



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

July 20, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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! During the summer we worship Sundays at 10 am and live stream the service online. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

Today is the **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Deacon Charissa Carroll shares the message today.

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: We will not offer children's worship time today. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for worship. Pew Pals are available at the sanctuary entrance for children to use during worship.

Pastor John is on sabbatical until September 7. Deacon Charissa Carroll and Director of Community Engagement & Outreach Brendan Nelson are pastoral and church point persons during the sabbatical.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact 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.

- **For Pastor John and family on sabbatical** and for the Peace congregation in the sabbatical time
- **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:** Jeanie Correa, Brendan Nelson's niece Lenay, Sally Perkins, Helga Reed-Jefferson, Shawna Teclemariam
- **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 Seigny, Laney Sneva
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt 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; Seigny 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 (*on break*)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays in worship
- **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: puckettsandra67@gmail.com
- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

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.

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

Date & Location Update:

Celebration of Life for Shari Shelton

The service for Shari Shelton will be held on **Saturday, September 6 at 2 pm** at the old **Tacoma Christian Center, now owned by the Puyallup Tribe located at 3507 E. McKinley Ave. Tacoma, WA 98404.**

If you would like to honor Shari's legacy, there's an opportunity to provide support in her honor to **GIFTS Rwanda** at giftsrwanda.org. If you would like to send words of comfort to the family, you may email them to Damishe at plcadmin@peacetacoma.org and we will ensure your messages are lovingly delivered.

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule (through Sept. 7)

- **9 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **10 am: Worship (also livestream)**
- **Following Worship: Refreshments & Fellowship**

Summer Bible Adventure "The Commandments"

July 19 (Saturday – 1 day only), 10 am – 3 pm: featuring Moses and Jesus. Learn about God's commandments of love, do activities, have fun, share food. You're invited to jump in and help as you're able. Contact Andrew Wright (wright.andrew.g@gmail.com) or Jeanie Correa (jeanie.correa@neillaw.com) with questions.

Peace Youth Dinners

Next dinner will be July 27 (Hanawalts). This is a time for food, games and fellowship from **5-8 pm**.

Future dinners: August 24th (Prestons), September 28th (Pedricks) and October 26th (Kagochis).

Please contact Kathy Hanawalt if you need a ride or more info: kathyhanawalt@gmail.com, (253)572-0133.

Peace at the Park

Wednesday July 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Peace folks will meet at Wright Park, 501 S I St. Bring your own picnic food items and your own utensils. Gather, share fellowship and fun!

Sabbatical News Pastor John and family are on a three-month sabbatical ending September 7. This is a time of rest, renewal, and reflection for Pastor John. Pick up a sabbatical overview sheet on the table outside the sanctuary or the Welcome Table. See all-church emails for Pastor John's periodic updates. Please pray for Pastor John and family that they will receive rest and their family will be strengthened.

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.

Community Events and Information

The Climate Leadership Cohort Tacoma Tree Foundation is offering two Question and Answer sessions to support applicants and prospective applicants curious to know more about the program. These are being held:

- **In person - July 22 at 4:30 pm**

For questions and more information, email Julia Wolf, (julia@tacomatreefoundation.org).

HUG (Hilltop Urban Gardens) will have their grand opening of the BIPOC Artivism Center on **Friday, July 25, 4:30-9:30 pm**, at 1304 South 23rd St, Tacoma. For more information visit the website at <https://www.hilltopurbangardens.org/>

Compassion & Safety Christ Episcopal Church will host a workshop and discussion series on "Building Relationships with Our Unhoused Neighbors" on **Saturday, July 26, 9-12 pm**. Free and open to All! Lunch provided. For more information, visit christchurchtacoma.org.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org (*on sabbatical*)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Deacon of Congregational Care & Community Resources:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, charissa@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** vacant
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, thegreenlife@hotmail.com
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa	Tech: Jay Maebori
Nursery: Brianna Miller	Van Driver: Malcolm Carroll
Breakfast: Peggy Hurd, Cherry Ford	Snack: Neoma Clay
Assisting Minister: Jo Nivling-Izquierdo	
Communion Presider: Rev. Jim Riede	
Reader:	Robin McGaughy
Usher:	Don Whittles
Prayer Ministers:	Sandra Puckett, Neoma Clay
Musicians:	Twylla Moore
Song Leader:	Major Whitten