

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

Revelation 21:1-6

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

The Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

31 When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Welcome New Members Melissa Anderson Trust and son Edison!

Melissa, husband Ted, and sons Edison and Berent Trust live in the McKinley neighborhood of Tacoma. Melissa was born and raised in Pierce County. Edison was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and has lived in Tacoma since he was one year old. Edison is in kindergarten at Blix Elementary. Melissa is bi-vocational. She is a pastor and works half-time as Associate Director of Evangelical Mission in the Southwestern Washington Synod of our ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). She also works in the office for a mountaineering guide service. Melissa enjoys time with family, hiking, women's basketball, and reading. Edison enjoys riding bikes, swimming, t-ball, trains, and playing with his brother. One thing that drew Melissa and Edison to Peace is "Peace's deep sense of self as a community of faith in place."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Psalm

Psalm 67

The New Testament Reading #1

Acts 16:9-15

The Gospel Reading #1

John 14:23-29

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in Easter Hope: Women's Retreat Reflections

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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John 13:34-35

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.**

+ **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, 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 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

Opening Songs

"There is Power in the Blood"

Text: Lewis E Jones 1865-1936; Music: POWER IN THE BLOOD, Lewis E Jones 1865-1936 *

Burgundy Book Hymn 76

"My Life Is In Your Hands"

Kirk Franklin, © 1996 Lilly Mack Music *

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid, joy comes in the morning,

Troubles they don't last always, for there's a friend named Jesus

Who will wipe your tears away, and if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say,

Refrain: I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand,

No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands.

So when your tests and trials they seem to get you down,

And all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found,

Remember there's a friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,

And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say. Refrain...

"All The Way" Dewitt Jones, Kim Jones, 2000 Four Jones Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) *

All the way, I'm going all the way (3x) I'm going all the way with the Lord.

I've made my decision, I'm going all the way (3x) I'm going all the way with the Lord.

No turning back, I'm going all the way (3x) I'm going all the way with the Lord.

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

Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel Song "They Belong to God" Mother Willie Mae Rivers; Rivers of Melody Music; YouTube Music *

All the glory the honor the praises all day they belong to God. (2x)

They belong to God, they belong to God. (2x)

The Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

The Gospel Song "They Belong to God"

Sermon

Women's Retreat Participants

8:30 am Lorena Guerrero, Pam Asadi, Loretta Carter

11 am Gretchen Duggan, Lope Ariz, Shelley Maebori

Collaborative Women's Retreat Prayer-Poem

Refrain (All): You know all about us - Our stories you hold dear

In your grace you keep us - In your love, you draw us near

Song of the Day "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Burgundy Book Hymn 132

Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960; Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Co./Bug and Bear Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing *

11 am Welcome New Members

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: "I Need You Lord"

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

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now (2x).

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

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now.

11 am Children's Choir and 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 Music "Come to Jesus" Text and music: traditional *

Burgundy Book Hymn 156

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "My Mind Is Made Up" Text & music: Twinkle Clark, 1976; The Clark Sisters, Unworthy; Sound of Gospel *

My mind is made up, I'm on my way up, I'm gonna hold my head up,

I'm going on with the Lord.

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

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