

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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*

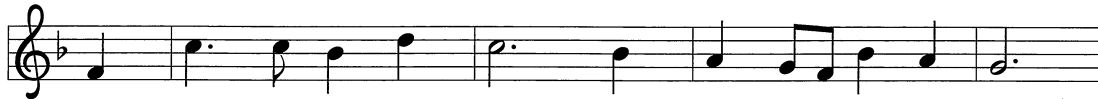
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651, vs 1-5



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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

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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.

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. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injustice, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-11, 15

Julie Ward

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them when they come seeking relief from famine. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good, to preserve life and Joseph forgives them.

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of

Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

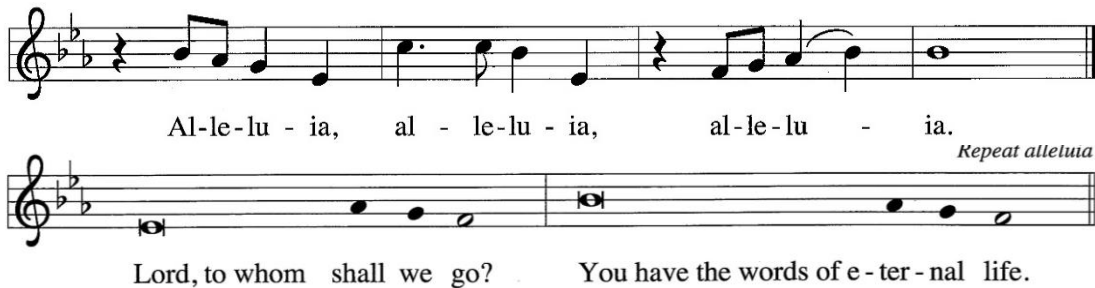
⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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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 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even to enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God’s intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting

nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. Kurt Kaiser

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS #1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

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

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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.

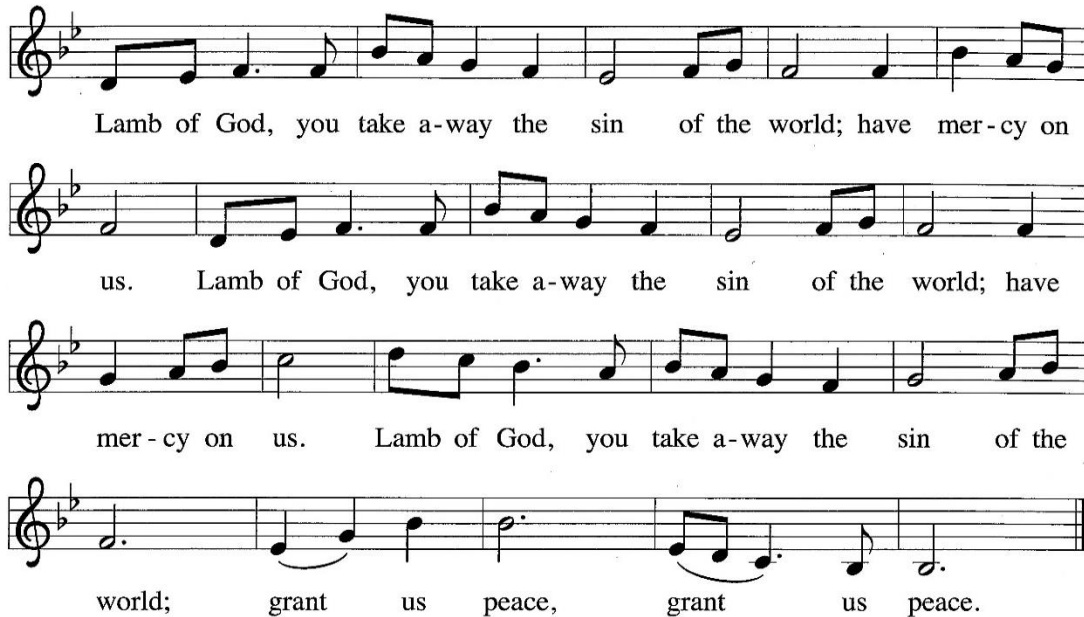
C Thanks be to God.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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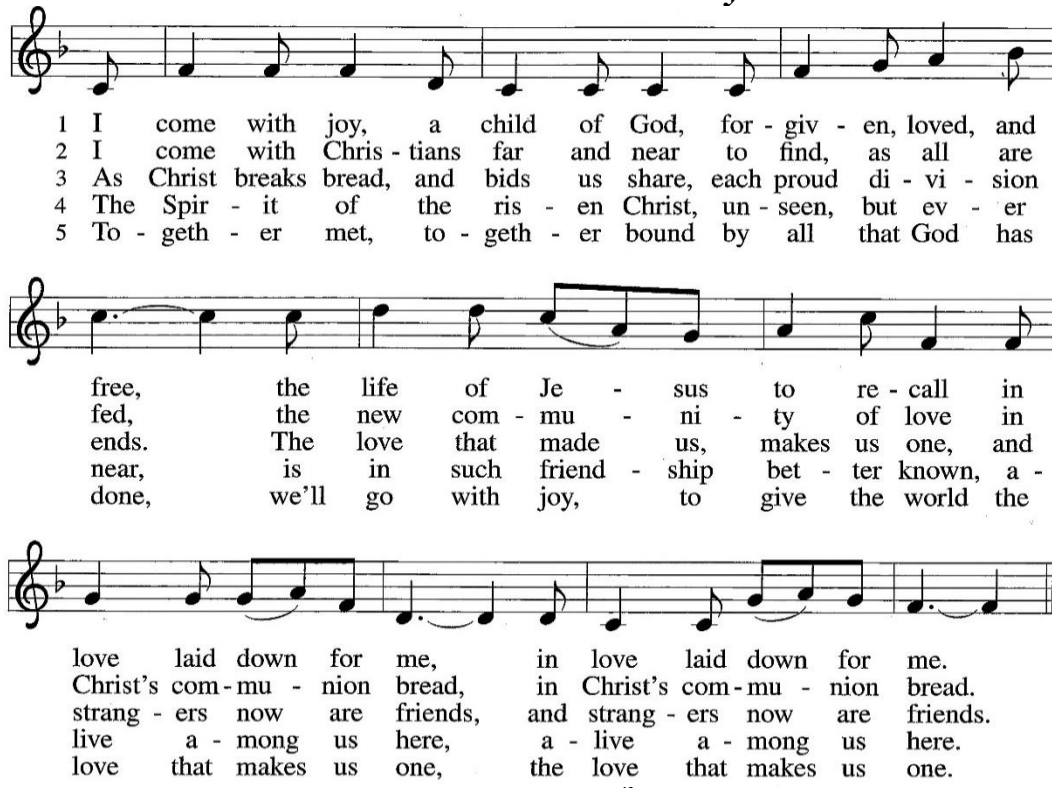


