

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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 Sings*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW #710



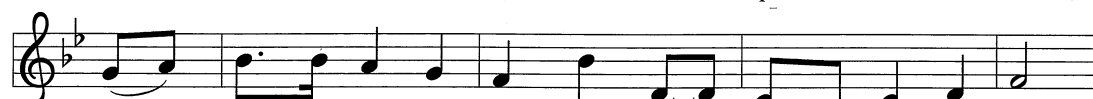
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
 Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Kathleen Keyes

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings contrasting two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life.

Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

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

ACS page 33

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

[Jesus] came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

ELW #725



1 *Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,*
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;

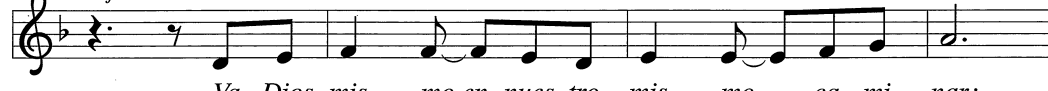


cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

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

Take My Life that I May Be

ELW #583

Refrain: ♪ *Take my life that I may be consecrated Lord to thee;*

Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise

1. Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
2. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. *Refrain*

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 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. 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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ACS page 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 table is set. Come, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you,
And the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you now and always.

C Amen.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are fa - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Coffee Server	Heidi & Ruth Eilers
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Joey DiJulio
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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 February 2025

02/02/25	\$ 2,680.00
02/09/25	\$ 1,914.60
Electronic	\$ 5,005.40
Total	\$ 9,600.00

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Effective home weatherization and insulation makes your home more comfortable and helps care for creation. Weatherizing your home with weatherstripping and caulk to prevent air leaks can save you up to \$38 a year. Good home insulation is extremely effective at reducing your heating costs, keeping you cooler in the summer, and improving the overall comfort of your home. Plus, if we all had it, we could take a nice bite out of global emissions!

Pray for Creation: We ask God to guide the words and actions of those who advocate for governmental policies that affect the wellbeing of Earth and all its creatures.

RESISTANCE TRAINING 2/17 10AM-12PM

U District location. An opportunity for next-step nonviolent direct action training, sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW, University Congregational UCC, and the Organizing for Mission Network. It is open to all who want to take their direct action skills to the next level, from informational to boots-on-the-ground. Our leader for the day, [Rev. Osagyefo Sekou \(he/him\) from Valley and Mountain UMC](#), has been teaching and leading "militant nonviolent direct action" for social and political change for many years. He will have us up and moving, ready to protest and step in appropriately when needed.

This 2-hour workshop is FREE and requires advanced registration. Please register at the link below or use the QR code. Childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor Chelsea Globe (pastor@uwlutherans.org) if you have any questions. Location and agenda will be sent after registration. <https://forms.gle/JCqpY6xBYa3wb45X8>



PRESENTATION ON SCAMS 2/19 6:30 PM

At Fautleroy UCC, 9140 California Ave SW. A Crime Prevention Coordinator of the Seattle Police Department and a Senior Investigator of the Federal Trade Commission will be at the Fellowship Hall at Fautleroy Church to address Scams and How to Avoid Them. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session. All are welcome to attend!

CALL TO ALLYSHIP GATHERING 3/1, 10AM-2PM

at Calvary Lutheran in Federal Way Cost is \$40, lunch included. Do you wish your congregation was more diverse? Have you encountered conflicts because of cultural or racial differences and didn't know how you got there or what to do next? Then this event is for you! [Register HERE](#) **The NWWA and SWWA synods of the ELCA invite all congregations to join us for a special joint event sponsored by our anti-racism teams.** We will spend a day studying "Called to Allyship," a book written by ELCA rostered leaders of color from across the country. One of the authors, Rev. Priscilla Paris-Austin (pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood), will be helping to lead our discussion. Other discussion leaders are pastors and lay leaders from congregations who have read this book together. The book can be purchased from major booksellers, preferably directly from Augsburg Fortress: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506497761/Call-to-Allyship>

TABLE RUNNERS NEEDED FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly is just around the corner - and we need the help of the synod's crafty creatives! The theme for our upcoming in-person synod assembly (Friday & Saturday, May 16 & 17) is **"Woven Into God's Story."** With a theme like this, the décor practically plans itself! **We need 50 table runners** (approx. 12" x 72-120") to decorate the tables at our upcoming Synod Assembly. We know we have talent all over the synod, will you share that with us? The table runners can be any combination of colors (great use of scrap fabric and yarn).

Please contact Kathy Fisher (kathy@salc.church) if you/your congregation can supply a few runners. Let Kathy know how many you are willing to create! There will be special recognition for our artists at the event. We need to have them in hand by May 1st. (Discuss with Kathy if you would like to pick them up at the end of the assembly - or donate them for additional uses in the synod.)

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; Brittany Baker; Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Mike & Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Georgine Epley; Jeffrey Epley; Bob Gaines; Ann Gault; Jon Gault; Caity Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Alan Jarvimaki; Sandy Kaduce; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Peter Dion Kindem; Jan

Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Pete & Kelly McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Mark Swanson; Sarah Taylor; Michele Tomseth; Megan Kindem Webber; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars

We express our Christian sympathy to the Larson/Smith family on the sudden death of Kjersta's younger brother, Kristian Larson on 2/7/25. The family includes: Kristian's spouse Zoe and their daughter Sula; Kjersta and Dustin, Lien and Soren; Kjersta's sister Siri, her husband Hal Iverson, and their 3 children; and Kjersta, Siri, and Kristian's parents Mark and Elaine Larson. We offer our prayerful support that each of them would experience the strong and compassionate accompaniment of Christ as they begin this long journey of grief.

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 recognize that our congregation is strengthened by diversity, the embrace of equity, and our commitment to anti-racism. We

welcome and celebrate the inclusion of those of any race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into the life and mission of our congregation. We invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives.

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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