

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-14

6 So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Pentecost Sunday

The Psalm

Psalm 104:24-35, 35b

The New Testament Reading #1

Acts 2:1-21

The New Testament Reading #2

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in Easter Hope: Jesus' Ascension

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter



When Jesus had said this, as they were watching,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Acts 1:9

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org
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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.**

+ **We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). 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. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. 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 and press 120 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

Welcome Leader: Christ is risen! **People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Songs "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" Burgundy Book Hymn 191
Text and music: African American spiritual; JESUS LIFTED ME, arr. With One Voice, 1995 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress *

"Somebody Prayed for Me" Burgundy Book Hymn 246
Text: traditional; Music: James M. Capers, b. 1948; Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress *

"Turning Around For Me/Awesome" (medley) Vashawn Mithell/Charles Jenkins Burg *

It won't always be like this; the Lord will perfect that concerning me, sooner or later,
It's gonna turn in my favor, It's turning around for me.
My God is awesome he can move mountains, keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.
My God is awesome heals me when I'm broken,
Strength where I've been weakened, forever he will reign.
Refrain: My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome!
My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world, giver of salvation,
By his stripes I am healed. My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,
His grace is why I'm living praise his holy name.

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)

The New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-14

The Gospel Song "Let The Church Say Amen"

Andrea Crouch - 2012 New Spring (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) Vaughn Street Music (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) *

Let the church say Amen. (2x) God has spoken, let the church say Amen.
Amen. (4x) God has spoken, let the church say Amen.

The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

The Gospel Song "Let The Church Say Amen"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "I Need You To Survive"

Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir, Family Affair II: Live at Radio City Music Hall 2002*

I need you, you need me, we're all a part of God's body, stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body. It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me. I need you to survive. (2x)
I'll pray for you, you pray for me, I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth. I love you, I need you to survive. (2x)
It is his will that every need be supplied. You are important to me.
I need you to survive. You are important to me. I need you to survive. (2x)

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

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "I Need You Lord"

Jonathan Butler © 2006 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs; Admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc. *

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now. (2x)
I lift my hands and bow my knees and worship at your throne,
I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now.

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 Song "There's Something About That Name" Gloria Gaither, William Gaither *

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name,
Master, Savior, Jesus, Let all heaven and earth proclaim,
Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away but there's something about that name.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "I Still Have Joy"

Text and music: words & music by Danny McCrimmon, Joseph Calvin Jackson - arr. Peter Amidon *

I still have joy, I still have joy, after all the things I've been through, I still have joy. (2x)
I still have peace... I still have love...

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

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