Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

November 15, 2026 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

***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

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:45 am: Faith Education Hour
- 11 am: Worship (also livestream) followed by Refreshments

It is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. What is God's message for us today?

Commitment Brochure: If you have not turned in your Commitment brochure making a pledge of your time, talent, and treasure for the church's ministry in 2027, please place it in the Offering box or send it to the church office. Didn't receive one? Pick one up at the Welcome Table or contact Pastor John.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance. If you have questions, concerns, prayer requests, or desire pastoral care, contact Pastor John.

May you know God's peace this week!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer, tell the pastor or call the church office. 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.

- For the gifts of our indigenous siblings in this Native American Heritage Month
- For our church to lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism; for deep reflection and acknowledgment of prejudices in ourselves and racism in our systems and institutions, and for wisdom to act to call out and dismantle racism in all its forms and work for God's justice
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center seeking an Executive Director
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- Peace and justice for all experiencing global violence
- For hope: immigrants & refugees, all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, incarcerated, all experiencing brokenness in relationships, sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions
- The grieving: the community of Greater Heights Church of God in Christ (including the families of Brendan Nelson and Twylla Moore) at the death of their beloved Pastor Penton, for comfort and hope in God
- For healing: Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Aida Perez, Tina Steenberg, Shauna Teclemariam, Rick Trombley
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Jeanie Correa, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Renee Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Jeremiah & Kamari Carroll, Tyler Daikoku, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Bea Kelzenberg, Evelyn Luippold, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Audrey Preston, Aiden Shelton, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Abigail Steenberg
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Rachel Boss, Bul Ajak Bul, Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn 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 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st 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, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This**: Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, usually 2nd Sundays after 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
- **Women's Bible Studies**: Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm

Opportunities to Give and Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support to the church! Please share your offering in the Offering box at the sanctuary entrance or send by mail or donate on the church website. To set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253) 383-1317.

Commitment Sunday Follow Up Have you pledged your time, talent, and treasure to God for the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2027? To date we've received 37 financial pledges totaling $292,912. Thanks for sharing God's gifts!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship Sat, Nov. 21 at 5:30 pm. Come to this community celebration at Peace in the multipurpose room as we thank God for all God's good gifts! You're invited to bring a potluck item (hams and a turkey are especially needed—sign up at Welcome Table!) and invite friends, family, and neighbors. All are welcome! Questions? Call Teresa Jackson 253-318-4420.

Give to Help Families for the Holidays Want to help a family in need this season? Donate to Peace Lutheran Church noted "Holiday Help" or bring a gift card for Fred Meyer or WinCo to the office by December 14. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church or Peace Community Center by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

Sunday Tech Person Needed Interested in serving in the tech/sound corner live streaming 11 am worship? Training/ shadowing is provided. Please contact Pastor John. Thanks!

Peace Breakfast Providers Needed Able to provide a Sunday breakfast in Nov or Dec? Sign up on the Welcome Table clipboard. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson 253-318-4420.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Sunday Morning Faith Offerings (9:45-10:45 am)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Adult and Youth Forum: For a Time Such as This Reflections from Retreat, led by members of the FATSAT small group

Upcoming Adult and Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- November 22: Lutheran Migrant Solidarity Network, led by Manis and Rachel Pierre

Discipleship Quest! Join Brendan Nelson & Shelley Maebori as we learn about loving and following Jesus together in community. We will share a meal and work in teams to study and practice discipleship Sunday, Nov. 15, 12:30-2:30 pm. Play games (and earn prizes!), complete challenges, study scripture, grow in faith! Childcare is provided. To sign up, call/text Shelley at (509) 387-1858.

Transportation Need a ride to worship? Call the church 253-383-1317 and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

Youth Ministry Parent/Guardian/Adult Leader Meeting We are in an interim time in youth ministry, and we want to gather caring adults in the lives of our youth (6th-12th grade) for a conversation around how we're moving forward. We're looking for your feedback, ideas, and support. Please come to an important meeting on Wednesday November 18 at 6:30 pm at Peace. In the future, look for monthly youth dinners and a process to hire a new Youth Minister. Questions? Talk with Pastor John.

Youth Outing to Zoolights! Youth are invited to join us for an outing to Zoolights on Sunday November 29 at 5 pm! Enjoy dazzling lights, time with friends, and a fun evening celebrating the season. Contact Brendan Nelson for more information or questions.

Youth Dinner Please join the Peace youth for a progressive dinner in the Hilltop on Sunday**,** December 13, from 5-7 pm. We'll start with appetizers with Sally and Lynn, enjoy our main course with the Hanawalts, and end with dessert and games with the Kagochis. Pick up and drop off will be at the Hanawalt's house (1601 S Sheridan Ave). Contact Kathy Hanawalt for more details (253-572-0133).

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 Dec. 5 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 Sunday, December 13.

Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:45 am (in person and online via Teams) Agenda:

- Election of Council Officers & At-Large Council Members
- Adoption of the 2027 Ministry Plan (Budget)

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: Tue-Fri, 9 am–5 pm

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102 or call or text 253-777-3029
- **Youth Minister:** vacant
- **Children's Minister**: Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director and Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org (away on sabbatical Oct. 1-31)

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa **Tech**: Jay Maebori **Van Driver**: Antonio Yune
Nursery: Brianna Miller **Breakfast**: Leigh Wong
Snack: Rhonda Abel **Welcome & Support**: Gretchen Duggan

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Diane Powers	Brendan Nelson
Reader:	Robin McGaughy	Lorena Guerrero
Usher:	Don Whittles	Gretchen Duggan
Prayer Ministers:	Sandra Puckett	Leigh Wong, Neoma Clay
Musician:	Brad Wills	Brad Wills