



## Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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Where Every One Is a Minister

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

### May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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](http://peacelutherantacoma.org), Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

It is a blessing to worship in person. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. Please wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, a season of 50 days! We celebrate with hope and joy the resurrection of Jesus! This is **Shepherd Sunday**, and our scripture readings explore the image of God as our shepherd and we the sheep.

**Happy Mother's Day!** We honor mothers in our lives at a **special breakfast** starting at 9:30 am. You're invited to give thanks for a mother in your life. God's blessings, mothers!

You're invited to **purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate** today between worship services.

**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.

**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.*

- On this Mother's Day, for all mothers, those who long to be mothers, those who have lost children...
- We celebrate with our siblings in the Roman Catholic Church as they welcome newly-elected Pope Leo XIV
- Peace Lutheran Church at its 116<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 9!
- Thanksgiving for the gifts of Asian American & Pacific Islander communities in this AAPI 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 community listening and strategic planning

- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, 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 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
- For healing: Jeanie Correa, Renee Jones, Brendan Nelson's niece Lenay, Shawna Teclemariam, Carvin Williams, Zion Williams
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plachn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Julia Seigny, Laney Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

#### Small Group Gatherings

- Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group: Sarah ButlerWills: 206-459-6357, first Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bryant Neighborhood Center
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349

- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11 am
- **Men's Ministry:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [puckettsandra67@gmail.com](mailto:puckettsandra67@gmail.com)
- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769, 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

## 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.

**Join the Gospel Choir** Upcoming rehearsals are **May 15 and 22** (Thursdays at 6 pm). Gospel Choir sings in 11 am worship Sundays May 18 and 25. Share the gift of your voice in song! Questions? Contact Michael Green, [thegreenlife@hotmail.com](mailto:thegreenlife@hotmail.com).

**Kitchen Work Party** If you like to clean and organize, please come **May 31 at 10 am** for a major reset of the Peace kitchen. Talk to Rebecca Foster [rfoster10@outlook.com](mailto:rfoster10@outlook.com) for more info.

**Plastic Eggs** If you have plastic eggs from the Eggstravaganza or Easter, please bring to the office. We will use them next year.

**Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to Respond?** Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails. See new list of 7 micro-actions.

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

**Sunday Morning Schedule** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am, and we live stream worship online at 11 am. We share breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am, a Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am, and refreshments and fellowship after 11 am worship.

**Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am**

**NOTE: No faith offerings during the Education Hour today. Please come to the Mother's Day Breakfast! Next Sunday May 18: Women's Retreat Pictures, Stories, and Reflections,** shared by retreat participants

**Community Bible Study Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** Led by Pastor John in the conference room and online on the scriptures for worship the following Sunday. Email him for the Teams link.

**Docuseries** Our Anti-Racism Work Group is hosting a documentary film and discussion series exploring identity, power, and social justice with special guest facilitators. Free! Snacks provided. Ages 11 and up welcome. Please invite others.

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the multipurpose room.

+ **May 21: *Honor Thy Mother: The Untold Story of Aboriginal Women and Their Indipino Children*** with producer Gina Corpuz

+ **June 4: *Israelism*** with Tacoma's Jewish Voice for Peace

See link to more information about films in all-church email.

**Save the Date: Youth Dinners** We are hosting dinners for all middle and high school youth in the homes of Peace families on the fourth Sunday of the month from 5-8 pm. This is a time for food, games and fellowship. Please contact Kathy Hanawalt if you need a ride or you'd like more information: (253)572-0133 or [kathyhanawalt@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhanawalt@gmail.com). Our first dinner is on **May 25** at the home of Brendan & Monica Nelson. Future dinners will be on **June 22nd** (Siri & Rob Preston), **July 27** (Charissa & Malcolm Carroll) and **August 24** (Julia & Trevor Kagochi).

**Recognizing Graduates** On **Sunday June 1** we will recognize and pray God's blessings on graduates. Know of a graduate connected to Peace? Please contact Pastor John.

**Confirmation Sunday June 8 at 11 am Worship** It's a day when Peace youth affirm God's promises and **share faith reflections and receive our prayers of blessing at 9:45 am** in the Faith Education Hour. God's blessings!

**Sabbatical Coming** Pastor John and family are going on a three-month sabbatical **June 9 – September 6**. It will be a time of rest, renewal, and reflection for Pastor John. Please pray for Pastor John and family and the whole congregation, and jump in to grow in faith and serve! On **Sunday June 8** there will be a **sabbatical sending blessing**. Pick up a sabbatical overview sheet on the table outside the sanctuary or the Welcome Table.

**Summer Bible Adventure Save the Date! Saturday July 19, 10 am – 3 pm at Peace.** Great for children and families!

**Ukrainian Easter Eggs—Signs of Hope** This Easter season you're invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on Ukrainian Easter eggs made by women of Peace. Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, are hand-decorated eggs made with an ancient wax resist process, often given to others as a Christian practice of passing on love, power, and hope.

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, [brendan@peacetacoma.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacoma.org)
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- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

**Altar Guild:** Melody Duke   **Tech:** Don Gillis   **Nursery:** Brianna Miller  
**Van Driver:** Malcolm Carroll

**Snack:** Mother's Day

**Breakfast:** Men of the church

**Welcome & Watch:** Pam Asadi

**8:30 am**  
**Assisting Minister:** Brendan Nelson  
**Reader:** Dean Sawhill  
**Greeter:** Robin McGaughy  
**Usher:** Viviane Sawhill  
**Prayer Ministers:** Tim Chalberg  
**Musicians:** Twylla Moore

**11 am**  
 Brendan Nelson  
 Neoma Clay  
 Shelley Maebori  
 Rachel Boss  
 Malcolm Carroll  
 Twylla Moore