

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Psalm 32:8-11

- 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
- 10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
- 11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
- 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Second Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Psalm

Psalm 121

The New Testament

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Peace Lutheran Church

Journey to the Cross: Jesus' Temptation

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org

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Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.

+ **We worship in person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**

+ **We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under.

A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

+ **Decisions about when a child should receive Communion** belong to the family. Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ **Transportation:** Need a ride to worship? Call the church and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

+ **If you would like to make an offering** to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ **If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care** please contact Pastor John (pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs "Jesus, I'll Never Forget"

The Soul Stirrers 1969, The Gospel Soul of Sam Cooke with The Soul Stirrers, Vol. 1 *

Jesus I'll never forget what you've done for me.

Jesus I'll never forget how you set me free.

Jesus I'll never forget how you brought me out. Jesus I'll never forget, no never.

How can I forget what you've done for me? How can I forget how you set me free?

How can I forget how you brought me out? How can I forget? No, never.

Never, never forget, never, never forget.

"Firm Foundation" Cody Carnes 2022, Here (Live)*

Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand,

When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad

That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause he's never let me down,

He's faithful through generations, So why would he fail now? He won't, he won't.

I've still got joy in chaos, I've got peace that makes no sense, So I won't be going under,

I'm not held by my own strength, 'cause I've built my life on Jesus,

He's never let me down, he's faithful in every season,

So why would he fail now? He won't, he won't, he won't fail, he won't fail.

Rain came, wind blew, but my house was built on you,

I'm safe with you, I'm going to make it through.

Yeah, I'm going to make it through, 'cause I'm standing strong on you,
I'm going to make it through, 'cause my house is built on you.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Text: James Weldon Johnson 1871-1938; Music: Lift Every Voice, J. Rosamund Johnson, 1873-1954 *

Burgundy Book Hymn 296

Confession and Forgiveness

Burgundy Book pg. 24 Order A

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The Psalm

Psalm 32:8-11

The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

Burgundy Book 99

Text: Leonard E. Smith; Music: OUR GOD REIGNS, Leonard E. Smith © 1974, 1978 Leonard E. Smith/New Jerusalem Music *

Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

A Word for Black History Month

Brendan Nelson

Children's Message - Putting Away the Alleluia for Lent

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon

Sally Perkins

Song of the Day "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Burgundy Book Hymn 70

Text: Doris M. Akers, b. 1922; Music: Doris M. Akers, b. 1922; arr. Richard Smallwood © 1953 Doris Akers, admin. Unichappell Music, Inc. *

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "Remember Me" Nolan Williams Jr. *

Remember me, remember me, oh Lord, oh Lord, remember me.

11 am Gospel Choir

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Burgundy Book pg. 39

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Song "Forever You're My King" Carlton Pearson 2000, Azusa Praise Jubilee *

I love you forever, with all my heart, I love you forever, forever you're my king.

My shelter forever, in time of storm, my shelter forever, forever you're my king.

Your mercy forever, shall follow me, your mercy forever, forever you're my king.

All the glory, and the honor, belongs to you,

All the glory, and the honor, forever, you're my king.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "I'm a-Goin'-a Eat at the Welcome Table" Burgundy Book Hymn 263

Text & Music: African American spiritual, arr. Carl Diton, 1886-1969 Arr. © 1930 G. Shimer, Inc. *

The Dismissal Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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