



Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

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

May God bless you as we worship online! In this time of the COVID-19 health crisis, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care. All public gatherings at Peace have been canceled. Please check the church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources.

Today is **Easter Sunday!** We celebrate Jesus' resurrection! It is a day of joy to begin an Easter season of 50 days! The grave cannot hold Jesus! God has power over sin and even death! Christ is risen! Alleluia! What signs of hope and new life have you seen recently?

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or Pastor Jae. May you know God's peace!

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.

- **Easter hope and joy for all in the Peace community!**
- **Brendan Nelson on parental leave through May 10**
- **Students, parents, teachers, administrators, and school workers** as more children return to in-person learning
- **We honor the lives of all tragically taken in acts of racial violence**, naming Manuel Ellis, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed, and 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 laws and policies in our nation.**
- **The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence, honoring those killed in Atlanta**
- **Families of those lost in mass shooting in Boulder and Orange County**
- **In this pandemic...** for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill and families, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies working to stop this health threat, our church and community; for our world as people are being vaccinated
- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**
- **For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...**

- **For the hungry in our world, for food and justice**
- **For all experiencing homelessness**
- **Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice**
- **In our world of global warming, for climate justice**
- **The Peace affordable housing ministry**
- **The ministries of Peace Church & Community Center**
- **For refugees fleeing war & poverty, and for immigrants**
- **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 Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen, Venezuela
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **Grieving:** Kellie & Anne Campbell at the death of Jack Campbell (Anne's husband & Kellie's dad), Brianna Miller and family at the death of Dona Miller – for God's comfort
- **For healing & strength:** Alma Crawford, Jessica Creso, Joe Freeman, Ted Johnstone, Emma McDaniel, Twylla Moore, Jerry Pittmon, Jeri Ramsdell, Lynn Shelledy's friend, Dianne Stoehr, Eileen Strittmatter, Mark Williams, Antonio Yune
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Jimmy McCarty, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Perry Richards, Art Shelton, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll
- **For sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church, our companion synod; the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona, Ola Fou Church

Small Group Gatherings – not meeting in person right now

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514 & Alma Crawford: 752-4258.
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. Thu, 1 pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org Thursdays at 6:30 pm (sanctuary)

- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218. Second Saturday at 8 am (multipurpose room)
- **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
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3rd Mon, 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 send your offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317.

Note to Credit Card Givers If you regularly give to Peace Lutheran Church via credit card, please consider setting up direct bank withdrawals instead. This will save the church a significant amount of credit card fees and allow your offering to go fully toward the church's mission. Please contact Damishe in the church office to set this up (253-383-1317).

Community Meals April Community Meals are happening and are "grab and go" style at the door. Monday-Friday in April we offer free meals to the community from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer Chain Interested in being part of the Prayer Chain to pray regularly thanksgivings and needs of our community? Contact Sandra Dotter at quietwater60@yahoo.com.

Contribute to a New Peace Devotional Calling all artists, writers, photographers, song writers, crafters of many things, & more, to publish your works in a new book. Submit your piece or direct questions to Shari Shelton at 8ssheltonz8@gmail.com.

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Fellowship Sundays at 9 am Connect with folks in a half-hour Zoom fellowship time. Email Pastor John for Zoom info.

Faith Opportunities on Sundays 9:30-10:30 am (Zoom)

- The 5th-6th grade Explorers class (not meeting on Easter)
- The 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class (not meeting on Easter), and
- The adult education class (meeting on Easter)

Children: Each week we post **Godly Play Bible story videos** with wondering questions on our YouTube channel for families.

Middle & high school: A middle and high school youth "Change Makers" group meets **Wednesdays at 5 pm**.

Upcoming Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities at 9:30 am

Bible Project: view videos that explore books of the Bible and share in reflective conversation (Zoom), led by Malcolm Carroll.

April 4 (Easter): Luke 24. **April 11:** Acts 1-7.

April 18: Acts 8-12. **April 25:** Acts 13-20.

May 2: Acts 21-28. **Email Pastor John for Zoom link.**

Holy Communion Today is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion in online worship. If you wish to share Communion, please prepare the elements in your home prior to worship. **Or stop by the church from between noon and 1 pm to receive Communion in person outside the church.**

Today - Sunday, April 4 – It's Easter Sunday!!

- **7 am Easter Sunrise Worship In Person** – We gather outside around the cross at the foot of the sanctuary steps to celebrate Jesus' resurrection as we remember the women coming to the empty tomb at dawn. We will share Holy Communion in person. This will not be a live-stream or online experience. **Bring cut flowers to adorn the cross outside the church.**
- **11 am Live-Stream Worship** (Church Facebook page) - We tell the story of the empty tomb and God's power for life over death, and we share Communion! Jesus is risen! Please prepare bread and wine or grape juice for Communion at home.
- **12 - 1 pm** In-person Communion is available at a station outside the church building.

FOCUS Groups Join a FOCUS Group this spring! These are small groups that meet on a specific topic of faith once a week through Zoom for up to 6 weeks beginning mid-April. Check the church website homepage for links to see the FOCUS Groups catalog and to **register online by this Sunday Apr. 4**. Or contact Damishe in the church office to sign up to be in a group. Questions? Contact Pat Ferguson at 253-627-1349.

Peace Community Center Information

Peace Community Center is hiring for a Grants Manager

For more information visit the website at <https://peacecommunitycenter.org/get-involved/employment/>

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
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