

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel Reading - Jesus Heals the Blind Man

See bulletin insert

John 9:1-41

Peace Lutheran Church

Journey to the Cross: Jesus Heals the Blind Man

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Psalm

Psalm 130

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:6-11

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

John 9:39

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 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.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am 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, 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 253-383-1317, press 120, and wait 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

Opening Songs

"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 let it rise.

"Great Is Your Mercy" Don Moen 1990 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

Great is your mercy towards me, your loving kindness towards me.

Your tender mercies I see day after day. Forever faithful to me, always providing for me

Great is your mercy towards me, great is your grace!

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you. (2x)

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love. As we sing holy, holy, holy! (2x)

Confession and Forgiveness

Burgundy Book pg. 24 Order A

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)

Gospel Song "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

Burgundy Book Hymn 248

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952; Music: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952 © 1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music, admin. Lorenz Publishing Co. *

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord... In your church, Lord...

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

Gospel Song "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Amazing Grace"

Red Book Hymn 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5/Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. *

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema, B.1943 © 1973 Hope Publishing Co. *

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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 "At the Cross"

Burgundy Book Hymn 71

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Ralph E. Hudson, 1843-1901, refrain; Music: HUDSON, Ralph E. Hudson, 1843-1901

The Communion Blessing

The Benediction

THE SENDING

Sending Song "God Is Great"

God is Great (Leap!) David Daughtry; Copyright © 2021 Gospelmaps *

Refrain: God is great and greatly to be praised!

Glory, Glory to his name. God is great and greatly to be praised!

Bless the Lord O my soul.

I will bow before the precious King, I will lift my hands and sing,

God is great and greatly to be praised! Bless the Lord O my soul.

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

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