

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament Reading

Acts 3:12-19

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Psalm

Psalm 23

The New Testament

Acts 4:5-12

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in Easter Hope: Jesus Shows Up

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Luke 24:38-39

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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

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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.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. 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, press * dial 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

"So Glad I'm here" Public domain *

So glad I'm here. (3x) I'm here in Jesus name.

Thank God I'm here. (3x) I'm here in Jesus name

"Hallelujah, Anyhow!" Public domain *

Hallelujah anyhow, never, ever let your problems get you down,

When life's trials come your way, hold you head up high and say, hallelujah, anyhow!

"We Have Come Into This House"

Burgundy Book Hymn 136

Text & music: Bruce Ballinger, b. 1945., © 1976 Sound III, Inc. admin MCA Music Publishing *

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 3:12-19

Gospel Song "God Is So Good"

Burgundy Book Hymn 275

Text & music: God Is So Good, traditional *

God is so good (3x) He's so good to me

He cares for me (3x) He's so good to me

I praise his name (3x) He's so good to me

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospel Song "God Is So Good"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Gentle Shepherd" Text: Gloria Gaither; Music: William J. Gaither. © 1974 *

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us for we need you to help us find our way,

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us for we need your strength from day to day,

There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day,

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us for we need you to help us find our way.

The Apostles' Creed

Burgundy Book p. 35

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: "Pass Me Not"

Burgundy Book Hymn 150

Text: Fannie J. Crosby Music: PASS ME NOT, William H. Doane 1852-1915 *

Pass me not O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others though are calling, do not pass me by.

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 "Glory, Glory Hallelujah!"

Burgundy Book Hymn 148

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

The Communion Blessing

The Benediction

THE SENDING

Sending Song "I Trust In God"

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong, Steven Furtick-Brandon Lake Music (Admin by Essential Music Publishing); Music by Elevation Worship Publishing (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC); A Wong Made Write Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music); Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music Burg Hymnal # *

I trust in God, my Saviour, the one who will never, fail, he will never fail.

I sought the Lord and he heard and he answered (3x). That's why I trust him. (2x)

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

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