



## Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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Where Every One Is a Minister

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

### March 29, 2026 – Palm/Passion 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](http://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 **Palm/Passion Sunday**, first day of Holy Week. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus’ entry into the royal city of Jerusalem as a humble king, sitting on a donkey, while the crowd places coats and branches on his path. Our tradition is to wave palm branches, shout “Hosanna,” sing, and process into the sanctuary. Inside, the mood changes from celebration to somberness as we remember the story of Jesus’ suffering and death, the “passion” of our Lord, a story of God’s deep love.

Today we wave sword ferns instead of palms, connecting more to our life in the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to Ben and Lisa Flesher for providing the ferns.

**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 & Mary Cogger, Armonie Danials, 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 Teclerian, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: [lynn\\_longfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn_longfield@hotmail.com), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:gailstorrs@gmail.com)
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: [gailstorrs@gmail.com](mailto:gailstorrs@gmail.com), 222-5246, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 **Thursday April 2, 6-7 pm** and **Saturday, April 4 at 12 pm**. Contact Michael Green for info.

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Explorers class for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Feet to Faith class for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Adult & Older Youth: "Seasons of Faith: Pentecost," a journey through the church seasons; today led by Rev. Lynn Longfield

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

**Seasons of Faith** On **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. Rev. Lynn Longfield, Brendan Nelson, and Pastor John lead.

**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.

## Holy Week Worship & Faith Growth Opportunities

- **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, and support youth ministry**
  - **10:30 am Godly Play Easter Children's Story**
  - **Please bring cut flowers to place on the cross outside the church main doors when you come on Easter!**
  - **Please bring Easter lilies for the altar on Saturday April 4 from 10 am - 12 pm or Easter Sunday morning**

**Homeless Persons' Memorial Service Sunday March 29 at 6 pm.** Shiloh Baptist Church in Tacoma hosts a gathering (also live streamed at [www.facebook.com/chaplain.edj](http://www.facebook.com/chaplain.edj)) to remember those who died unsheltered in the past three months.

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
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- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, [plcadmin@peacetacoma.org](mailto:plcadmin@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

**Altar Guild:** Jeanie Correa **Tech:** Don Gillis **Van Driver:** Will Jones  
**Nursery:** Brianna Miller **Breakfast:** Leigh Wong & Family  
**Snack:** Teresa Jackson

	8:30 am	11 am
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Tim Chalberg	Jo Nivling Izquierdo
<b>Readers:</b>	Craig Cogger, Tim Chalberg Ennis Alozie-Fehlauer	Eric Lee, Jay Maebori, Jo Nivling Izquierdo
<b>Usher:</b>	Teri Jelinek	Trevor Kagochi
<b>Prayer Minister:</b>	Neoma Clay	Shelley & Jay Maebori
<b>Musician:</b>	Kathy Hanawalt	Kathy Hanawalt
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Siri Preston	Siri Preston
<b>Welcome &amp; Support:</b>	Neoma Clay	Zoe Forbes