



## Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

### April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord

**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. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. Please wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is **Easter Sunday!** We celebrate Jesus' resurrection! It is a day of joy to begin an Easter season of 50 days! The grave cannot hold Jesus! God has power over sin and even death! Christ is risen! Alleluia! What signs of hope and new life have you seen recently?

**Come to the Easter breakfast at 9:30 am** with an opportunity to give financially support to Peace Café and the Community Meals on Fridays. Questions? Ask Brendan Nelson.

**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 Deacon Charissa Carroll 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.*

- Easter hope and joy for all in the Peace community!
- Blessings at the wedding of Tovah (daughter of Daniel and Jen Davis) who recently married Will!
- For the people of Myanmar and Thailand following the devastating earthquake
- 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
- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd

- 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
- For healing: Keri Anderson, Jeanie Correa, Shawna T.
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Sevigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

#### Small Group Gatherings

- Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group: Sarah ButlerWills: 206-459-6357, first Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bryant Neighborhood Center
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm (on break until after Easter)
- 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
- Men's Ministry: Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218
- Papers of Peace (card-making): Nancy Heavey: 752-8450

- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Pucket: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [puckettssandra67@gmail.com](mailto:puckettssandra67@gmail.com)
- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769, 4th Tuesday, 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.

**Special Lenten Offering for Global Refuge** Our special Lent offering is for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services), a faith-based nonprofit providing support to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Please give to "Peace Lutheran Church," marked "Lent Offering."

**Spring Into Action Work Day** Come help with spring cleaning at Peace. Help with various projects inside and outside the church building on **Saturday April 26 from 9 am – 2 pm**. Lunch provided. Contact Brendan Nelson with questions.

### **Bread for the World Offering of Letters Sunday April 27**

This year's Offering of Letters focuses on two priorities:  
 1. Fully funding and strengthening the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutrition program in the US.  
 2. Provide robust funding for global nutrition, which saves millions of lives across the world.

Stay tuned for background and information, and plan to join us for prayer, learning, and action **during the Faith Education Hour April 27, 9:45 am**. Contact Craig Cogger with questions.

### **Children's Summer Bible Adventure Kickoff Planning Meeting**

Interested in planning and serving? Come to a meeting at Peace **Wed. April 30 at 6 pm**. Questions? Contact Andrew Wright (253-222-5518, [wright.andrew.g@gmail.com](mailto:wright.andrew.g@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 new list of 7 micro-actions.

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

**Sunday Morning Schedule** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am, and we live stream worship online at 11 am. We share breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am, a Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am, and refreshments and fellowship after 11 am worship.

### **Regular Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities**

#### **9:45-10:45 am (not today)**

- Godly Play for children ages 4–5<sup>th</sup> grade (basement classroom)
- Feet to Faith class for 6th-8th graders (conference room)
- Adult & Older Youth Education (multipurpose room)

**Today at 10:30 am: a special Godly Play Easter Children's Story in the multipurpose room. No other faith classes between worship services. Enjoy Easter breakfast!**

### **Community Bible Study It's starting again on Thursday**

**May 1!** 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.

**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.

**For Such a Time as This** Queen Esther in the Bible faces a rapidly changing political environment threatening devastating consequences for her people. She feels powerless, but her uncle Mordecai urges her not to remain silent because God may have guided her to where she is "for such a time as this." Are you searching for a place to listen to God and share with others about what it may mean to live as a faithful follower of Jesus now, in America, during such a time as this? If so, contact Lynn ([lynn.longfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn.longfield@hotmail.com)). We will convene a group in late May/early June to begin finding our way forward together.

**Docuseries** Our Anti-Racism Work Group is hosting a documentary film and discussion series exploring identity, power, and social justice with special guest facilitators. Free! Snacks provided. Ages 11 and up welcome. Please invite others.

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the multipurpose room.

- + **May 7:** *Since I Been Down* with director Gilda Sheppard
- + **May 21:** *Honor Thy Mother* with producer Gina Corpuz
- + **June 4:** *Israelism* with Tacoma's Jewish Voice for Peace

See link to more information about films in all-church email.

**Tacoma Sacred Places Tour** Peace is participating with seven other congregations in a Sacred Places Tour **Saturday May 10 from 1-4 pm**. Our building will be open during those hours, and church hosts will be present to give tours and share information about the history, life, and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church.

**Ukrainian Easter Eggs—Signs of Hope** This Easter season you're invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on the Ukrainian Easter eggs made by the Women of Peace. Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, are hand decorated eggs made with an ancient wax resist process. Ukrainians have decorated beautiful eggs for centuries, and it has become a Christian practice to give them to others, passing on love, power, and hope.

## Peace Community Center Information

**Peace Community Center Strategic Planning Survey** As part of its strategic planning process, Peace Community Center is seeking your input **by April 22**. Find a link to the survey in the all-church email. Thank you for your participation!

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
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- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

**Altar Guild:** Jeanie Correa   **Tech:** Brad Wills   **Nursery:** Brianna Miller  
**Breakfast & Snack:** Easter   **Welcome & Watch:** Gail Storrs

**Van Driver:** Andrew Wright

**8:30 am**

- Assisting Minister:** Antonio Yune
- Reader:** Robin McGaughy
- Greeter:** Charissa Carroll
- Usher:** Don Whittles
- Prayer Ministers:** Sandra Puckett
- Shari Shelton**

**11 am**

- Jo Nivling Izquierdo**
- Neoma Clay**
- Charissa Carroll**
- Ben Flesher**
- Neoma Clay**
- Leigh Wong**

**Musicians:** Twylla Moore, The Sheltons, Pastor Azon, Gospel Choir