



Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

October 10, 2021 – Twentieth 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 at Peace on Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am (please RSVP), and we live-stream worship online at 11 am. Please see the church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources. During the pandemic, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care.

In our Old Testament story, God provides manna (bread from heaven) and quail to meet the needs of the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness. God provides for us today. How do you experience God’s provision?

We are in a series called “Gathered to Scatter.” God gathers us in worship to scatter us to serve God during the week. We’re hearing stories of Peace folks serving God in our daily lives. It’s a good time to wonder: How will you respond to God’s love by sharing your gifts, not just through the church but in all arenas of your life?

Next Sunday October 17 is Commitment Sunday.

You’re invited to bring your pledge of time, talent, and treasure to worship or send it in the mail as your commitment to serve God through Peace church ministries next year! Regular worshippers at Peace should receive a letter in the mail with a pledge brochure. Didn’t get one? Contact Pastor John.

Thank you for your patience, caution, and care for others as we follow safety and health guidelines for in-person worship.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Pastor Jae Bates, 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 Latinx community in this Hispanic Heritage Month**
- **FOCUS Groups (small groups)** starting this week...
- **We honor the lives of all 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 nations’s laws, policies, & practices

- **For future directions of Peace Church**, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism
- **The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence**
- **The Native American community with the historical atrocities of boarding schools**
- **In this pandemic, especially as Delta rages...** for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill and families, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies working to stop this health threat, our church and community; for our world as people are being vaccinated
- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**
- **For the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, for Afghan & Haitian refugees, and for all immigrants**
- **For all affected by wildfires, hurricanes, and flooding**
- **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 affordable housing ministry**
- **The ministries of Peace Church & Community Center**
- **For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse**
- **For all who struggle with mental illness**
- **For peace:** all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Mozambique, Myanmar, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- **Celebrating:** Austin & Megan Shelton, married yesterday!
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **For the grieving:** Barb Hartness & family at the death of Barb’s son-in-law, Twylla Moore and Brendan Nelson at the death of family members, Dan & Dianne Stoehr at the death of twin grandbabies prior to their birth, for comfort in God
- **For a deep sense of God’s presence:** Don and Ziyadah Gillis as Ziyadah’s father nears death
- **For healing & strength:** Jessica Creso, Damishe Greenwood-Walker, Jeanette Hargrove’s family, Brendan Nelson’s family (father, brother, aunt, uncle, & nephew), Tamesha Nelson, Susan Pierce’s mom, Jeri Ramsdell, Jim Riede, Lynn Shelledy’s friend, Eileen Strittmatter, Estella

Ulloa, Dorothy White, Mark Williams, Antonio Yune

- **Ongoing health concerns:** Kitty Adams, Joe Freeman, Ron Green, Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Perry Richards, Jim Riede, Dianne Stoehr, Mark Williams, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll
- **For siblings in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** 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 – not meeting in person right now

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. Thurs 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218.
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3rd Mon, 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 Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317.

October Is Hunger Response Month at Peace!

- **October Community Meals.** Free grab and go hot meals! Weekdays, 5:30–6:30 pm.
- **Give A Financial Gift to Fight Hunger.** Write a check to Peace Lutheran Church earmarked “Emergency Food Network” for local food banks. Or write a check to Peace earmarked “ELCA World Hunger Appeal” for global hunger relief, development, education, and advocacy.

In-Kind Donations Thank you for your donations of items to Peace Lutheran Church. At this point we are in need of these items only (please do not bring other items): men's clothing, linens, towels, blankets, new men's & women's underwear.

Want to Support Living Stones Prison Congregation?

Purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each (6 for \$25) or make a donation by Nov. 1. Buy tickets from Teresa Jackson (253-240-5447) or give a check to Peace Lutheran Church for “Living Stones” with the # of tickets and your contact info, and the tickets will be mailed to you. Drawing for \$2021 is Nov. 23.

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Welcome new Vision and Call Fellow, Kamari Carroll!

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities We offer three faith classes from 10:00-10:45 am each Sunday via Zoom:

- The 5th-6th grade Explorers class.
- The 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class, and
- The adult education class.

Please email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Children: We post Godly Play videos for children on our YouTube channel every week for families to use at home.

Middle & High School: A youth “Change Makers” group meets Wednesdays at 6 pm. Contact Brendan Nelson.

Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities 10:00-10:45 am

Through Oct. 17: A series called “Gathered to Scatter.”

Join a Zoom time to explore scripture, share faith reflections, and hear stories about God working in us and through us in our everyday lives. God gathers us in worship to scatter us to serve God during the week. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Community Bible Study Pastor John and Pastor Jae facilitate a Bible Study using Zoom **Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** on the scripture readings for worship the following Sunday. Please email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Health Journey Small Group Looking to chat weekly with other folks working toward a health goal? Email Rebecca Foster at rfoster10@outlook.com. Meetings will take place on Zoom and will be discussion based (not facilitated by an expert).

Loved Ones Commended to the Lord Sunday November 7

is All Saints Sunday, and we will honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away in the last year and give thanks to God for them. If you would like to submit a name of a departed loved one to be honored, please write their name in the book on the table outside the sanctuary or contact Pastor John.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry:** Brendan Nelson, ext 103, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Intern Pastor:** Jae Bates, ext 104, jae@peacetacoma.org
- **Vision & Call Fellow:** Kamari Carroll, kamari@peacecommunitycenter.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Community Resources Coordinator:** Teri Jelinek, tjelinek50@gmail.com
- **Nursery Attendant:** Rebecca Valencia, rebecca@peacetacoma.org
- **Office Coordinator:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Custodian:** Ana Sanchez
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa, Robin McGaughy

Technology: Pastor Jae Bates **Nursery:** Rebecca Valencia

Van Driver: Craig Cogger **Sanitation:** Joe Blake/Joseph Anderson

8:30 am **11:00 am**

Assisting Minister: Brendan Nelson Brendan Nelson

Readers: Robin McGaughy Dean Sawhill

Greeters: Kamari Carroll Leigh Wong

Ushers: Joe Blake/Joseph Anderson Charissa Carroll

Musician: Brad Willis Brad Willis

Song Leader: Antonio Yune Antonio Yune