



Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 Fourth Sunday in **Lent**, a season of reflection and repentance as we walk with Jesus toward his suffering and death on the cross. Today in John's Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind. What message does God have for us 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.

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.

- For deep reflection & prayer in this season of Lent
- Thanksgiving for the gifts and contributions of women to our society in this Women's History Month
- 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:** family & friends of Herman Diers at his death; Antonio Yune at the death of spouse James Ducker
- **For healing:** Neoma Clay's brother, Craig Cogger, William Garling, David Jacobo, Eric Lee, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Brendan Nelson's dad, Carvin Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Tecler, 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:** Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn 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.

Lenten Soup Suppers Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring soup and bread for the soup suppers 6 pm on **Wednesdays through March 25**. Questions? Ask Nancy Heavey, 752-8450.

Collecting Halal Food Items During Lent this year, we're collecting Halal food items for refugee and immigrant families in Tacoma. See the list on the purple sheet at the Welcome table. Please bring food items to the church office or kitchen refrigerator/freezer if perishable **by Wednesday March 18**.

Special Lenten Offering Our Lent offering is for Thrive International, a nonprofit empowering legal refugees and immigrants in Tacoma to rebuild their lives with dignity and independence through transitional housing and support. Please give to "Peace Lutheran Church," marked "Lenten Offering."

Gospel Choir Rehearsals for Easter Come to the sanctuary **Thursdays in March, 6-7 pm**. Contact Michael Green for info.

Help with Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday April 4, 10-11:30 am is an awesome event for children and families! We need your help to provide plastic eggs filled with candy. (You may purchase 50 plastic eggs and candy at the Dollar Tree.) Bring to the church office by **Thurs, March 26**. If you prefer to donate plastic eggs and candy separately, please do — we will gladly fill the eggs for you. Questions? Contact Jeanie: 253-278-3390.

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: "Seasons of Faith: Lent," a journey through the church seasons; today led by Pastor John

Sunday Adult & Older Youth Classes in Lent at 9:45 am:

Seasons of Faith For **Sundays in Lent**, we explore the seasons of the church year and discover how God meets us as we seek to live lives of justice and faithfulness to God. We journey together with prayer, confession, conversation, and reflection on scripture, art, and music. **Mar. 22** - Easter, **Mar. 29** - Pentecost. Rev. Lynn Longfield, Brendan Nelson, and Pastor John lead.

During Lent – Wednesdays Through Mar. 25, 6-7:30 pm

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)
 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service— **this Wednesday:** Supporting Immigrants and Refugees. We will learn, pray, and take action to support refugees and immigrants in Tacoma. This is the absolute deadline for Halal food items.
 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (adults & youth), Journey of the Heart with Jesus Faith Activity (children)

Centering Prayer for Our Nation You are invited to a time of quiet, shared prayer. In response to the heaviness many carry, we gather with meditative music and in silence to center our hearts, be together, and pray for what is happening in our country. **Saturdays, 12–1 pm through April 4** in the sanctuary. Contact Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390) for more information.

Spring Makers Market Come to the Women's Ministry Spring Makers Market **March 21, 11 am - 2 pm**. Enjoy shopping from local vendors offering pottery, baked goods, greeting cards, candles, plant starters, books, and soaps. Proceeds benefit Women's Ministry. We're seeking additional participating vendors. Contact Julia Kagochi, Leigh Wong, or Lenora Sneva.

Holy Week Worship & Faith Growth Opportunities

- **Sunday, March 29 is Palm/Passion Sunday.** We tell the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, suffering, and death. Worship at 8:30 and 11 am, livestream at 11 am.
- **Thursday, April 2 is Maundy Thursday.** We tell the story of Jesus' last supper, where he washes his disciples' feet and commands them to love one another; we share Communion. Worship in the multipurpose room at 7 pm.
- **Friday, April 3 is Good Friday.** We tell the story of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, of God's deep and abiding love for us. Worship at 7 pm (also live streamed).
- **Saturday, April 4 Easter Eggstravaganza** at 10 am—egg hunt, Easter crafts, Easter story, and food! Great for families!
- **Sunday, April 5 is Easter!** We tell the story of the empty tomb and God's power for life over death. Praise God! Jesus is risen! Worship at 8:30 & 11 am, livestream at 11 am.
 - **9:30 am Easter breakfast**
 - **10:30 am Godly Play Easter Children's Story**

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
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- **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: Jeanie Correa **Tech:** Brad Wills **Van Driver:** Andrew Wright
Nursery: Brianna Miller **Breakfast:** Lorena Guerrero **Snack:** Jeanie Correa

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Diane Powers	Jo Nivling-Izquierdo
Readers:	Robin McGaughy, Duncan Johnson, Diane Powers	Leigh Wong, Jay Maebori, Spenser Thomas
Usher:	Don Whittles	Gretchen Duggan
Prayer Minister:	Sandra Puckett	Leigh Wong
Musician:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore
Welcome & Support:	Neoma Clay	Neoma Clay