

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

“And who knows if perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” — Esther 4:14

FATSAT (For a Time Such as This) meets every second Sunday following 11am worship in the classroom across the alley.

Our next gathering is February 8th. All are welcome!!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The Old Testament

The Gospel Reading

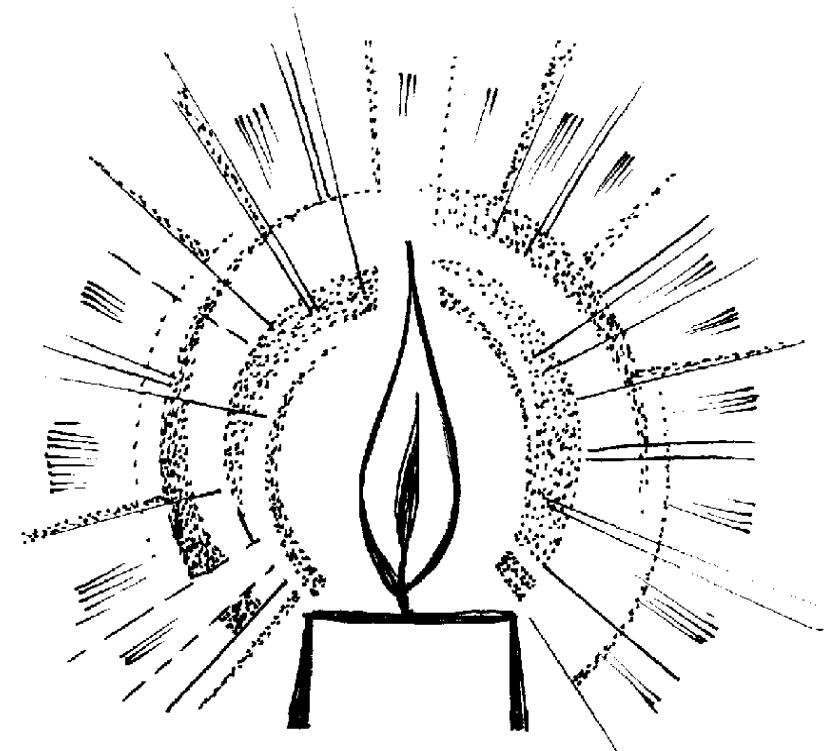
Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

Peace Lutheran Church

Word of Life: For a Time Such As This

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday After Epiphany



The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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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 person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.

+ 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 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). 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 worshiping 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

Diane Powers

Opening Songs

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Burgundy Book Hymn 64

Graham Kendrick; Music: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Integrity's Hosanna! Music in N., S., & C. America *

"This Little Light of Mine"

Burgundy Book Hymn 65

Text and music: African American traditional spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935; Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer *

"Be Thou My Vision"

Red Book Hymn 793

Text: Irish, 8th cent; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional *

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

8:30 am Nancy Heavey; 11 am Nick Cox

Song "Hope of the World" Georgia Elma Harkness 1954 *

Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; Save us, your people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: Still let your Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: Walk now beside us, lest the tempting byways lure us away from you to endless night.

Hope of the world who by your cross did save us
From death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:

We render back the love your mercy gave us; take now our lives and use them as you will.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,

Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain:

We would be faithful to your gospel glorious; you are our Lord, and you forever reign!

FATSAT - What's That?

Lynn Longfield

Candle-Lighting

Tom Heavey

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

Isaiah 9:1-4

Song "The Lord Is My Light" based on Psalm 27

Text and music: Psalm 27; adapt. Lillian Bouknight, arr. Paul Gainer; © 1980 Savgoz Music, admin. Malaco Music *

Burgundy Book Hymn 61

8:30 am Congregation; 11 am Gospel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

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

Reflection Sheet Introduction

Diane Powers (see insert)

The Message

Lament

Hope

Action "After These Lamentations"

8:30 am Sally Perkins; 11 am Andrew Wright

Jo Nivling-Izquierdo

Lucas Smiraldo

Special Music "I Know Where I Have Been (There Is a Light in the Darkness)"

by Queen Latifah (see insert)

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

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

Prayer Response: "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" Red Book Hymn 752

Ken Medema 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema, B.1943 © 1973 Hope Publishing Co *

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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.)

Instrumental Communion Music

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Jesus, the Light of the World (We'll Walk in the Light)"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788: addl. Test "J.V.C."; adapt. George Elderkin; Music: George Elderkin *

Burgundy Book Hymn 59

A Word on the Distribution of Candles: Please stop by the Welcome Table to pick up one candle per household (batteries included!).

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

Candle Distribution

Pat Ferguson, Nancy Heavey, Diane Powers

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