



Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Our MISSION: Compelled by the love of God and our faith in Jesus Christ, Peace Lutheran Church, a diverse people of faith, in partnership with Peace Community Center, seeks to realize God’s dream for the world through worship, learning, giving, and serving.

God’s VISION: We believe God’s vision for Peace is to be a diverse community of faith in the Hilltop where all are welcome - a community that is Spirit-filled, compassionate, healthy, reconciled, and just.

Today at Peace Lutheran Church

God bless you! Welcome to worship! We worship in person Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream worship online at 11 am. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

It is a blessing to worship in person. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, a season of 50 days! We celebrate with hope and joy the resurrection of Jesus! In today’s Gospel, the risen Christ appears to the disciples midst their doubts and questions and offers them the gift of peace.

Rev. Jo Nivling Izquierdo shares the sermon today.

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: During 11 am worship, we offer a children’s worship time in the basement classroom.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance.

Pastor John and Brendan Nelson are on vacation, returning to work on Tuesday. Rev. Jim Riede provides pastoral care (253-686-0837).

May you know God’s peace this week!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer tell the pastor or call the church office. Names will appear on the list for 3 weeks unless requested to remain longer. Please remember these people and situations in prayer. If you feel moved to reach out to someone, write them a caring note to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them. Contact the church office for their contact info.

- Easter hope and joy for all in the Peace community!
- Praise at birth of baby Justin to Justin & Amber Daniels
- For immigrants and refugees
- Our nation in challenging political times
- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center in this time of transition
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- For deep reflection and acknowledgment of prejudices in ourselves and racism in our systems and institutions, and for wisdom to intentionally act to call out and dismantle racism in all its forms and work for God’s justice in our nation’s laws, policies, & practices
- For all experiencing brokenness in family relationships (marriage, parent-child, sibling), for healing and hope

- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- For peace and justice: all living midst violence or unrest; in Gaza & Holy Land, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Congo, Sudan, Yemen, Venezuela, Haiti
- For hope: all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & feeling weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, all experiencing sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions
- The grieving: Myrah Ballentine & Marianne Lyle at the death of Myrah’s dad Matthew Lyle, Antonio Yune at spouse James Ducker’s death
- For God’s presence: Lenora Sneva and family as her dad nears death
- For healing: Neoma Clay’s brother, Craig & Mary Cogger, Armonie Danials, William Garling, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Brendan Nelson’s dad, Carvin Williams
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Teclerian, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Sevignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- Children’s Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm
- Gospel Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- For a Time Such as This: Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after 11 am worship

- **Men's Bible Study:** Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Peace Community Center, classroom building
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Gail Storrs: 222-5246, for prayer requests email: gailstorrs@gmail.com
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in the Offering box at the sanctuary entrance or send by mail or donate through the church website. To set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253) 383-1317.

Peace Breakfast Providers Needed Able to provide breakfast on a Sunday? We need you. Idea: connect with a few other people (family, friends) to share the work. Sign up on Welcome Table clipboard. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson 253-255-2233.

Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to Respond? Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails. See lists of 7 micro-actions.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Sunday Morning Schedule

- **8:30 am: Worship**
- **9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **9:45 am: Faith Education Hour**
- **11 am: Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after**

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am

- Godly Play for children ages 4–3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult & Older Youth: Christian Community Development and the Legacy of Rev. John Perkins, led by Larry Norman

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- **April 19: Ministry of Place Housing Directions Update,** led by Brendan Nelson
- **April 26, May 3, 17, 24, and 31: Women in the Bible:** Learn more about courageous, smart, and faithful biblical women who accepted roles of leadership and mentoring during difficult times. Their stories can teach us how to better navigate our lives while making sure God is in the lead. Led by Lorena Guerrero, Sarah ButlerWills, and Neoma Clay.

Youth Dinner Middle and high school youth are invited to come to the church on **Sunday April 12 from 6-8 pm** for a dinner and game night! We'll also talk about future activities for youth. Questions? Contact Youth Minister Manis Pierre.

Community Bible Study It's resuming Thursday April 16!

Pastor John leads a Bible Study in the conference room and online (Teams) **Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** on the scriptures for worship the following Sunday. Email him for the Teams link.

Special Worship & Music Experiences Coming at Peace

- **Sunday April 26 at 11 am:** Peace Lutheran Church and Jehovah Jireh Church (Samoan congregation that meets on Sunday afternoons at Peace) join in worship with a potluck to follow! Don't miss it! Bring a potluck item to share!
- **Sunday April 26 at 4 pm in the sanctuary:** A Celebration of Holden Village Music at Peace Lutheran Church! A gathering of singing, community, and sacred space. Bring your voices, instruments, family, and friends! With musicians Steve Wolbrecht, John Hermanson, and Maren Marchesini. Again, don't miss it!

Ukrainian Easter Eggs—Signs of Hope This Easter season you're invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on the Ukrainian Easter eggs made by the Women of Peace. Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, are hand decorated eggs made with an ancient wax resist process. Ukrainians have decorated beautiful eggs for centuries, and it has become a Christian practice to give them to others, passing on love, power, and hope.

Anti-Racism Book Resource Library Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with anti-racism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacoma.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Melody Duke **Tech:** Don Gillis **Van Driver:** Don Whittles
Nursery: Brianna Miller **Breakfast:** Craig Cogger
Snack: Rebecca Foster

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Tim Chalberg	Kit Thompson
Readers:	Betty Sortor-Beaman	
Usher:	Cynthia Edwards	
Prayer Minister:	Neoma Clay	Shelley & Jay Maebori
Musician:	Michael Green	Michael Green
Welcome & Support:	Neoma Clay	Gretchen Duggan