

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament Reading

Acts 5:27-32

27 When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Third Sunday of Easter

The Psalm

Psalm 30

The New Testament Reading #1

Acts 9:1-6[7-20]

The New Testament Reading #2

Revelation 5:11-14

The Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in Easter Hope: The Gift of Peace

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter



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John 20:19

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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

(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

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, or pick up prepackaged Communion elements at the Welcome Table, or, if you are worshipping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. A gluten-free option is available.

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

Opening Songs

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah!"

Text and Music: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood, b. 1949 Arr. © 1992 Carl Haywood *

Burgundy Book Hymn 148

"Because He Lives"

Text: Gloria Gaither, b. 1942, William Gaither, b. 1936; Music: William Gaither, b. 1936; © 1971 William J. Gaither, Inc. *

Burgundy Book Hymn 93

"Something About The Name Jesus/Break Every Chain"

Text: Kirk Franklin 1998, The Nu Nation Project; Rance Allen; Tyscot Records */Will Reagan and the United Pursuit Band, 2009 *

There's something about the name Jesus. (2x) It is the sweetest name I know.

Oh, how I love the name Jesus. (2x) It is the sweetest name I know.

There is power in the name of Jesus (3x)

To break every chain. (3x)

There is healing in the name of Jesus... There is deliverance in the name of Jesus...

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 5:27-32

Gospel Song "Revive Us Again" William P MacKay, John H. Husband * Burgundy Book Hymn 100

We praise thee O God, for the Son of thy love,

For Jesus who died and is now gone above,

Hallelujah, thine the glory, Hallelujah, Amen, Hallelujah, thine the glory, revive us again.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Gospel Song "Revive Us Again"

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

Sermon

Brendan Nelson

Song of the Day "Lord, I Believe in You" Crystal Lewis, 1999 Live @ the Woodlands; Brian Ray, Dan Posthuma *

Though I can't see your holy face, and your throne in heaven above,

It seems so far away. Though I can't touch your nail scarred hands,

I have a deep and unspeakable joy that makes my faith to stand.

Refrain: Lord, I believe in you. I'll always believe in you,

Though I can't see you with my eyes, deep in my heart, your presence I find.

Lord, I believe in you, and I'll keep my trust in you. Let the whole world say

What they may, no one can take this joy away. Lord, I believe.

Born from above, you are God's only chosen one. You're the one and only true way

To the Father's heart. You died for all sin, then you rose and now live again.

Conquering death and the grave, so that I might live.

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: "Hallelujah" Text and music: Fernando G. Allen © 1987 * Burgundy Book Hymn 27

Hallelujah. (5x)

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer / 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 Music "Agnus Dei" Michael W. Smith © 1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Music Publishing) *

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. (2x) Hallelujah!

Holy, holy, are you, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the lamb,

Worthy is the lamb, you are holy.

Holy, are you, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the lamb, worthy is the lamb.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Jesus is Alive and Well" Janet Paschal, 2009 Treasure *

Jesus is alive and well. (2x)

Tell everyone you see and tell them for me, Jesus is alive and well.

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

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