

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**The Gospel Reading - Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind John 9:1-41**

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# Peace Lutheran Church

## Journey to the Cross: Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

**March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**The Old Testament**  
**The Psalm**  
**The New Testament**  
**The Gospel Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

**John 9:39**

# Peace Lutheran Church

*The Church that Welcomes and Serves*

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**Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://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](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org), 253-383-1317 ext. 101).*

## THE GATHERING

### Welcome

### Opening Songs "Victory Is Mine!"

Burgundy Book Hymn 266

Text and music: traditional; arr. James M. Capers, b. 1948; Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress \*

"It's Yours (The Lord's Prayer)" Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher, Essential Music Publishing, LLC., 2022 \*

Father let your kingdom come, father let your will be done,

On earth as in heaven, down deep in my heart. (2x)

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us forgive them, as we forgive the ones who sin against us, forgive them, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one, Let your kingdom come.

It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours, the kingdom the power, the glory is yours.

It's your, it's yours, all yours, all yours, forever and ever the kingdom is yours.

### "All to Jesus I Surrender"

Burgundy Book Hymn 235

Text: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855-1939; Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weedon, 1847-1908 \*

### Confession and Forgiveness

Burgundy Book pg. 25 Order C

### Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

### Prayer

## THE WORD

*(See insert for reading)*

### The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

Burgundy Book Hymn 99

Text: Leonard E. Smith; Music: OUR GOD REIGNS, Leonard E. Smith © 1974, 1978 Leonard E. Smith/New Jerusalem Music \*

Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns.

### The Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

### The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

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

### Sermon

Pastor John

### Song of the Day "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Michael W. Smith 2001, Worship \*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord (2x), I want to see you. (2x)

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory.

Pour out Your power and love. As we sing holy, holy, holy! (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: "Learning to Lean on Jesus"

John Stallings 1976 Bridge Building Music, Inc. (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) \*

I'm learning to lean (3x) on Jesus. I'm finding more power than I've ever dreamed.

I'm learning to lean (3x) on Jesus.

## 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 Songs "Come to Jesus"

Burgundy Book Hymn 156

Text: traditional, Music: traditional \*

### The Communion Blessing

## THE SENDING

### The Benediction

### Sending Song "Mighty God" Dewitt Jones, Kim Jones 1997, 1999 Triscot Songs (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.); Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) \*

We serve a mighty God! Oh, we serve a mighty God,

Mighty God, mighty God, mighty God, mighty God we serve. (2x)

We serve an awesome God! Oh, we serve an awesome God,

Awesome God, awesome God, awesome God, awesome God we serve. (2x)

Everybody say mighty, mighty, mighty God,

Mighty God, mighty God, mighty God we serve.

Everybody say awesome, awesome, awesome God,

Awesome God, awesome God, awesome God we serve.

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

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