



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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.

We are in the church season of **Epiphany**, meaning "a revealing," and we're keeping our eyes open to the ways God is revealed in our lives. Light and mission are Epiphany themes.

In our Gospel reading, the light of the world (Jesus!) calls his followers (us!) to let the light of our good works shine before others, giving glory to God. Director of Community Engagement & Outreach Brendan Nelson shares the sermon.

Today is **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**. We collect money for ELCA World Hunger.

Today **we welcome guests** from all over the country in town for the ELCA Multiethnic/ Intersectional Ministries Leaders Gathering hosted at Peace this week!

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 will be out of town Feb. 13-16. Brendan Nelson will be providing pastoral care.

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.

- Thanksgiving for the gifts of the African American community in this Black History Month
- For ELCA Multiethnic and Intersectional Ministries!
- 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
- For healing: Neoma Clay's brother, William Garling, 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 Teclemariam, 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, Dezmynt 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.

Prayer Chain Sandra Puckett has retired after 15 years as Prayer Chain Coordinator at Peace. Thanks, Sandra! Gail Storrs will assume leadership. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain praying throughout the week for people and situations requested by the people of Peace, please email Gail at gailstorrs@gmail.com.

Faith Action Network Interfaith Advocacy Day Thursday, February 20, 9 am–3 pm. Meet at The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia 98501, and later move on to the Capitol Building. Sign up now for the best chance to meet with your legislator, build your advocacy skills and strategize together for collective change. Final day for registration is Monday, Feb. 3. <https://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/>

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

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 Education: Today: What Is the ELCA Multiethnic/Intersectional Ministries Network? Led by Rev. Moses Barrios and Brendan Nelson

Adult & Older Youth Education Next Sunday at 9:45 am

- **February 15:** Love Thy Neighbor: Ministry of Place Feasibility Study Update, led by Brendan Nelson

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

Seasons of Faith For 6 Sundays starting February 22, we will explore the seasons of the church year and discover how God meets us in the seasons of our lives through stories of Jesus, his teachings, and church seasonal themes as we seek to live lives of justice and faithfulness to God. This Lent, through prayer, confession, and reflection with scripture, art, music, and

conversation we journey together as a community of faith.

Feb. 22 - Advent, **Mar. 1** - Christmas, **Mar. 8** - Epiphany, **Mar. 15** - Lent, **Mar. 22** - Easter, **Mar. 29** - Pentecost. Rev. Lynn Longfield, Brendan Nelson, and Pastor John will lead.

Thursday Community Bible Study Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the Conference Room and online on Teams **Thursdays from 1-2 pm** on the scripture readings for next Sunday's worship. Email Pastor John for the Teams link.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Game Night! On **Fat Tuesday February 17**, the day before Lent begins, come to an intergenerational pancake dinner and domino night from **6-7:30 pm!** We'll eat pancakes with all the fixins and play dominoes and board games! Take home a domino set! Join the fun!

Ash Wednesday Worship February 18 we gather for worship at 7 pm (also live streamed) to begin the 40-day Lenten journey to the cross and beyond to Jesus' resurrection. Ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality; yet, in the midst of death, there is new life in Christ! We will share a time of Confession and Holy Communion in worship.

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

- 6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)
- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service
- 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (adults & youth), Journey with Jesus Faith Activity (children)

Lent Devotional Resources See all-church email for links.

Centering Prayer for Our Nation You are invited to a time of quiet, shared prayer. In response to the heaviness many of us are carrying, we will gather with meditative music and in silence to center our hearts, be together, and pray with pure intention for what is happening in our country. **Saturdays, 12–1 pm Feb. 21–Apr. 4** in the sanctuary. Contact Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390) for more information.

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.

Black History Month See the all-church email with events.

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:** Brad Wills **Van Driver:** Will Jones
Breakfast: The Fleshers **Snack:** Rhonda Abel
Nursery: Brianna Miller

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Diane Powers	Pam Asadi
Reader:	Dean Sawhill	Andrew Wright
Usher:	Viviane Sawhill	Eric Lee
Prayer Minister:	Tim Chalberg	Jo Nivling-Izquredo
Musician:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore
Song Leaders:	Sarah Perkins	Sarah Perkins
Welcome & Support:	Lorena Guerrero	Rebecca Foster