



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 28, 2025 – Sixteenth 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

God bless you! Welcome to worship! We worship in person Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream worship online at 11 am. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus tell a parable about a rich man and a poor man. What is God's message for us?

We pray God's blessings on Feet to Faith Confirmation youth at the beginning of this year of faith education. New Feet to Faith students receive study Bibles in worship.

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: During 11 am worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom.

Deacon Charissa is on vacation through October 14.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Deacon Charissa Carroll or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance.

May you know God's peace this week!

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.

- For the gifts of the Latino community in Hispanic Heritage Month
- Our nation in challenging political times
- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center in this time of transition
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- 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 our nation's laws, policies, & practices
- For all experiencing brokenness in family relationships (marriage, parent-child, sibling), for healing and hope
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- For peace and justice: all living midst violence or unrest; in Gaza & Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan,

eastern Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen

- **For hope:** all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & feeling weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, all experiencing sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions
- **The grieving:** Irene Manley and family at the death of her mom
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plachn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shawna Teclemariam, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- **College & advanced training students:** Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Sigourney McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** 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); Sevignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 (*on break*)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **Men's Ministry:** Brendan Nelson: 383-1317, ext., 102
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: puckettsandra67@gmail.com
- **Women's Ministry:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

Opportunities to 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.

Garden Workday Saturday October 4, 9:30-11 am we will meet at the Peace Garden across the street to renovate the garden beds, remove old plants and weeds, dig in compost and lime, and plan cover crops. Come!

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 Schedule

- **8:30 am: Worship**
- **9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **9:45 am: Faith Education Hour**
- **11 am: Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after**

Sunday Morning Faith Offerings Starting Today

(during the Faith Education Hour 9:45-10:45 am each Sunday)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith confirmation class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult and Older Youth Education class

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- **September 28:** Learning opportunities on inclusivity and belonging, led by the Anti-Racism Work Group
- **October 5, 12, & 19:** Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out, a series from the Stewardship Team
- **October 26:** Sabbatical Stories & Reflections on Hospitality, led by Pastor John and Leigh Wong
- **November 2 & 9:** Ministry of Place housing forums
- **November 16 & 23:** Learning opportunities on inclusivity and belonging, led by the Anti-Racism Work Group

Friday Morning Men's Fellowship 7:00 – 8:30 am every

Friday at Red Elm Café, 1114 MLK Jr. Way. All men are welcome. Bible study, fellowship, and prayer support. Contact Malcolm Carroll with questions (253-282-0218) or just show up.

Community Bible Study Starting **October 2**, 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 Pastor John for Teams link.

For Such a Time As This Searching for a place to listen to God and share with others about how to live as a faithful follower of Jesus now, in America, during such a time as this? Come to a group that meets on **second Sundays after 11 am worship**. Contact Lynn (lynn_longfield@hotmail.com).

Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out On **October 5, 12, & 19** in worship and in Sunday faith education at 9:45 am for adults and older youth over these three weeks, through Bible study, reflection, and personal stories, we'll look at how God has come *down* to us in love through Jesus, we'll look *in* to discover all God has entrusted to our care, and we'll look *out* to understand the needs of our neighbors and how we're called to respond with our lives to serve God and our community.

Peace Is Hiring for Two Positions

- **Part-time Children's Minister** (average 6 hrs/wk) to strengthen faith formation of children in our church and Hilltop community, build relationships with children and parents/guardians, and encourage living faith and service in community.
- **Part-time Youth Minister** (average 15 hrs/wk) to strengthen faith formation of youth in our church and Hilltop community through building relationships, recruiting volunteers, and building an overall youth ministry supporting youth to build

relationships and live out their faith.

See job descriptions posted on the church homepage. Send cover letter and resume to plcjobs@peacetacom.org. Priority deadline is October 10.

Peace Devotional Book The second Peace Devotional Book is ready, made up of writings from our community! Cost is a donation of \$20 or more (actual cost per book was \$50). If you would like a book and the cost is a hardship, please contact Pastor John. We also have a few of the first Peace Devotional Books available for purchase for \$20. Buy a book **today** in the multipurpose room between worship services, or contact the church office for one after that.

Sabbatical Survey We're seeking feedback on Pastor John's sabbatical this summer. Please see the survey link on the church homepage or pick up a hard copy at the Welcome table. Thanks!

Choir Survey Gospel Choir Director Michael Green invites Choir members and any interested in the congregation to take the Choir survey linked on the church homepage. Thanks!

Church Staff Update Deacon Charissa has discerned she will be moving on from her position at Peace the end of December to be a life and grief coach. We are so grateful for her service to the church and pray God's blessing in her transition.

Community Information

Gathering with Namibian & Angolan Lutheran Bishops

Bishop Keith Marshall hosts a Get-Acquainted Gathering for Lutheran Bishops from Namibia & Angola **Monday, September 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland** (12115 Park Ave S): **5:30 - 7 pm Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer**. Come welcome our global companions!

Bishop Installation Our new SSWA Bishop Keith Marshall will be installed in a celebration worship on **Saturday October 11 at 2 pm** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison Ave. NW, Olympia. A light reception will follow. All are welcome!

Hunger Event October is Hunger month. The Southwestern and Northwestern WA Synods are sponsoring a hunger fundraiser, **Concert at the Crossroads, Sunday Oct 12, 1-3 pm**, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 27225 Military Rd S, Auburn, WA. To purchase tickets visit www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/concert-at-the-crossroads-harmony-against-hunger.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacom.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacom.org
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- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacom.org
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Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Rebecca Foster

Breakfast: Janet Willis, Don Whittles

8:30 am

Assisting Minister: Tim Chalberg

Reader: Carol Watson

Usher: Craig Cogger

Prayer Ministers: Robin McGaughy

Musicians: Twylla Moore

Tech: Don Gillis

Snack: Jeanie Correa
11 am

Brendan Nelson

Bonnie Parker

Zoe Forbes

Sarah ButlerWillis

Twylla Moore