

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-13

1 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!" 18 "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

The Gospel Reading

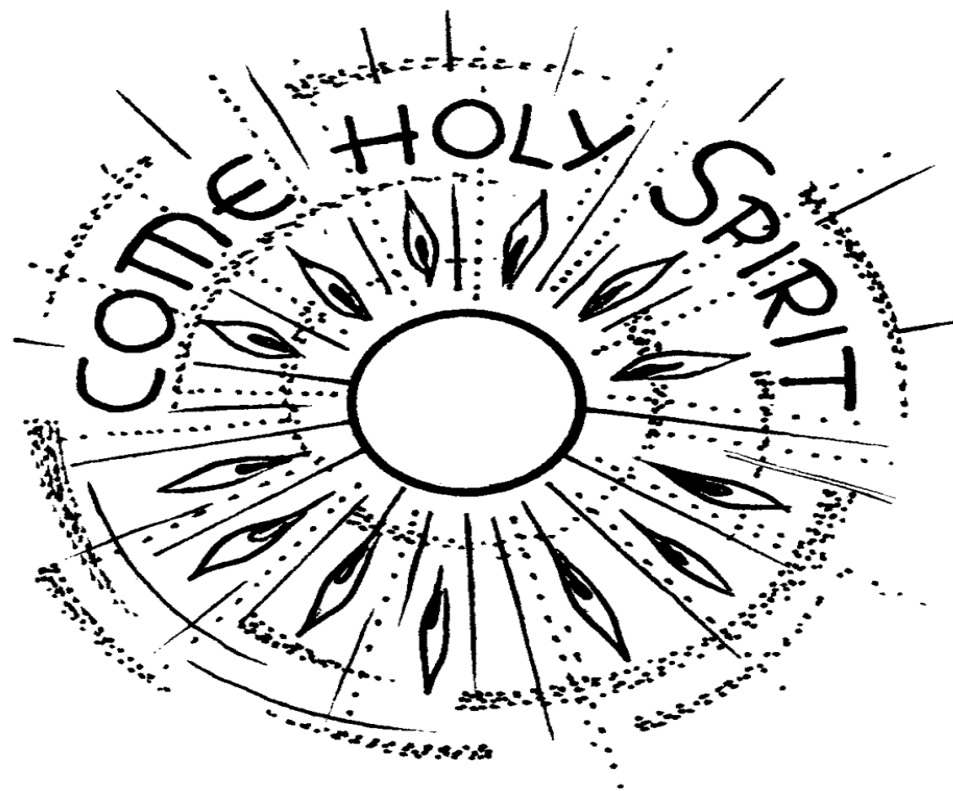
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Water and God's Word

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose...

Isaiah 55:10-11

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org
(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

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 the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during worship. 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 worshipping 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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Paul Baloche 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you. (2x)

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory.

Pour out Your power and love. As we sing holy, holy, holy! (2x)

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

Red Book Hymn 857

Text & music: Rick Founds, b. 1954; Text & music: © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc., admin. Music Services *

"How Great Thou Art"

Red Book Hymn 856

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989; Music: Swedish Folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine; text and music © 1953, ren. 1981 S.K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc. *

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 Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-13

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 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Burgundy Book Hymn 132

Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960; Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Co./Bug and Bear Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing *

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lulubell Babauta

The Apostles' Creed

Burgundy Book p. 35

All: Welcome to the Lord's family and the mission we share! Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and sharing the good news of Jesus with all the world!

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

Prayer Response:

"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

Burgundy Book Hymn 248

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952; Music: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952 © 1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music, admin. Lorenz Publishing Co. *

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord be glorified, be glorified; in my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

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 "It Is Well With My Soul"

Burgundy Book Hymn 194

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888; Music: IT IS WELL, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876 *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Red Book Hymn 671

Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Text and music: © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere *

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

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