

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Transfiguration Sunday

The Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

The Psalm

Psalm 2

The New Testament

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Gospel Reading

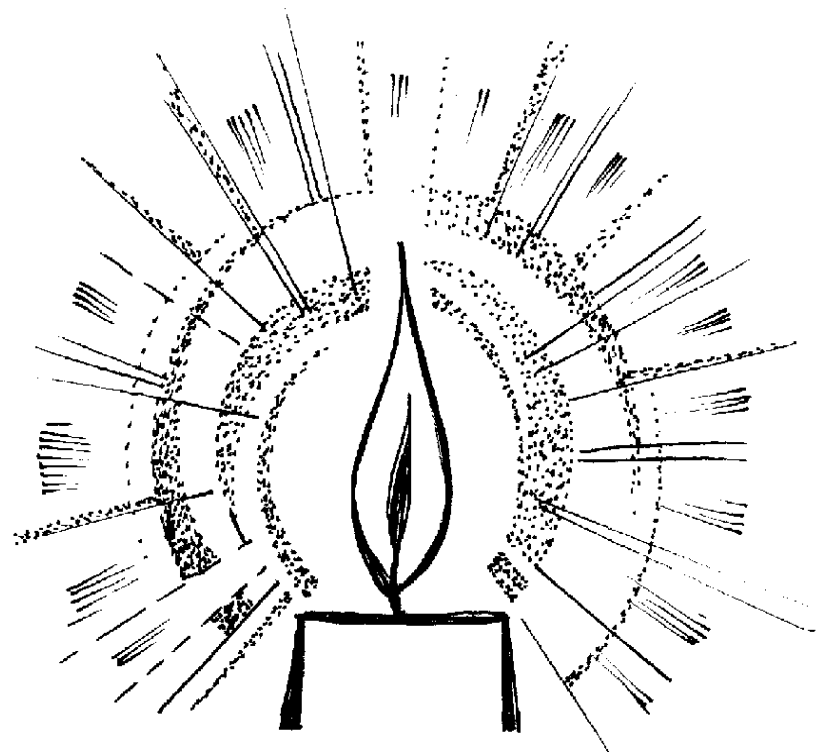
Matthew 17:1-9

Peace Lutheran Church

Word of Life:
You Are Salt and Light

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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

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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

Opening Songs "What a Mighty God We Serve"

Text and music: traditional *

Burgundy Book Hymn 295

"You Are My Peace" Juanita Bynum- Morning Glory Vol 1 1998 *

You are my peace, you are my peace, you are my peace and I worship you.

Peace, my peace, peace and I worship you.

"Heal The Land" New Direction, 2004, Album: Rain *

Refrain: Heal the land, heal the land, my prayer is heal the land (2x)

Innocent blood in the land, so much killing in the land,

People are dying in the land, my prayer is heal the land.

There is hatred in the land, there is crime in the land,

We need your love in the land, my prayer is heal the land. *Refrain...*

So much trouble in the land, guns and drugs in the land,

Protests on the uprise in the land, my prayer is heal the land.

Social injustice in the land, earthquakes and fires in the land,

We need your love in the land, my prayer is heal the land. *Refrain...*

Come on Jesus, won't you heal the land (2x)

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 New Testament

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

The Gospel Song "They Belong to God"

Mother Willie Mae Rivers; Rivers of Melody Music; YouTube Music *

All the glory, the honor, the praises all day they belong to God. (2x)

They belong to God, they belong to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

The Gospel Song "They Belong to God"

Sermon

Brendan Nelson, Director of Community Engagement & Outreach

Song of the Day "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 *

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: "Give Me You" Shana Wilson 2012 "I Love You" (Live) *

Give me you, everything else can wait, Lord give me you, I hope I'm not too late. (2x)

It's me, O Lord, I'm on my knees crying out to you.(2x)

11 am Gospel Choir

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 "Sanctuary"

Text: Randy Scruggs & John W. Thompson, adpt. by Billy Jonas (the original lyric is "Lord prepare me..."); c. 1982 Whole Armor Publishing *

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lead me (echo) where you want me to be (echo)

Guide me (echo) where you want me to go (echo)

Move me (echo) where you want me to go (echo)

Yes (echo) yes to your will (echo), Yes (echo) yes to your way (echo),

Yes (echo) yes I'll obey (echo).

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "One More Time"

Rev James Moore: Live at Jackson State Univ. 1995 *

One more time, one more time, He allowed us to come together one more time. (2x)

Pray together... Sing together...

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

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