



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

August 23, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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! During the summer we worship Sundays at 10 am and live stream the service online. 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're in the church season of **Pentecost**. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. Reflecting on key scripture passages in her life, Diane Powers shares her faith story today.

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: During worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom.

Pastor John and Brendan Nelson are away through August 30. For pastoral care please contact Rev. Jim Riede (253-686-0837).

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 immigrants and refugees
- All affected by wildfires
- 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
- **All who are grieving:** Allison Kies at the death of Allison's husband Alan Kies, Dwayne and Charlene Carpenter at their brother Charlie's death, Peggy Hurd at her son's death, for comfort and hope in God
- **For healing:** Craig & Mary Cogger, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Jeff Lulay, Robin McGaughy, Abigail Mills, Brendan Nelson's parents, Sharon Olson, Sally Perkins, Dwight & Tina Steenberg, Eileen Strittmatter
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, 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:** Renee Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Seigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Izzy Flourney, 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); Seignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **Children's Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445 (*on break*)
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 (*on break*)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, July 30 and Aug. 6, 6 pm; sing 2nd Sundays in July & Aug. at 10 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after 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.

Church Cleaning Day We're gathering for a focused cleaning morning on **Saturday, August 29, 10-12:00 pm**. It's a two-hour push to freshen up two important spaces: the cry room and the kitchen. If you can spare a little time, your help will make a big difference. Come ready for light scrubbing, organizing, and giving these well-used areas some extra care. Questions? Talk to Rebecca Foster (reebsfoster@gmail.com).

Cereal Sunday **Sunday September 6** is our final cold breakfast of the summer, and it's Cereal Sunday! Come at 9 am for a simple, fun breakfast featuring a big variety of cereals, including those nostalgic sugary ones! Fruit and protein will also be available to round out the meal. If you're able to bring cereal or milk, please talk to Rebecca Foster (reebsfoster@gmail.com).

Rally Sunday Back to School Bake-Off Whip up one of your favorite **homemade** back-to-school themed cakes, cupcakes, cookies, or bars and bring them **Sunday September 13** to share **after 11 am worship**. Prizes (and bragging rights) for first place in each of 3 categories (cakes, cupcakes, cookies/bars)! Sign up on the clipboard at the Welcome Table.

Sunday Tech Person Needed Interested in serving in the tech/sound corner live streaming 11 am worship on Sundays (10 am in the summer)? Shadowing/training is provided. Please contact Pastor John. Thanks!

Church Office Helpers Needed Contact Damishe to help.

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

Regular Summer Sunday Morning Schedule (thru Sept. 6)

- **9 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **10 am: Worship (also livestream)**
- **Following Worship: Refreshments & Fellowship**

Rally Sunday Get ready! Game on! Celebrate the return of our regular Sunday schedule of worship and faith formation offerings on **Sunday, September 13**. We're rallying! Wear your favorite sports gear. Come ready to cheer on and join in. We will celebrate in the multipurpose room with a **great breakfast starting at 9:30 am** and **introduce fall faith offerings starting at 9:45 am**. **After 11 am worship we'll eat goodies and share fellowship at a Back-to-School Bake-off!** Don't miss it!

Women's Bible Study This past year women of Peace participated in four manuscript Bible studies on Luke's Gospel. We are continuing our study of Luke starting in September. Meeting times will be about 2 hours twice a month. If you participated last year, contact Leigh and jump back into a Bible

study! If you haven't had a chance to join a Bible study but want to now, contact Leigh! Text or email 253-302-7641 or leighawong@gmail.com. Starts the week of September 14.

Come level up on a Discipleship Quest! Join Pastor Brendan & Shelley Maebori as we learn about loving & following Jesus together in community. We will share meals together & work in teams to study & practice Discipleship on **Wednesday, September 16, 6-8 pm; Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am; Sunday, November 15, 12-2 pm**. Join us as we play games (and earn prizes!), complete challenges, study scripture & grow in faith. Childcare is provided. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Questions? Call/text Shelley at (509) 387-1858.

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Alan Kies

We will gather at Peace Lutheran Church **Saturday September 26 at 10:30 am** for a memorial service to give thanks to God for the life of Alan Kies and hear words of comfort and hope in God to help us in our grief. A reception with food and fellowship will follow in the multipurpose room. Please keep Allison and family and our whole community in your prayers.

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.

Community Information

School Ready On Day 1 Kids Health & Safety Fair

Saturday, August 29, 10-1 pm at the Tacoma Dome, 2727 East D Street, Tacoma 98421. Free dental cleanings, vision and hearing screenings, backpacks with school supplies, and more. Free! Sponsored by the Tacoma Police Department.

People of the Resistance What does it mean to follow Jesus in times such as this? What happens when our core values are under attack? Author and speaker, Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse, will address how this "Bonhoeffer moment" calls people to resist an unjust State by exploring the topics: "The Threat of Christian Nationalism," "Competing Visions of Christianity in America," and "Courageous Discipleship in Action." **Sunday August 30, 3-5 pm** at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Tacoma.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: T-F, 9 am-5 pm

- **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: Rebecca Foster	Tech: Don Gillis
Van Driver: Rob Preston	Nursery: Brianna Miller
Breakfast: Church Council	Snack: Jo Nivling-Izquierdo
Assisting Minister: Antonio Yune	
Reader: Spenser Thomas	
Usher: Cynthia Edwards	
Prayer Minister: Robin McGaughy	
Musician: Michael Green,	
Welcome & Support: Lorena Guerrero	