTS (heavy duty metal) (2)

BOOKS (select any from library shelves in Fireside Room)

ASSORTED FRAMED PICTURES

Many of the items are currently located in the Lower Level Entry Hallway. Help yourself, no permission required.

Our goal is to find homes for these items by the PLC Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025. Thanks for your help!