



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter

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. Please wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, a season of 50 days! We celebrate with hope and joy the resurrection of Jesus! In today's Gospel, the risen Christ appears to the disciples midst their doubts and questions and offers them the gift of peace.

Brendan Nelson shares the sermon today.

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.

- **Easter hope and joy for all in the Peace community!**
- **Blessings at the wedding of Tovah (daughter of Daniel and Jen Davis) who recently married Will!**
- **For the people of Myanmar and Thailand following the devastating earthquake**
- **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**
- **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

- **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
- **For healing:** Keri Anderson, Jeanie Correa, Shawna T.
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- **College & advanced training students:** Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent
- **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

- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah ButlerWills: 206-459-6357, first Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bryant Neighborhood Center
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **Men's Ministry:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Pucket: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: puckettsandra67@gmail.com

- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769, 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

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.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters Today

This year's Offering of Letters focuses on two priorities:

1. Fully funding and strengthening the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutrition program in the US.
2. Provide robust funding for global nutrition, which saves millions of lives across the world.

Stay tuned for background and information, and plan to join us for prayer, learning, and action **during the Faith Education Hour, 9:45 am**. Contact Craig Cogger with questions.

Children's Summer Bible Adventure Kickoff Planning

Meeting Interested in planning and serving? Come to a meeting at Peace **Wed. April 30 at 6 pm**. Questions? Contact Andrew Wright (253-222-5518, wright.andrew.g@gmail.com).

Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to

Respond? Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails. See new list of 7 micro-actions.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Sunday Morning Schedule We worship at 8:30 & 11 am, and we live stream worship online at 11 am. We share breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am, a Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am, and refreshments and fellowship after 11 am worship.

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

- Godly Play for children ages 4–5th grade (basement classroom)
- Feet to Faith class for 6th-8th graders (conference room)
- Adult & Older Youth Education (multipurpose room) – today,

Bread for the World Offering of Letters, led by Craig Cogger

Community Bible Study It's starting again this Thursday

May 1! Pastor John leads a Bible Study in the conference room and online (Teams) **Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** on the scriptures for worship the following Sunday. Email him for the Teams link.

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.

Docuseries Our Anti-Racism Work Group is hosting a documentary film and discussion series exploring identity, power, and social justice with special guest facilitators. Free! Snacks provided. Ages 11 and up welcome. Please invite others.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room.

+ **May 7:** *Since I Been Down* with director Gilda Sheppard

+ **May 21:** *Honor Thy Mother* with producer Gina Corpuz

+ **June 4:** *Israelism* with Tacoma's Jewish Voice for Peace

See link to more information about films in all-church email.

Tacoma Sacred Places Tour Peace is participating with seven other congregations in a Sacred Places Tour **Saturday May 10 from 1-4 pm**. Our building will be open during those hours, and church hosts will be present to give tours and share information about the history, life, and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church.

Ukrainian Easter Eggs—Signs of Hope This Easter season you're invited to spend time in quiet in the sanctuary prayer corner meditating on the Ukrainian Easter eggs made by the Women of Peace. Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, are hand decorated eggs made with an ancient wax resist process. Ukrainians have decorated beautiful eggs for centuries, and it has become a Christian practice to give them to others, passing on love, power, and hope.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

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

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Rebecca Foster	Tech: Don Gillis	Nursery: Brianna Miller
Breakfast: Teresa Jackson		Snack: Neoma Clay
Welcome & Watch: Gretchen Duggan		Van Driver: Antonio Yune
	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister: Tim Chalberg		Rachel Boss
Reader: Kathy Hanawalt		Betty Sortor-Beaman
Greeter:		Neoma Clay
Usher: Craig Cogger		Damishe Greenwood-Walker
Prayer Ministers: Sandra Puckett		Sarah ButlerWills
Musicians: Twylla Moore		Twylla Moore