



Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

November 26, 2023 – Christ the King Sunday

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. We continue to require masks the first Sunday of each month for 8:30 am worship so those who need to take additional precautions can participate. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

It is **Christ the King Sunday**. At the close of the church year, we praise Jesus, servant Lord and King of all seasons! In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sheep & the Goats. When we serve those who are in need, we serve the king, Jesus.

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 2024, please place it in the Offering box or send it to the church office. Didn't receive one? Please pick one up at the Welcome Table or contact Pastor John. **If you missed the Ministry Fair**, please contact Brendan Nelson to sign up for ministry opportunities.

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. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or Brendan Nelson 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.

- **Thanks to God for God's love in Jesus & all God's gifts!**
- **For Peace Community Center in this time of transition**
- **For the gifts of the Native American community in this Native American Heritage Month**
- **For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism**
- **For peace and change in a culture of gun violence, and for communities grieving the tragic and unnecessary loss of life to mass shootings**

- **For justice in the trial of the police officers charged in the death of Manny Ellis**, for Manny's family in their grief, for the police officers, and for our whole community
- **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 the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants**
- **For all caught in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict with the Israel/Hamas war in Gaza, for peace...**
- **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 housing ministry**
- **For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse**
- **For all impacted by COVID**
- **For peace:** all living amidst violence or unrest; in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **For peace:** Ruth Perry-Jones, on hospice care
- **For healing:** Rachel Boss, Ben Flesher, Allison Kies, Helga Reed-Jefferson, Abe Ulloa's friend Jules M., Janet Willis, Antonio Yune
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Kitty Adams, Ed Castro, Lisa Flesher's mom, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Renee Jones, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Yvonne Reed, Abe Ulloa, Dorothy White
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Eileen Strittmatter, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn 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

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah Butler Wills. Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **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:** Antonio Yune: 227-1995. 2nd Sat, 9 am
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: puckettsandra67@gmail.com
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4th Tuesday, 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 the church office (253)383-1317.

Commitment Have you pledged your time, talent, & treasure to God for the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2024? To date we've received 32 financial pledges totaling \$251,560. Thanks to God for your generous sharing of God's gifts!

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

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 Walmart to the office. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Join the Gospel Choir for Christmas! Rehearse Thursdays Dec. 7 & 14 at 6 pm. Questions? Ask Music Director Twylla.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Sunday Breakfast Fellowship and Refreshments

We regularly offer breakfast and fellowship time for all **Sundays at 9:30 am** and refreshments and fellowship **after 11 am worship** every Sunday in the multipurpose room.

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

No faith classes today. Share breakfast and enjoy fellowship!

Cleaning & Paint Party Help fix up the church house at 1949 S. Ainsworth Sat. Dec. 2, 9-3 pm. 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. 2** 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 10.**

Advent Devotionals Make your way daily through the Advent season using a daily or weekly devotional and Advent wreath of 5 candles. See all-church email for devotional links. **Families with Children:** Use the Jesse Tree daily devotional with ornament symbols and learn about people in Jesus' family tree. Pick up Jesse Tree materials and Advent candles on Sundays.

Women's Ministry Advent Gathering Women of Peace, gather for a time of connection, meditation and reflection the first three Sundays of Advent (**Dec. 3, 10, & 17**) from **3-4 PM** in the classroom across the alley as we lean into the silence and waiting of Advent. Please reach out to Lynn Longfield (253.651.2128), Sally Perkins (253.307.9647) or Kathy Hanawalt (253.572.0133) with questions or accommodation requests.

Purchase Fair Trade Coffee Sundays Dec. 3, 10, & 17 between services. Questions? Ask Teri Jelinek (206-718-6109).

Adult Forum on the 2024 Ministry Plan (Budget) Come to a forum on **Sunday December 3 at 9:45 am** in the multipurpose room to hear more about the 2024 budget and ask questions.

Intergenerational Christmas Brunch Saturday Dec. 9 from 11 – 12:30 pm. Great for families with children! Christmas crafts, food, and the story of Jesus' birth. **Come decorate the sanctuary for Christmas starting at 12:30 pm.**

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 10, 9:45 am (in person and online via Microsoft Teams) Agenda:

- Election of Council Officers & At-Large Council Members
- Adoption of the 2024 Ministry Plan (Budget)
- Introduction of New Community Center Board Members

Note: The proposed budget from the Church Council allows the congregation to expand the part-time Resource Navigator staff position to Deacon of Congregational Care and Community Resources, a full-time position to be assumed by our Word and Service rostered leader Deacon Charissa Carroll.

Children's Christmas Program Sunday Dec. 17 during 11 am is the Children's Christmas Program. There will be a special practice with children on **Sunday Dec. 10 in Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship.**

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 100 (leave message), jayna@peacetacoma.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Resource Navigator:** Charissa Carroll, ext 100 (leave message), charissa@peacetacoma.org
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Office Manager and Community Meals Contact Person:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa, Betty Sortor-Beaman **Tech:** Don Gillis
Nursery: Brianna Miller **Van Driver:** Will Jones

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Tim Chalberg	Trina Kagochi
Readers:	Joanne McWilson	Neoma Clay
Greeter:	Pam Asadi	Teresa Jackson
Usher:	Craig Cogger	Tony Kagochi
Prayer Ministers:	Robin McGaughy	Irene Manley
Musicians:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore, Paul Brown