# Peace Lutheran Church of Lake Zurich



January 14, 2024 Second Sunday After Epiphany

# Holy Communion Setting Four

# **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME

RECORDING NOTICE
All services are live-streamed and uploaded to Peace's YouTube channel.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone. We pray our worship this morning is meaningful to you and that you sense God's presence and the warmth of the people at Peace.

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Please rise as you are able and face the font. You may make the sign of the cross as a way of remembering your baptism.

# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. *Water may be poured into the font.* 

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, **Amen.** 

The assembly is sprinkled with water during the Gathering Song as a reminder of baptism.

# GATHERING SONG "In Christ Called to Baptize" (ELW 575)

1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

# **GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

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

# PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

You may be seated as the children are invited forward.

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

# CHILDREN'S WORD

Children from birth through Sunday School are invited forward for a special moment of preparation before the proclamation of God's word in the assembly.

# **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10** (pg. 215)

A reading from 1 Samuel.

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (pg. 503)

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

# <sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

# SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (pg. 929)

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able to welcome the gospel.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: John 1:43-51** (pg. 863)

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

MESSAGE Rev. Daniel Morris

A moment of silence for reflection is kept after the message.

Please rise as you are able to proclaim the gospel in song.

# HYMN OF THE DAY "Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons" (ELW 798)

- 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
  Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
  Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
  Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
  In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
  Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church bishops, ministers, councils, and teams be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities.

God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them.

God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially*). God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care.

God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Give every good gift to those we remember in prayer this week, especially Mike, Bonnie, Wally, Dory, Chuck, Stephen, MaryKate and Ivy, and family, the Tulange Family, the Vanderbilt Family, the Walstrum Family, the family and friends of Roberto, the Family and Friends of Linda, the Family

and friends of Carol Nordquist, and the family and friends of Rita Peterson. . God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*).

God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# **PEACE (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

All may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying Peace be with you. Afterwards, you may be seated.

# **CHOIR ANTHEM** "We Will Worship the Lord"

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Your offering this morning supports the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

#### OFFERING SONG "Here I Am, Lord" (ELW 574)

Please rise as you are able when the offering is brought forward.

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain** 

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" Refrain

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 152)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

# PREFACE (ELW p. 153)

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;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

#### Amen

# LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

You may be seated.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal. It is Peace's tradition to also welcome children of all ages to receive Christ at the table. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. At the direction of the ushers, you will be invited to gather in a circle around the Lord's Table. You may eat the bread when you receive it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Individual cups follow the bread. Red is wine, white is grape juice. After communing, you may join hands with those gathered around the table for the blessing before returning to your seat.

# You may be seated.

# **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN "He Comes to Us as One Unknown" (ELW 737)

- 1 He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
- 2 He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart, of night within the heart.
- 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored; the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at paly, all the days of your life?

# I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please rise as you are able for the blessing.

#### **BLESSING**

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

+ bless you and remain with you always.

#### Amen.

# SENDING SONG "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (ELW 810)

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

#### **GRATITUDE**

So much gratitude for everyone who has contributed to worship today.			
Pastor	Rev. Daniel Morris	Counters	Doug Ratajczak
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Dahlke		Bill Koenig
Acolyte	Braxton Dahlke	<b>Communion Set/Clean</b>	Joan Precilio
	Brayden Dahlke	<b>Communion Bread Baking</b>	Liz Hopman
Lay Reader	Brian Madsen	Altar Guild	Karen Dahlke
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sandy Hanna	Accompanist	Jeff Horvath
	Tom Hanna	Cantor	Jeff Horvath
Ushers	Mark Cleary	Tech Crew	Paul Bennett
	Mary Peterson		Bill Koenig
Greeters	Sandy Hanna		Craig Rozema
	Tom Hanna		

the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

> 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;

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