

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Psalm

Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' 29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

15 Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

The New Testament Reading #1

Acts 1:6-14

The New Testament Reading #2

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in Easter Hope: The Promise of the Spirit

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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John 14:15-17

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. 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, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).*

THE GATHERING

Welcome Leader: Christ is risen! **People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Songs "In the Name of Jesus"

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

Burgundy Book Hymn 265

"Victory is Mine!"

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

Burgundy Book Hymn 266

"Better is One Day" Matt Redman, 1995 Passion for Your Name *

How lovely is your dwelling place, oh Lord Almighty,

My soul longs and even faints for you.

For here my heart is satisfied within your presence

I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house

Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere (2x)

One thing I ask and I would seek to see your beauty,

To find you in the place your glory dwells (2x)

My heart and flesh cry out for you the living God, your spirit's water for my soul

I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.

I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.

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 17:22-31

The Gospel Song "Our God Reigns"

Burgundy Book 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 14:15-21

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 and Time for Honoring Mothers

"For All the Faithful Women"

Burgundy Book Hymn 219

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923; Music: BARONITA, Doreen Potter, 1925-1980, Text © 1993, 1997 GIA Publications; Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Co. *

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: "We Need You Lord"

2006 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs; Brentwood -Benson Music Publishing, Inc. *

We need you Lord, we need you Lord right now (2x).

I lift my hands and bow my knees and worship at your throne,

We need you Lord, we need you Lord right now.

11 am Gospel Choir

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 Song "I Need Your Glory" James Fortune & FIYA, The Transformation 2007 *

I need your glory, I want your glory, less of me and more of you is what I need.

Show me your glory, show me your power, less of me and more of you is what I need.

So many times I've tried my way, but all of the pain didn't go away.

I realize that only you can give me this love that is so true.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

Burgundy Book Hymn 69

Robert Lowery 1826-1899 Plainfield, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 *

The Dismissal

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

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