



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

November 16, 2025 – Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today we are blessed to welcome IJenNeh, leading music for worship at both services. Lasana Kanneh has visited Peace and led music on other occasions. He is originally from Liberia, and his music has a distinctive African Gospel style.

You are invited to give a love offering in gratitude and support for IJenNeh's music ministry. Write a check to Peace Lutheran Church or give a gift of money marked "IJenNeh."

After each worship service, Lasana will have his CDs available at a table for purchase.

Commitment Brochure: If you have not turned in your Commitment brochure making a pledge of your time, talent, and treasure for the church's ministry in 2026, please place it in the Offering box or send it to the church office. Didn't receive one? Pick one up at the Welcome Table or contact Pastor John.

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.

- For the gifts of the Native American community in this Native American 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 transition
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- 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
- The grieving: for comfort and hope in God
- For healing: Keri Anderson, Brendan Nelson's dad
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shawna Teclemariam, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Seigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Seignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- Children's Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm
- Gospel Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- For Such a Time as This: Lynn Longfield lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after 11 am worship
- Men's Bible Study: Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Red Elm Café, 1114 MLK Jr. Way
- Papers of Peace (card-making): Nancy Heavey: 752-8450

- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: puckettsandra67@gmail.com
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

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.

Commitment Sunday Follow Up Have you pledged your time, talent, and treasure to God for the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2026? To date we've received 32 financial pledges totaling \$280,928. Thanks be to God for your generous sharing of God's gifts!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship Sat, Nov. 22 at 5:30 pm. Come to this community celebration in the multipurpose room at Peace as we thank God for all God's good gifts! **You're invited to bring a potluck item (sign up at Welcome Table!)** and invite friends, family, and neighbors. All are welcome! Questions? Call Teresa Jackson (253-407-1151).

Van Drivers Needed Willing to serve as a van driver helping folks get to worship on Sundays? Please contact Pastor John. We need at least one more van driver, especially on 3rd Sundays. This is an important ministry of care and connection.

Give to Help Families for the Holidays Want to help a family in need this season? Give a donation to Peace Lutheran Church noted "Holiday Help" or bring a gift card for Fred Meyer or WinCo to the office. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church or Peace Community Center by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

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

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:45 am: Faith Education Hour
- 11 am: Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after

Sunday Faith Education Offerings (9:45-10:45 am)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith confirmation class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult and Older Youth Education class

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- November 16 & 23: "Learning Opportunities on Inclusivity and Belonging: Microaggressions," led by the Anti-Racism Work Group

Impacted by the Government Shutdown and Disruption in SNAP Benefits?

The church can help. If your family is impacted, please contact Pastor John, Deacon Charissa, or Brendan Nelson. Please also find a list of food banks at the Welcome Table or contact the church office. **If you can help,**

please bring nonperishable food items or a gift card for Fred Meyer or WinCo to the church office, or donate to Peace Lutheran Church noted "Holiday Help."

Women's Ministry SAVE THE DATE! Join the women's ministry white elephant gift exchange brunch on **Saturday, Dec 13 from 9:30-11:30am** in the multipurpose room. Celebrate the Christmas season by bringing a dish to share and one (funny, silly, practical, etc.) gift to exchange. Talk to Julia if you have any questions.

Ministry Leaders Meeting Sunday, November 23, after 11 am worship. This will be a time for each ministry lead to share a quick update on the work you're doing, lift up needs and challenges, and name what support will help you move forward. Your voice matters in how we care for our community and plan for what's next. For more info, please contact Brendan Nelson.

Interested in Learning More about Faith in God and Service through Peace Church? Want to Become a Member of Peace? Join a Saturday class in the multipurpose room **Dec. 6 from 10 – 2:30 pm** called "Foundations of Faith and Peace" exploring marks of being a follower of Jesus and what it means to serve him in and through Peace Lutheran Church. Lunch provided. Interested? Talk to Pastor John. **New members will be received in worship on Sunday, December 14.**

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:45 am (in person and online via Microsoft Teams) **Agenda:**

- Election of Council Officers & At-Large Council Members
- Adoption of the 2026 Ministry Plan (Budget)

Anti-Racism Book Resource Library Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with anti-racism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

Church Staff Update Deacon Charissa has discerned she will be moving on from her position at Peace the end of December to be a life and grief coach. We are so grateful for her service to the church and pray God's blessing in her transition.

Community Information

Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude Tuesday, November 25, 6 pm at Kilworth Chapel, University of Puget Sound. A gratitude celebration bringing together many religious groups.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacomia.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacomia.org
- **Deacon of Congregational Care & Community Resources:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, charissa@peacetacomia.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacomia.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, thegreenlife@hotmail.com
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacomia.org
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacomia.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa **Tech:** Jay Maebori

Van Driver: Malcolm Carroll

Breakfast: Craig Cogger **Snack:** Kit Thompson

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Antonio Yune	Charissa Carroll
Reader:	Robin McGaughy	Charissa Carroll
Usher:	Don Whittles	Ben Flesher
Prayer Ministers:	Sandra Puckett	Leigh Wong
Special Guest Musician:	IJenNeh	IJenNeh