



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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Where Every One Is a Minister

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 25, 2022 – Sixteenth 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! 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 online worship videos and faith resources. During the pandemic, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care.

It is a blessing to be able to worship in person. We continue for now to use masks and increased airflow to reduce risk.

We're in Pentecost, a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. In today's Old Testament reading from Exodus, God asks Moses, "What's in your hand?" To Moses, it's just a staff, but to God it's an instrument to do God's saving work.

Today we start a series in worship and faith education called "What's in Your Hand?" as we explore scripture, share faith reflections, and hear personal stories from people at Peace about God working in us and through us as we use the gifts God's put in our hands in our everyday lives to serve God. What's in your hand? How will God use what God's given you to do God's work? **October 16** is Commitment Sunday, an opportunity to make our commitment to God in worship to share our time, talent, and treasure through the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2023.

Special thanks to Carmen Lampman for creating the beautiful art for our "What's in Your Hand?" series.

Stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a Time & Talent sheet sharing gifts and talents you'd like to share through Peace.

Parents with children: During 11 am worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or 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 future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism
- For all impacted by wildfires
- For peace and change in a 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
- The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence
- The Native American community with ongoing injustice and historical atrocities of boarding schools
- In this pandemic, for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies, our church and community
- For people in parts of the world not yet vaccinated because of lack of access to COVID vaccines
- For the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants
- For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...
- For the hungry in our world, for food and justice
- For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- The Peace housing ministry
- All ministries of Peace Church & Community Center
- For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse
- For all who struggle with mental illness
- For peace: all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Holy Land, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- For a deep sense of God's presence: Pastor Holle Plaehn
- For healing: Joe Blake, Annie Burris' sisters Clara and Mary, Eddie Castro, Tremeka Foucher, Vera Parks, Reymanii Perez, Helga Reed-Jefferson
- Ongoing health concerns: Kitty Adams, Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Kisela McDaniel, Jerry Pittmon, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Yvonne Reed, Dorothy White, Bob Wu
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Eileen Strittmatter, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent, Henry K. White

- **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 – many not meeting in person

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah ButlerWills. Trinity House parlor 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 7-8 pm
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 (on break)
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am (on break)
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253-383-1317).

Community Meals October Community Meals are coming Monday-Friday 5:30-6:30 pm “grab and go” style at the door. We need a few more folks to prepare and serve meals for some dates. Contact Aida Perez at 253-376-7791.

Gardening at Peace Saturday Oct. 1 at 10 am we will join together to clean up the garden strip at Peace. After a bountiful summer growing season supported by the Youth, we are inviting everyone to help with removing summer plants, weeding, fertilizing and planting a cover crop to protect the soil over the winter. A follow up Clean up date will be **Saturday Oct. 22 at 10 am**. If you're interested or have questions please reach out to Jayna Detweiler (jayna@peacetacoma.org, 503- 984-0890).

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities We offer four faith classes in the Faith Education hour 9:45-10:45 am each Sunday:

- Godly Play for children ages 4–3rd grade (basement classroom)
- Explorers for 4th-6th graders (multipurpose room classroom)
- Feet to Faith confirmation for 7th-8th graders (conference rm)
- Adult Education (multipurpose room). Today we begin a new series “What’s in Your Hand?” Explore scripture, share faith reflections, and hear personal stories from people at Peace about God working in us and through us as we use the gifts God’s put in our hands in our everyday lives to serve God.

Youth ChangeMakers Middle and high school youth will meet on Wednesday evenings starting in October for ChangeMakers, a service learning group. Questions? Contact Brendan Nelson.

Women of Peace Breakfast Let’s gather for some tasty breakfast, hot coffee and good conversation. Join us at Red Elm on **Saturday October 22nd, from 8-10 am**. We will be meeting in the community room. We would like to support Red Elm by purchasing our breakfast on site, please plan on purchasing something from the menu and join us. We look forward to seeing you there. Please **R.S.V.P** via text to Charissa Carroll @ 253.267-9510 or sign up at the Welcome Table. Red Elm Café 1114 MLK Way Tacoma 98405, www.red-elm-cafe.square.site

Community Bible Study Starting September 29, Pastor John is facilitating a Community Bible Study in person in the church Conference Room and on Zoom (your choice) **Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm** on the scripture readings for worship the following Sunday. We will read scripture, share conversation, and pray as we listen for God to speak to us and through us. Email Pastor John if you need the Zoom link.

A Space of Peace We’re in a time of reimagining the empty space in the sanctuary corner where a light shines. What expression of faith and/or art could be present there that communicates God’s unconditional welcome and abundant love for all in our diverse community? Please share your ideas by calling or emailing Pastor John or Brendan Nelson.

Women of the ELCA Convention Women are invited to come to a special “I Love to Tell the Story” event on **Sat. Oct. 8, 9:30 am-3:30 pm**, at Christ Lutheran Church in Federal Way. Cost is \$25 including refreshments, lunch, and handouts. Keynote speaker is Rev. Chavaleh Forgey. See registration link in all-church email.

Peace Community Center Information

Welcome, New Staff! Peace Community Center welcomes two new staff members to their team! Keith Cantrell is the new Graphic Design and Communications Specialist and Amy Geier is the new Development Coordinator.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 103, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 104, jayna@peacetacoma.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Community Resources Coordinator:** Teri Jelinek, tjlinek50@gmail.com
- **Nursery Attendant:** Rebecca Valencia, rebecca@peacetacoma.org
- **Office Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Custodian:** Ana Sanchez
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa, Robin McGaughy	Tech: Don Gillis
Van Driver: Will Jones	Nursery: Rebecca Valencia
8:30 am	11:00 am
Assisting Minister: Antonio Yune	Kit Thompson
Reader: Pam Asadi	Malcolm Carroll
Greeter: Sandra Puckett	Charissa Carroll
Ushers: Craig Cogger	Brendan Nelson
Musicians: Twylla Moore	Twylla More, Paul Brown