



## 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”

### October 18, 2020 – 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

May God bless you as we worship online! In this time of the COVID-19 health crisis, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care. All public gatherings at Peace have been canceled. Please check the church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org), Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources.

We’re walking through the Old Testament, and today our story is about Hannah. God answers her prayer for a child, and she praises God, sings of God’s care for the needy, and dedicates her son Samuel to the Lord.

Today we dedicate to God what God’s given us. We’re concluding a series called “**God’s Steadfast Love & Faithfulness,**” as we reflect on what it means to respond to God’s grace through the words of Micah 6:8: “do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.” **Today is Commitment Sunday.** You’re invited to bring your pledge of time, talent, and treasure to the church between 9 am and noon and leave it in the Offering box at an outdoor “altar” as your commitment to serve God through Peace church ministries next year! If you aren’t able to bring it to the church, please send it in the mail or email. Regular worshippers at Peace should have received a letter in the mail with a pledge brochure. Didn’t get one? Pick one up at the outdoor altar or contact Pastor John.

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Pastor Jae Bates. May you know the peace of Christ 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.*

- **Our politically divided nation as we near Election Day; for God’s guidance in voting**
- **We honor the lives of all tragically taken in acts of racial violence,** naming Manuel Ellis, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed, and George Floyd.
- **For deep reflection and acknowledgement 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 laws and policies in our nation.**
- **For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic esp. 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 congregation and community

- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**
- **For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...**
- **For the hungry in our world, for food and justice**
- **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 refugees fleeing war & poverty, and for immigrants**
- **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, Ukraine, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen, Venezuela
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **The grieving:** Pat Ferguson at the death of her mother, Vertisel Isaac at Maryann Wright’s death, Anita Rosales at the death of her niece Lillian
- **For healing & strength:** Judy Brockhoff, Annie Burris, Anne Campbell, Eddie Castro, Daniel Davis, Renee Jones, Twylla Moore, Brendan Nelson’s mother & brother & family, Sandra Puckett, Lisa Williams, Mark Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Edwina McKnight, Dona Miller, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra & Bruce Puckett, Perry Richards, Art Shelton, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll
- **For sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church, our companion synod; the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona, Ola Fou Church

#### 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 & Alma Crawford: 752-4258.
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. Thu, 12pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org)  
Thursdays at 6:30 pm (sanctuary)
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218. Second Saturday at 8 am (multipurpose room)
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [quietwater60@yahoo.com](mailto:quietwater60@yahoo.com)
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 send your offering by mail or electronic means. If you would like to get set up for regular online giving, please contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317. You may also make a secure donation on the church website.

### 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.

**Want to Support Living Stones?** Living Stones is a Lutheran congregation behind the walls of the Washington Corrections Institute in Shelton. If you want to support its ministry, you may choose to purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each (6 for \$25) or make a donation by Nov. 1. Send a check to Peace Lutheran Church with the # of tickets you want and your contact info, and the tickets will be mailed to you. Drawing for \$2020 is Nov. 17.

## Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

### Faith Opportunities for All Sundays 9:30-10:30 am (Zoom):

- The 5th-6th grade Explorers class,
- The 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class, and
- The adult education class (not meeting today)

**Children:** We do not offer live virtual children's Sunday School. Instead, we post **Godly Play videos** for children on our YouTube channel every week for families to use at home.

**High school:** There is no live virtual high school Sunday School offering. A high school youth “Change Makers” group meets **Wednesdays at 5 pm**. Questions? Please contact Brendan Nelson or Pastor John.

### Upcoming Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities at 9:30 am

**The Bible Project:** explore books and themes of the Bible and share in reflective conversation (Zoom). Starts **Sunday, October 25**. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link. No class today.

**Godly Play Videos for Children** Parents, have you checked out the church YouTube channel? You will find Godly Play Bible story videos with wondering questions to use at home with your children. Questions? Contact Brendan Nelson.

**Faith Resources for Children and Youth** We have posted links to other faith resources, including videos, on the church website for parents, children, and youth to use. Brendan Nelson is available to respond to any questions.

**Community Bible Study** Pastor John and Pastor Jae lead a Community Bible Study using Zoom **Thursdays, 12-1 pm**, on the Bible readings for worship the following Sunday. We read scripture, share conversation, and pray as we listen for God to speak to us & through us. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

**Reopening Task Force Update** Our Reopening Task Force continues to meet and discuss all concerns, interests, ideas, and barriers to resuming in-person worship services at Peace. We hear you all and understand both the deep spiritual need for some in-person connection, as well as the continued vigilance regarding personal and public health.

- **Worship:** When Pierce County reaches Phase 3, the task force will meet to prayerfully determine our reopening date for indoor in-person worship. Even after we return to indoor in-person worship, we will be ready to revert back to fully online worship if necessary.
- **Small Groups:** As we address concerns for in-person connection and health precautions, we're inviting folks to consider meeting in small groups of up to 5 people that follow Covid-19 guidelines. Want to participate or lead a small group? Contact Pastor Jae at [jae@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jae@peacetacoma.org).  
Reopening Task Force: Joseph Anderson, Ben Flesher, Brendan Nelson, Pastor Jae, Pastor John, Kit Thompson, Antonio Yune

**Loved Ones Commended to the Lord** Sunday November 1 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 contact Pastor John.

## Community Information

**Home Repairs** Rebuilding Together South Sound is currently taking applications for home repairs. For more information visit [www.rebuildingtogetherss.org/apply-for-services](http://www.rebuildingtogetherss.org/apply-for-services)

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

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