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy

ELW #482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has
free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.
strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.
live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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.

SENDING HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

ELW #835, vs 1-4



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL


A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Acolyte	Ben Ward
Lector	Julie Ward
Children's Sermon	Jule Ward
Greeters	Jean Sides, Nancy Hauger
Ushers	Barbara Hillier, Alan Jarvimaki
Altar Care	Kathleen Keyes
Communion Assistants	Sonja & Juliana Outlaw
Coffee Server	Helen Hundley
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Paul Bliss
Counters	Kathleen Keyes, Alan Jarvimaki
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
02/16/25	\$ 1,235.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 8,358.13</u>
Total	\$14,187.73

REFUGEE RESPONSE MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

Are you wondering how to respond to federal government actions, especially the USAID stop work orders affecting refugee resettlement? One immediate response is RESOURCE SHARING.



The SOCIAL MINISTRY ACTION TEAM, with support from our CHURCH COUNCIL, is offering a MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY from now through Sunday, MARCH 2nd. A grant from the CALVARY BEQUEST, combined with the generosity of additional DONORS, is enabling us to match dollar-for-dollar every contribution made, up to a total of \$4500. The funds raised will support the Refugee Ministry of trusted partner Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) for current, urgent needs.

❖ Gifts of \$100 become \$200 ❖ Gifts of \$250 becomes \$500 ❖ Gifts of \$1000 become \$2000

Your gift will help ensure that recently-arrived refugees will continue receiving housing, groceries, utilities and case management services; that unaccompanied minors will be welcomed, housed, & supported; and that those serving in our name are able to Stand Strong and Steadfast.”



Use this QR Code (left); write a check payable to Peace Lutheran Church or give through our [Tithe.ly Portal](#) Include: **REFUGEES**, in the memo line, and return to the offering plate or church office by March 2nd. We will send one check, including the matching funds, to LCSNW.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Our unusually sunny winter has been a productive one for our solar panels at Peace. Thinking about solar for your own home? The average homeowner saves \$14,213 over the lifetime of their solar system with an average solar payback period of 16 years. Homeowners also are eligible for net metering and the federal solar investment tax credit. Learn more at https://www.solarwa.org/solar_incentives.

Pray for Creation: We ask God to renew our efforts as Earth-tenders who honor the shared relationship we have with the Earth which sustains life in us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. KNUTSON 3/1 @ 2 PM

+ Following the death of former bishop **Rev. Lowell Knutson**, we hold his wife Shirley, their family, and all who mourn in prayer. His memorial service will be held on **March 1 at 2pm at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle**. Cards of love and care may be sent to the family here: Shirley Knutson; 8003 Sand Point Way NE #B-23; Seattle, WA 98115

NEXT SUNDAY IS 1ST SUNDAY FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

This is a terrific opportunity for supporting our neighbors in need, including low-income elders and newcomers to our country. *Special request: fruit, especially canned peaches and pears.* Please place your self-stable donations in the marked drawer in the narthex or bring them forward as you come to Communion. Thank you.

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; Paul Julin; 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; Audrey Zemke.

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

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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