



## Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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Where Every One Is a Minister

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

### April 14, 2024 – Third 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](http://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. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. We continue to require masks the first Sunday of each month for 8:30 am worship so those who need to take additional precautions can participate. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the **Third 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 shows up and shares food with his disciples and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures. What message does God have for us today?

This Easter season you’re invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on the Ukrainian Easter eggs, signs of hope and new life, made by the Women of Peace.

**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. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Deacon Charissa Carroll or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance. 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!
- Focus Groups at Peace starting this week
- For Peace Community Center in this time of transition
- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- For peace and change in a culture of gun violence, and for communities grieving the tragic and unnecessary loss of life to mass shootings
- For our whole community following the verdict in the trial of the police officers charged in the death of Manny

Ellis, for the grieving Ellis family, for a renewed call to justice and accountability in our structures and institutions

- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd
- 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 the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants
- For all caught in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict with the Israel/Hamas war in Gaza, for justice and peace...
- For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...
- For all experiencing brokenness in family relationships (marriage, parent-child, sibling), for healing and hope
- For the hungry in our world, for food and justice
- For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- The Peace housing ministry
- For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse
- For peace: all living midst violence or unrest; in Haiti, the Holy Land, Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- For healing: Rachel Boss, Loretta Carter, Gatdet Deng, Barb Hartness, Mike Liles, Kathy Olson, Shari Shelton, Adam Smith, Spenser Thomas
- Ongoing health concerns: Kitty Adams, Ed Castro, Lisa Flesher’s mom, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Abe Ulloa
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

#### Small Group Gatherings

- Book Group: Kit Thompson: 229-5766

- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah ButlerWills. Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** Antonio Yune: 227-1995. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 9 am
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [puckettsandra67@gmail.com](mailto:puckettsandra67@gmail.com)
- **Women's Breakfast:** Charissa Carroll: ext. 104. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 9 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6 pm

## Opportunities to Serve

**Regular Offering to Peace** Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253)383-1317.

**Maintenance Meeting Sunday April 21 after the 11 am service (12:30 pm).** CALLING ALL ABLE PERSONS to come help with the maintenance of the Church. Questions? Ask Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390).

**Community Meals** Community Meals are **in person 5:30-6:30 pm every weekday in April.** Want to provide food or serve? Contact Damishe at 253-383-1317.

**Join the Gospel Choir** We rehearse and sing once a month: **Next rehearsal Thurs. April 18 at 6 pm.** Sing Sunday April 28 at 11 am. Questions? Ask Music Director Twylla Moore.

**Give to Support the Youth Servant Learning Week** If you missed the chance at Easter breakfast to donate to support Peace youth participating in this summer's servant learning mission experience in Tacoma, please give to Peace Lutheran Church, marked "Youth Ministry." If helpful, feel free to make donations online at the giving link on the website. Many thanks!

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

**Sunday Breakfast and Refreshments** We offer breakfast and fellowship **Sundays at 9:30 am** and refreshments & fellowship **after 11 am worship** every Sunday in the multipurpose room.

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

- Godly Play for children ages 4–3<sup>rd</sup> grade (basement classroom)
- Explorers for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders (multipurpose room classroom)
- Feet to Faith confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (conference rm)
- High School youth – join the adult forum today
- Adult forum (multipurpose room): Understanding Church Staff Roles and Responsibilities, led by Peace church staff

### **Upcoming Adult Sunday Forums at 9:45 am**

- **April 21:** Report from the Equitable Compensation Task Force & Discussion, led by Equitable Compensation Task Force
- **April 28:** An Update on Our Housing Ministry and Ideas for the Future, led by Ministry of Place Work Group
- **May 5, 19, 26:** Bible Study, led by Malcolm Carroll

**Community Bible Study** Pastor John leads a Bible Study in the Conference room and online **Thursdays 1-2 pm** on scriptures for worship the following Sunday. Email him for Teams link.

**Women's Breakfast** The next women's breakfast is **Sat. April 20, 9-11 am** in the multipurpose room. Bring a breakfast dish to share. Contact Deacon Charissa Carroll.

**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.

**Finding Shelter from the Storm: Conversations on Housing, Homelessness and Race** Presented by Conversations on Race, an ecumenical anti-racism consortium in Tacoma. **3 more Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 – 8 pm:**

- **April 24:** Voices of the People: Experiences of those having lived without shelter and those who volunteer among them (at Trinity Presbyterian Church)
  - **May 8:** Bread for the World Racial Wealth Gap Exercise (at Peace Lutheran Church)
  - **May 22:** You Can Make a Difference: A Call to Action: Representatives from non-profit and grass roots volunteer organizations share ideas for direct and supportive action congregations can take (at Peace Lutheran Church)
- Register at <https://associatedministries.org/events/>.

**Mother's Day Photos** On Mother's Day, May 12, we will honor mothers in our lives with printed photos. If you have a photo of a mother to submit, please email it to [jayna@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jayna@peacetacoma.org) (subject line: Mother's Day) or bring a photo to the church by May 5. Questions? Ask Jayna Detweiler.

**Beacon Center Temporary Housing at Peace in April** Peace Lutheran Church is hosting young adults experiencing homelessness in April while Beacon Center is being renovated.

### **Save the Dates for Summer Coming this summer...**

- **July 9-12 (Tuesday-Friday):** Peace Youth Love to the Local servant learning week in Tacoma
- **August 3 (Saturday – 1 day only), 10 am – 3 pm:** Summer Bible Adventure for children and families "Created by God"
- **August 4 (Sunday):** Outdoor Worship & BBQ & Games!!!

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, [brendan@peacetacoma.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacoma.org)
- **Deacon of Congregational Care & Community Resources:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, [charissa@peacetacoma.org](mailto:charissa@peacetacoma.org)
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 103, [jayna@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jayna@peacetacoma.org)
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org)
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, [briannamiller182@gmail.com](mailto:briannamiller182@gmail.com)
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, [plcadmin@peacetacoma.org](mailto:plcadmin@peacetacoma.org)
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Melody Duke		Tech: Don Gillis
Nursery: Brianna Miller		Van Driver: Malcolm Carroll
	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Brendan Nelson	Brendan Nelson
<b>Reader:</b>	Dean Sawhill	Teresa Jackson, Betty Sortor-Beaman
<b>Greeter:</b>	Robin McGaughy	Shelly Ryan-Kelzenberg
<b>Usher:</b>	Viviane Sawhill	Charissa Carroll
<b>Prayer Ministers:</b>	Tim Chalberg	Malcolm Carroll
<b>Musicians:</b>	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore, Paul Brown