



## Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

## March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent

**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. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. Please wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the **Third Sunday in Lent**, a season of reflection and repentance as we walk with Jesus toward his suffering and death on the cross. In today's gospel, Jesus helps his followers—us—into a healthier perspective on God and suffering.

Today during 11 am worship we celebrate the **baptism** of Ada Detweiler! Blessings, child of God!

As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we're encouraged to practice three Lenten disciplines: fasting (giving up something that is distracting us from a deeper relationship with God), almsgiving (taking on acts of loving service that draw us closer to God), and prayer (connecting to the source of life).

**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. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Deacon Charissa Carroll 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
- 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
- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence,

naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd

- 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 amidst violence or unrest; in Gaza & Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Sudan, Central African Republic, 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: Loretta Carter, Jeanie Correa, Layla Martin, Brendan Nelson's dad, Shawna Teclemariam
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Kathy Olson, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Allijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Sevigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

### Small Group Gatherings

- Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group: Sarah ButlerWills: 206-459-6357, first Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bryant Neighborhood Center
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Conversations Around Race: Ted Johnstone: 370-1073
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm (on break until after Easter)

- **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
- **Men's Ministry:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain: Sandra Pucket:** 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [pucketsandra67@gmail.com](mailto:pucketsandra67@gmail.com)
- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769, 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

## Opportunities to Serve

**Regular Offering to Peace** Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253) 383-1317.

**Join the Gospel Choir** Rehearsals are first, second, and third Thursdays at 6 pm. Gospel Choir sings in 11 am worship second and fourth Sundays. Share the gift of your voice in song! Questions? Contact Michael Green, [thegreenlife@hotmail.com](mailto:thegreenlife@hotmail.com)

**Altar Guild Folks Needed** Feel called to serve by preparing the Communion elements and helping to decorate the sanctuary for worship? Contact Jeanie Correa (253) 278-3390.

**Van Driver Needed** Feel called to drive the van occasionally to transport folks to worship? Please contact Pastor John.

**Collecting Items for Deportation Bags** We are collecting gently used or new items (adult pants, shirts, shoes, jackets, new socks, new underwear) to be given through AIDNW to immigrants being deported from the US. **Items due today or bring them this Wednesday at 6 pm.**

**Special Lenten Offering for Global Refuge** Our special Lent offering is for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services), a faith-based nonprofit providing support to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Please give to "Peace Lutheran Church," marked "Lent Offering."

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

**Help with Easter Eggstravanza** It's **Saturday April 19, 10-11:30 am** at Peace, an awesome event for children and families. We need your help to provide plastic eggs and candy. You can get 50 eggs for \$2.50 at the Dollar Store, stuff them for \$5. We are asking you to provide as many eggs as you want stuffed with candy and bring them to the church office by April 15. If you don't want to stuff but will provide plastic eggs and candy, we will stuff the eggs. Questions? Contact Jeanie: 253-278-3390.

**Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to Respond?** Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails.

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

**Sunday Morning Schedule** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am, and we live stream worship online at 11 am. We share breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am, a Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am, and refreshments and fellowship after 11 am worship.

## Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 5th grade
- Feet to Faith class for 6th-8th graders
- Adult & Older Youth Education: Movie *Origin* and Discussion, led by Julia Kagochi and the Anti-Racism Work Group

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

For the Sundays in Lent through April 13, we are viewing and discussing the moving movie *Origin*. Based on the book *Caste*, *Origin* explores the hierarchies that wound the human spirit and divide us from each other. Lent, a season of self-reflection and commitment to transformation, is the perfect time to face the truth of our societal and cultural sins of discrimination, racism, and caste and, through the power of God's Spirit, help us commit to living into hope for a more life-giving future for ourselves and everyone. Led by the Anti-Racism work group.

## During Lent – Wednesdays through April 9, 6-7:30 pm

- 6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)
- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service – **this Wednesday: We will learn about the work of AIDNW (Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest), pray for immigrant neighbors, write cards, and collect items for deportation bags for immigrants deported from the US.**
- 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (adults & youth), Prayer Journey with Jesus Faith Activity (children)

**Lent Devotional Resources** See all-church email for links.

**Homeless Persons' Memorial Service Today at 5 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.

**Interested in Learning More about Faith in God and Service through Peace Church? Want to Become a Member of Peace?** Join a Saturday class in the multipurpose room **Mar. 29 from 10 – 2:30 pm** called "Foundations of Faith and Peace" exploring marks of being a follower of Jesus and what it means to serve him in and through Peace Lutheran Church. Lunch provided. Interested? Talk to Pastor John. **New members will be received in worship on Sunday, April 6.**

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, [brendan@peacetacoma.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacoma.org)
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## Assisting Today

**Altar Guild:** Rebecca Foster

**Tech:** Peter Jacobson

**Nursery:** Brianna Miller

**Van Driver:** Andrew Wright

**Breakfast:** Janet Willis, Don Whittles

**Snacks:** Allison Kies

**Welcome & Watch:** Dagmar Williams

**Assisting Minister:** Tim Chalberg

**11 am**

**Reader:** Sally Perkins

Charissa Carroll

**Greeter:** Janet Willis

Lisa Flesher

**Usher:** Craig Cogger

Brendan Nelson

**Prayer Ministers:** Robin McGaughy

Sarah ButlerWills

**Musicians:** Twylla Moore

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