



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany – Global Mission Sunday

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.

Today's emphasis is **Global Mission**, God's work to bless, love, and save the whole world. We hear music and sing songs from many countries and cultures, celebrate the diversity of God's children, and lift up the work of global partners in ministry!

You're invited to **purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate** today between worship services. It's an act of justice!

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.

- **Thanksgiving for the gifts of the African American community in this Black History Month**
- **For the ELCA Multiethnic and Intersectional Ministries Leaders Gathering hosted by Peace February 5-8**
- **For all impacted by the massive winter storm**
- **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, Ukraine, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, eastern Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Venezuela, Yemen
- **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, Shawna 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 Seigny, 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); Seignys 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.

Global Mission Sunday Potluck Breakfast 9:30 am Today
Bring a dish to share that adds to our global table.

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. You will receive an email when new requests are posted that can be viewed on a secure webpage.

Faith Action Network Interfaith Advocacy Day Thursday, February 12, 8:30 am–3 pm. State Capitol in Olympia (exact location details to be shared soon). One of the largest gatherings of people of faith in the state Capitol. We bring the voices of compassion and justice to our elected leaders. Meet with your legislators and their staff on this day and put your faith into action! Register: <https://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/>

Fat Tuesday Food Able to bring juice, fruit, or toppings for our **February 17** pancake feed? If so, please connect with or contact Rebecca Foster at rfoster10@outlook.com.

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing them to Peace Lutheran Church by **March 31** by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

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: Youth and Adult Conversation – Sharing Wisdom Generation to Generation, led by Manis Pierre

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- **February 8:** What Is the ELCA Multiethnic/Intersectional Ministries Network? Led by Rev. Moses Barrios and Brendan Nelson
- **February 15:** Love Thy Neighbor: Ministry of Place Feasibility Study Update, led by Brendan Nelson

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.

Sunday February 8: We Welcome Special Guests We welcome ELCA church leaders from all over the country who are in town February 5-8 to attend a gathering we're hosting at Peace lifting up and supporting ELCA Multiethnic and Intersectional Ministries!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Game Night! On **Fat Tuesday February 17**, the day before Lent begins, come to an intergenerational pancake dinner and game night from **6-7:30 pm!** We'll eat pancakes with all the fixins, play dominoes and board games, and families will receive free domino sets! Come!

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.

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.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacomia.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacomia.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacomia.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacomia.org
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacomia.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacomia.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacomia.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damshe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacomia.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa	Tech: Don Gillis
Van Driver: Andrew Wright	Breakfast: Global Mission Sunday Potluck
Snack: Sally Perkins	Nursery: Brianna Miller
Assisting Minister: 8:30 am	11 am
Reader: Tim Chalberg	Kit Thompson
	Trevor Kagochi
	Dagmar Williams
Usher: Sandra Puckett	Ben Flesher
	Shelley & Jay Maebori
Prayer Minister: Viviane Sawhill	Michael Green
Musicians/Song Michael Green	
Leaders: Manis Pierre	Manis Pierre, Trevor Kagochi
	Gretchen Duggan
Welcome & Support: Rebecca Foster	Pam Asadi