

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

1 Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. 6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8 Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading #1

Isaiah 55:8-9

The Old Testament Reading #2

Jeremiah 29:11

The Gospel Reading

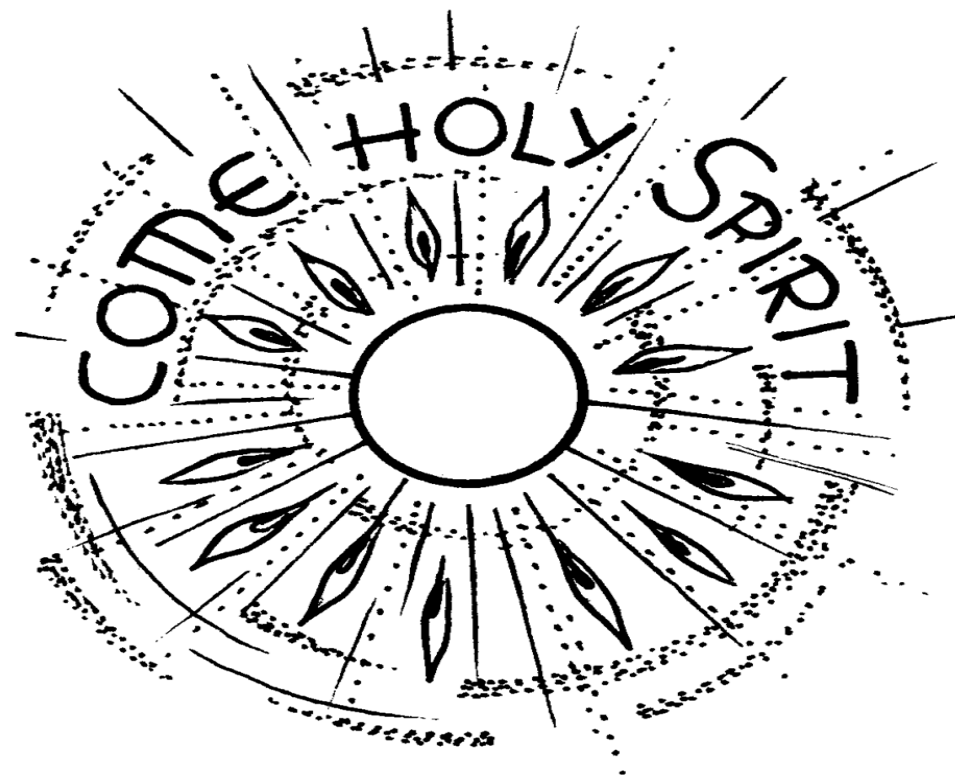
John 10:10b

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: God's Mission to All

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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Matthew 15:28

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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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 the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during worship. *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 Blessing"

Text: Wayne Robinson; Music: Wayne Robinson © 1994 Wayne Robinson *

Burgundy Book Hymn 139

"Let It Rise!"

Holland Davis- 1997, 1999 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) *

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. (2x)

Let the praises of the King rise among us; Let it rise, let it rise. Oh, oh, oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (x2)

Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise. Oh, oh, oh, let it rise.

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 Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Gospel Song "Holy Ground"

Geron Davis© 1983 Meadowgreen Music Company (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Songchannel Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) *

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

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

The Gospel Song "Holy Ground"

Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon

Pastor John

Hymn of the Day "Pass Me Not"

Burgundy Book Hymn 150

Text: Fannie J. Crosby Music: PASS ME NOT, William H. Doane 1832-1915 *

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: "Come By Here"

Burgundy Book Hymn 42

Text: traditional; Music: KUM BA YAH, traditional ; arr. Richard Smallwood, Arr. ©1975 Century Oak/Richwood Music *

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

Someone needs you, Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

Send a blessing, Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Burgundy Book Hymn 108

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790; Music: NETTLETON, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813 *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Burgundy Book Hymn 256

Text: African American spiritual, Music: African American spiritual; arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986 © Abingdon Press, admin. The Copyright Company *

I will trust in the Lord (3x) 'til I die, I will trust in the Lord (3x) 'til I die.

Sister, will you trust in the Lord... Brother, will you trust in the Lord...

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

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