



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday After Epiphany – For a Time Such As This

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, 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.

We are in the church season of **Epiphany**, meaning "a revealing," and we're keeping our eyes open to the ways God is revealed in our lives. Light and mission are Epiphany themes.

Today a small group from Peace leads worship. The group is called "**For A Time Such As This**," and they meet monthly for sharing, conversation, prayer, and action as they look to God and to one another to navigate these challenging times in our nation and world. They share reflections using the pattern they have embraced—Lament, Hope, and Action.

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.

- For the ELCA Multiethnic and Intersectional Ministries Leaders Gathering hosted by Peace February 5-8
- For the people of Venezuela in turbulent times
- 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, Ukraine, Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, eastern Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- 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
- The grieving: the family of Clara Alokia at her death
- For healing: William Garling, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Brendan Nelson's dad, Carvin Williams
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shawna Teclemariam, 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 Seigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Seignys 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, 2nd 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: Kit Thompson: 253-229-5766, for prayer requests email: tkit.thompson@gmail.com
- Women's Bible Studies: Leigh Wong: 302-7641

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.

Van Drivers Needed Willing to serve as a van driver helping folks get to worship on Sundays? Please contact Pastor John. We need at least one more van driver, especially on 4th Sundays. This is an important ministry of care and connection.

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 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult & Older Youth Education: Today: Join the Anti-Racism Work Group for a refresher of the cultural humility training provided by consultants RiseWithUs. Using videos and a handbook crafted just for Peace, we lean in together as we continue to become a more welcoming church community.

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- **February 1:** Youth and Adult Conversation – Sharing Wisdom Generation to Generation, led by Manis Pierre and Pastor John
- **February 8:** What Is the ELCA Multiethnic/Intersectional Ministries Network? Led by Rev. Moses Barrios and Brendan Nelson
- **February 15:** Love Thy Neighbor: Ministry of Place Feasibility Study Update, led by Brendan Nelson

Thursday Community Bible Study Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the Conference Room and online on Teams **Thursdays from 1-2 pm** on the scripture readings for next Sunday's worship. Email Pastor John for the Teams link.

Today: For a Time Such As This Worship Late last spring an invitation was extended for those interested in meeting to discuss the changing nature and goals of our nation's leadership and the impact that change was having on people's lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable populations in our country. We titled the group, For a Time Such As This, a phrase taken from the Book of Esther, indicating that God has placed a call on all of our lives to have faith, to take courage, to love, value and support all people, at all times, and especially for a time such as this! But how? To answer that question 18 Peace folks have met monthly to share, pray, learn, and support each other in taking faith-filled action for the sake of Jesus' values. Relying on the Spirit, today we share our laments, hopes, and experiences in worship. We listen to Scripture, praise God in music, pray and celebrate the reality that none of us is alone and none of us is powerless, at such a time as this.

Sunday February 1: Global Mission Sunday In worship we celebrate God's work to bless and save the whole world. We hear music and sing songs from many countries and cultures, celebrate the diversity of God's children, and lift up the work of global partners in ministry!

Sunday February 8: We Welcome Special Guests We welcome ELCA church leaders from all over the country who are in town February 5-8 to attend a gathering we're hosting at Peace lifting up and supporting ELCA Multiethnic and Intersectional Ministries!

Ash Wednesday Worship February 18 we gather for worship at 7 pm (also live streamed) to begin the 40-day Lenten journey to the cross and beyond to Jesus' resurrection. Ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality; yet, in the midst of death, there is new life in Christ! We will share a time of Confession and Holy Communion in worship.

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@peacetacomma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacomma.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacomma.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacomma.org
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- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacomma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacomma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Rebecca Foster	Tech: Peter Jacobson
Van Driver: Antonio Yune	Breakfast: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson
Snack: Pam Asadi	Nursery: Brianna Miller
8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister: Diane Powers	Diane Powers
Reader: Diane Powers	Diane Powers
Usher: Teri Jelinek	Pat Ferguson
Communion: Rick Trombley	Kit Thompson
Prayer Minister: Robin McGaughy	Shelley & Jay Maebori
Musicians: Michael Green, Jo Nivling-Izquierdo, Ben Flesher, Brad Wills	