



## 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”

### May 17, 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**, a season of 50 days! We celebrate with hope and joy the resurrection of Jesus! In our reading from Acts, Jesus promises his followers the Holy Spirit for power to witness and then ascends into heaven, while his followers watch and then pray and wait for the Spirit. What is God’s message for us today?

This Easter season you’re invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on the Ukrainian Easter eggs, signs of hope and new life, made by the Women of Peace.

**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.*

- **Praise at the birth of baby Elsie to Brianna Miller and Ronnie Maldonado Velasquez!**
- **Thanksgiving for the gifts of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander communities in this AANHPI Heritage month**
- **For Foss High School and all affected by the recent tragic stabbings**
- **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
- **For healing:** Neoma Clay’s brother, Craig & Mary Cogger, Armonie Danials, William Garling, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Brendan Nelson’s dad, Parker Pedrick, Sally Perkins, Rocco, Eileen Strittmatter, Kit Thompson, Carvin Williams, Roc Worden
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, 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:** 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 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 253-318-4220.

**Usher and Reader Training** Interested in serving as an usher or reader on a Sunday for worship at Peace? Please come to a brief training after each worship service today. Questions? Contact Diane Powers ([dianeeslibre@gmail.com](mailto:dianeeslibre@gmail.com)).

**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 7th-8th graders
- Adult & Older Youth: **Women in the Bible, led by Lorena Guerrero**

#### Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

**“Women in the Bible” – May 17, 24, and 31:** Learn more about courageous, smart, and faithful biblical women who accepted roles of leadership and mentoring during difficult times. Their stories can teach us how to better navigate our lives while making sure God is in the lead. Led by Lorena Guerrero, Sarah ButlerWills, and Neoma Clay.

**Community Bible Study** Pastor John leads a Bible Study in the conference room and online (Teams) **Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** on the scriptures for worship the following Sunday. Email him for the Teams link.

**Women of Peace Save the date:** Our end-of-year party is **Saturday, May 30th, from 9:30-11:30 am** in the multipurpose room. Get ready for some fellowship, fun, and a feast! More details to come soon.

**Recognizing Graduates** On **Sunday May 31** in worship we will recognize and pray God's blessings on graduates. Know of a graduate connected to Peace? Please contact Pastor John.

**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 **June 6 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, June 14.**

**Confirmation Sunday June 7 at 11 am Worship** It's a day when Peace youth affirm God's baptismal promises and **share faith reflections and receive our prayers of blessing at 9:45 am** in the Faith Education Hour. God's blessings!

**Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies Training** Please come **Wednesday June 10 from 6:30-8 pm** to a training on our church protection policies led by Youth Minister Manis Pierre and Children's Minister Annabell Davis-Bloom. This is especially good for leaders and servers in children's and youth ministry and other church ministries.

**Father's Day Sunday June 21,** we honor fathers in our lives at a **special breakfast starting at 9:30 am.** Come with your family, and invite others! During worship we will also have a chance to thank God for fathers in our lives.

**Save the Dates for Summer** Coming this summer...

- **July 5 (Sunday):** Summer Worship schedule starts: 9 am Breakfast & Fellowship, 10 am Worship (also livestream)
- **July 8 (Wed) and July 29 (Wed), 5:30-7:30 pm:** Peace at the Park at Wright Park, 501 S I St. Bring your own picnic food items and your own utensils. Gather, share fellowship and fun!
- **August 8 (Saturday – 1 day only), 10 am – 3 pm:** Summer Bible Adventure for children & families “Rainbow of Promise”
- **August 9 (Sunday):** Outdoor Worship & BBQ & Games!!!

**Anti-Racism Book Resource Library** Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with anti-racism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

### 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)
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, [manis@peacetacoma.org](mailto:manis@peacetacoma.org)
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, [annabell@peacetacoma.org](mailto:annabell@peacetacoma.org)
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, [michael@peacetacoma.org](mailto:michael@peacetacoma.org)
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- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, [briannamiller182@gmail.com](mailto:briannamiller182@gmail.com)
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacoma.org)
- **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:** Antonio Yune  
**Nursery:** Rosie Perez-Coleman **Breakfast:** Lope Ariz & Eric Lee  
**Snack:** Paulie Jacobson

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Diane Powers	Jo Nivling-Izquierdo
<b>Reader:</b>	Robin McGaughy	Maya & Alana Kagochi
<b>Usher:</b>	Don Whittles	Gretchen Duggan
<b>Prayer Minister:</b>	Lynn Longfield	Leigh Wong
<b>Musician:</b>	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore
<b>Welcome &amp; Support:</b>	Allison Kies	Zoe Forbes