

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### The Psalm Reading

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

### The Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.  
24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.  
27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.  
29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Psalm

Psalm 148

The New Testament Reading #1

Acts 11:1-18

The New Testament Reading #2

Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Living in Easter Hope: Shepherd Sunday

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."

**John 10:27-28**

# Peace Lutheran Church

*The Church that Welcomes and Serves*

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(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

**Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://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, or pick up prepackaged Communion elements at the Welcome Table, or, if you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. A gluten-free option is available.

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](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org), 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

## THE GATHERING

### Welcome

### Opening Songs

"When Upon Life's Billows (Count Your Blessings)"

Burgundy Book Hymn 173

Johnson Oatman Jr., 1856-1922; Music: Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921 \*

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves 2004 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); Wondrously Made Songs (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) \*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice (2x)

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide; it trembles at his voice (2x)

*Refrain:* How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God,

All will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, he is worthy of all praise

And my heart will sing, how great is our God.

Your name is above all names (echo), you're worth of all the praise (echo),

Mighty are the works of your hands. (echo)

"It's a New Season"

Derick Thomas, 1997 I Need New Music, Integrity's Praise! Music, Sound Of The New Breed (Admin. by Integrity Music) \*

It's a new season, it's a new day, fresh anointing is coming my way,

It's a season of power and prosperity. It's a new season coming to me.

### 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 Psalm

Psalm 23

**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. (2x)

### The Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

**The Gospel Song** "They Belong to God"

### Children's Message

### Sermon

Pastor John

**Song of the Day** "Gentle Shepherd" Text: Gloria Gaither; Music: William J. Gaither. © 1974 \*

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us for we need you to help us find our way,

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us for we need your strength from day to day.

There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day,

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us for we need you to help us find our way.

### Time for Honoring Mothers (with Special Music)

### 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:** "I Need You Lord"

Jonathan Butler, Brentwood Benson Songs 2006 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs; Brentwood - Benson Music Publishing, Inc. \*

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now (2x).

I lift my hands and bow my knees and worship at your throne,

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now.

## 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 Music** "Come to Jesus" Text and music: traditional \* Burgundy Book Hymn 156

### 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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