



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth 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

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:45 am: Faith Education Hour
- 11 am: Worship (also livestream) followed by Refreshments

Welcome! God bless you! In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. God's grace cannot be earned.

We welcome Bishop Keith Marshall of our Southwestern Washington Synod who is preaching at both services and leading an adult forum during the Faith Education Hour.

Church staff Brendan Nelson and Manis Pierre are out of town today. Pastor John is in Chicago at ELCA Homeless and Justice Ministry Network meetings Monday-Wednesday.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance. If you have questions, concerns, prayer requests, or desire pastoral care, contact Pastor John.

May you know God's peace this week!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer, tell the pastor or call the church office. 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.

- For the gifts of the Latino community in Hispanic Heritage Month
- Our nation in challenging political times
- For Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism; 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
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center seeking an Executive Director
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- Peace and justice for all experiencing global violence
- For hope: immigrants & refugees, all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, incarcerated,

all experiencing brokenness in relationships, sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions

- All who are grieving: Annabell Davis-Bloom at the death of her grandpa, Allison Kies at the death of husband Alan Kies, Peggy Hurd at her son's death, the Plaehn family at Carol's death, for comfort and hope in God
- For healing: Annie Burris, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Robin McGaughy, Brendan Nelson's parents, Sharon Olson, Dwight & Tina Steenberg
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Jeanie Correa, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Renee Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Tyler Daikoku, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Audrey Preston, Laney & Ziah Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Bul Ajak Bul, Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Seignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **Children's Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm (starts Oct. 1)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, usually 2nd Sundays after worship (meet today!)
- **Men's Bible Study:** Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Peace Community Center classroom building
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Gail Storrs: 222-5246, for prayer requests email: gailstorrs@gmail.com
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm

Opportunities to Give and 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.

Meet the Neighbors & Get the Word Out Sunday October 4 meet after worship (about 12:30 am) in the multipurpose room, get organized, grab church fliers, and go into the neighborhood to meet the neighbors, share an invitation to connect, and build relationships. We continue the long-time Peace tradition of door to door calling. Bring your own lunch to eat before we go out. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Peace Breakfast Providers Needed Able to provide a Sunday breakfast? Sign up on the Welcome Table clipboard. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson 253-318-4220.

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

Sunday Morning Faith Offerings (9:45-10:45 am)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Youth Conversation about Life & Culture for 7th-12th graders (starts September 27)
- Adult & Youth Forum today: What is the SWWA Synod? Synod Vision and Directions, led by Bishop Keith Marshall

Upcoming Adult Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- September 27 & October 4: The Gifts God's Given You (exploring your spiritual gifts and how you use them), led by Brendan Nelson and Shelley Maebori

Women's Bible Study Want to be part of a women's Luke Bible study meeting twice a month? Contact Leigh Wong right away at 253-302-7641 or leighawong@gmail.com.

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Alan Kies

We will gather at Peace Lutheran Church Saturday September 26 at 10:30 am to give thanks to God for the life of Alan Kies and hear words of comfort and hope in God to help us in our grief. A reception with food and fellowship will follow in the multipurpose room. Please keep Allison and family and our whole community in your prayers.

Community Bible Study Starting Oct. 1, Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the church Conference Room and online on Teams (your choice) Thursdays 1-2 pm on the scripture readings for worship the following Sunday. We read scripture, share conversation, and pray as we listen for God to speak to us & through us. Email for 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.

Generosity and Gratitude in All Seasons In challenging and uncertain times, God invites us to see and experience God's boundless generosity, give thanks for the gifts God gives us, and reflect that generosity through our own lives. On October 11, 18, and 25 in worship and in Sunday faith education at 9:45 am for adults, through Bible study, reflection, and personal stories, we'll look at how, as good stewards of God's generous gifts, we practice generosity and gratitude in all seasons of our lives.

A Call to Prayer for Our National Elections As our nation approaches another election, our For a Time Such as This group (FATSAT) invites us to join a two-week Call to Prayer for Our National Elections. This nonpartisan guide offers daily Scripture, reflection, and prayer to help us seek truth with integrity, pursue justice with compassion, and become people of peace and reconciliation. We will share the guide next Sunday September 27, and together we will ask God to shape our votes, our words, our listening, and our love for our neighbors with wisdom, courage, healing, and hope.

Staff Sabbatical Coming Operations Manager Damishe Greenwood-Walker will be on sabbatical October 1-31.

Transportation Need a ride to worship? Call the church 253-383-1317 and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

Peace Community Center Information

Seeking an Executive Director Peace Community Center is seeking a new Executive Director to lead the organization through an exciting season of rebuilding, growth, and renewed community engagement as we work alongside Hilltop youth and families to build pathways to stability, opportunity and housing security in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church. Priority Application Deadline: September 24. See www.peacecommunitycenter.org/work-with-us.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: T-F, 9 am–5 pm

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102 or call or text 253-777-3029
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacoma.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director and Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa **Tech:** Brad Wills
Van Driver: Antonio Yune **Nursery:** Brianna Miller
Breakfast: Teresa Jackson **Snack:** Rebecca Foster

Assisting Minister:	8:30 am	11 am
Reader:	Diane Powers	Pam Asadi
Usher:	Robin McGaughy	
Prayer Ministers:	Don Whittles	Gretchen Duggan
Musicians:	Sandra Puckett	Leigh Wong
Song Leader:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore
Welcome & Support:		Major Whitten
		Rebecca Foster