

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Psalm

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant. 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

24 Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26 So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The Gospel Reading

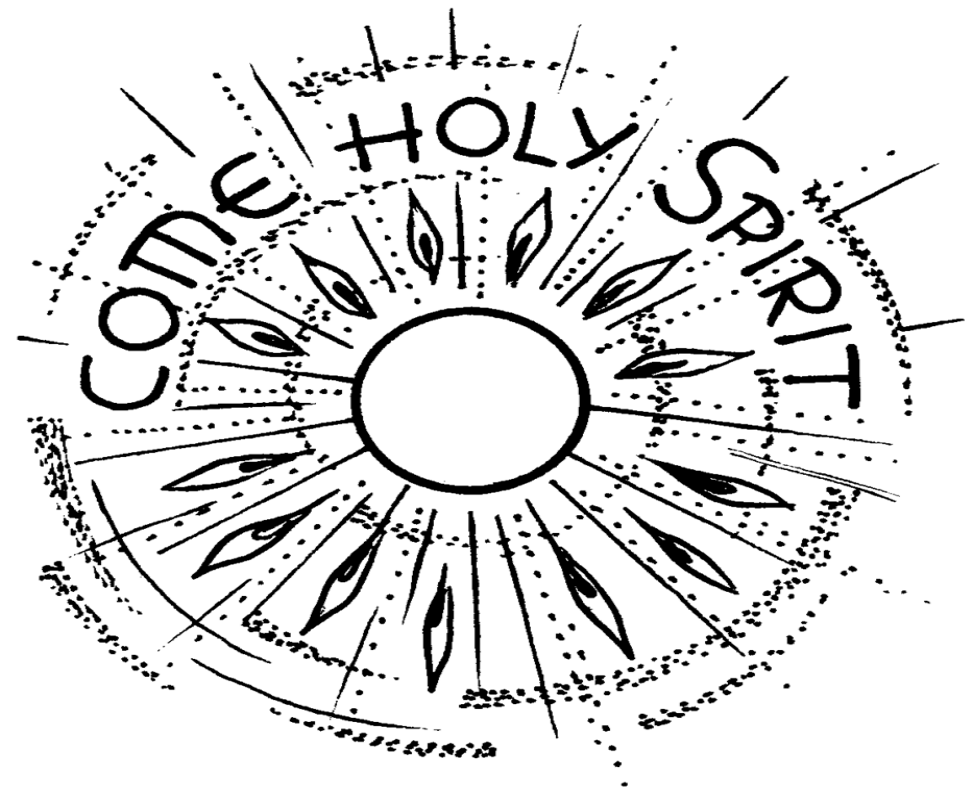
Matthew 10:40-42

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Priorities and Commitment

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus said,
"So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows...
Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 10:31,39

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org

(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

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

Opening Songs "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord"

Gregg Sewell 1989 Signed form LCS. The Lorenz Corp *

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, yes he is good. (2x)

For he is worthy, worthy, he is good, yes he is good. (2x)

"This Is the Day"

Burgundy Book Hymn 262

Text: Psalm 118:24; Music: Les Garrett, b. 1944; Music © 1967 Scripture in Song, a division of Integrity Music, Inc. *

"We Worship Christ the Lord" James Moore *

We worship Christ the Lord. (2x)

We lift our hands to him today, we worship Christ the Lord.

We magnify the Lord. (2x)

We lift our hands to him today, we worship Christ the Lord.

Sharing God's Peace

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

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The Psalm

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The Gospel Song "Holy Ground"

Bill & Gloria Gaither, Homecoming Hymns 2000 *

We are standing on holy ground, and I know there angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

The Gospel Song "Holy Ground"

End of School Year Blessing

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Why Should I Feel Discouraged" Burgundy Book Hymn 252

Text: Civilla D. Martin 1866-1948; Music: HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, Charles H. Gabriel 1856-1932*

Time for Honoring Fathers

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

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

Prayer Response: "Something Beautiful"

GLORIA GAITHER, WILLIAM J. GAITHER, Lyrics © Capitol CMG Publishing *

Something beautiful, something good, all my confusion he understood.

All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,

But he made something beautiful of my life.

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.)

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together" Burgundy Book Hymn 123

Text: Richard Blanchard, b. 1925; Music: FILL MY CUP, Richard Blanchard, b. 1925; arr. Eugene Clark © 1964 Word Music, Inc. *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "I Give Thanks Unto the Lord" Public domain *

I give thanks unto the Lord for his goodness to me, (2x)

for his mercy endureth forever, I give thanks unto the Lord.

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

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