



Peace Lutheran Church

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

It is a blessing to worship in person. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. We continue to require masks the first Sunday of each month for 8:30 am worship so those who need to take additional precautions can participate. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online. Please be respectful of those who use masks and those who wish to limit physical contact. We continue to increase airflow in the sanctuary during worship to reduce risk.

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, a season of reflection and repentance as we walk with Jesus toward his suffering and death on the cross. Today in John's Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind. How are we blind, and how is Jesus leading us toward sight? As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we're encouraged to practice three Lenten disciplines: fasting (giving up something that is distracting us from a deeper relationship with God), almsgiving (taking on acts of loving service that draw us closer to God), and prayer (connecting to the source of life).

Please fill out the survey on our church's commitment to anti-racism and return it to the Offering Box or church office (or do online). This helps the Future Directions Action Plan Team give guidance into how we plan to live into our commitment to anti-racism.

Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate are available to purchase 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. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or Brendan Nelson 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 deep reflection & prayer in this season of Lent**
- **For future directions of Peace Church, that we might**

lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism

- For peace and change in a culture of gun violence, and for communities grieving the tragic and unnecessary loss of life to mass shootings
- 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
- The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence
- The Native American community with the historical atrocities of boarding schools and ongoing injustice
- For the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants
- For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...
- For the hungry in our world, for food and justice
- For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- The Peace housing ministry
- All ministries of Peace Church & Community Center
- For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse
- For all who struggle with mental illness
- For all impacted by COVID
- For peace: all living amidst violence or unrest, esp. in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Holy Land, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- For the grieving: the family of Vertisel Isaac at his death, Emma McDaniel at the death of her nephew
- For healing: Vera Parks, Sandra Puckett, Dean Sawhill
- Ongoing health concerns: Kitty Adams, Joe Blake, Eddie Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted Johnstone, Kisela McDaniel, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Yvonne Reed, Dianne Stoehr, Dorothy White, Bob Wu
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Eileen Stritmatter, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent, Henry K. White

- **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; Sevigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

Small Group Gatherings

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah Butler Wills. Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm (on break until after Easter Sunday)
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** Antonio Yune: 227-1995
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253)383-1317.

Community Meals Community Meals are “grab and go” at the door 5:30-6:30 pm every Friday in March and in person (starting April 3) 5:30-6:30 pm every weekday in April. Want to provide food or serve? Contact Damishe at 253-383-1317.

Lenten Soup Suppers Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring soup and bread for the soup suppers 6 pm on **Wednesdays through March 29**. Questions? Ask Nancy Heavey, 752-8450.

Gospel Choir Rehearsals for Easter Come to the sanctuary **Thursdays March 23 and 30, 6-7 pm**. Contact Twylla for info.

Altar Guild Folks Needed Feel called to serve by preparing the Communion elements and helping to decorate the sanctuary for worship? Contact Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390).

Special Lent Offering The Lent offering goes to the Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium for housing education, initiatives, & policies supporting affordable housing. Give to “Peace Lutheran Church,” marked “Lent Offering.”

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Vertisel Isaac Memorial Service Celebrate the life of Vertisel Isaac and hear God’s words of comfort and hope on **Saturday March 25 at noon** at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1211 S I St.

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

- Godly Play for children ages 4-3rd grade (basement classroom)
- Explorers for 4th-6th graders (multipurpose room classroom)
- Feet to Faith confirmation for 7th-8th graders (conference rm)
- Adult Forum (multipurpose room): “Were You There: Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals,” led by Lynn Longfield. See the all-church email for more details on this powerful series.

Sunday Breakfast and Refreshments We offer breakfast for all Sundays at 9:30 am and refreshments and fellowship **after 11 am worship** every Sunday in the multipurpose room.

During Lent – Wednesdays through March 29, 6-7:30 pm

- 6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)
- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service—this Wednesday, we plant seeds for new starts for the Peace garden and paint inspirational words on rocks to share with the Hilltop
- 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer, also live streamed (adults & youth), Journey to the Cross Faith Activity (children)

Centering Prayer in Lent The sanctuary at Peace will be open **every Saturday through April 8 from 1-2 pm** for time to spend in silence with quiet music for you to make room for God. Reflect on what is possible with prayer, in community, in our relationship with God. Be still, take a breath, know God.

Holy Week Worship & Faith Growth Opportunities

- **Sunday, April 2 is Palm/Passion Sunday.** We tell the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, suffering, and death. Worship in person 8:30 and 11am, livestream at 11 am.
- **Thursday, April 6 is Maundy Thursday.** We tell the story of Jesus’ last supper, where he washes his disciples’ feet and commands them to love one another; we share Communion. Worship in person in the multipurpose room at 7 pm.
- **Friday, April 7 is Good Friday.** We tell the story of Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross, of God’s deep and abiding love for us. Worship in person and livestream at 7 pm.
- **Saturday, April 8 Easter Eggstravaganza** at 10 am—egg hunt, Easter crafts, Easter story, and food! Great for families!
- **Sunday, April 9 is Easter!** We tell the story of the empty tomb and God’s power for life over death. Praise God! Jesus is risen! Worship in person 8:30 & 11 am, livestream at 11 am.
 - 9:30 am Easter breakfast, and support youth ministry
 - 10:30 am Godly Play Easter Children’s Story

Charissa Carroll Ordination Our Resource Navigator Charissa will be ordained into Word and Service rostered ministry in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in a special worship service at Peace on **Saturday April 22 at 2 pm**. Please come, give thanks to God, and celebrate with Charissa!

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 103, jayna@peacetacoma.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Resource Navigator:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, charissa@peacetacoma.org
- **Nursery Attendant:** Rebecca Valencia, rebecca@peacetacoma.org
- **Office Manager and Community Meals Contact Person:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa	Tech: Don Gillis
Nursery: Rebecca Valencia	Van Driver: Craig Cogger
8:30 am	
Assisting Minister: Pam Asadi	11:00 am
Reader: Brendan Nelson, Tim Chalberg	Brendan Nelson, Ben Flesher
Greeter:	Teresa Jackson
Ushers:	Shelley Ryan-Kelzenberg, Jay Maebori
Musicians:	Twylla Moore, Twylla Moore, Paul Brown, Will Hall