

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

The Psalm

Psalms 145:1-8

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

The Gospel Reading

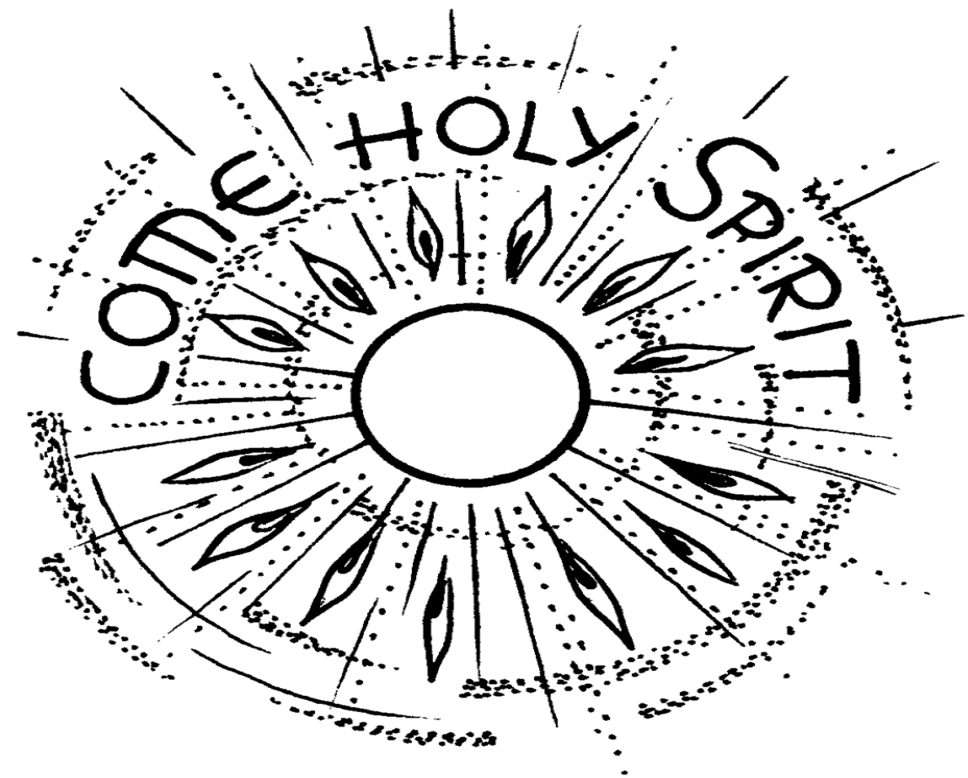
Matthew 20:1-16

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: The Power of Forgiveness

September 13, 2026

Rally Sunday!



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Matthew 18:21-22

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org
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Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.

+ We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.

+ Children and worship: We offer a Children's Worship Time during worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under. A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.

+ Holy Communion is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/ grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself.

If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

+ Decisions about when a child should receive Communion belong to the family.

Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ Transportation: Need a ride to worship? Call the church and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care please contact Pastor John (pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Burgundy Book Hymn 191

Text and music: African American spiritual; JESUS LIFTED ME, arr. With One Voice, 1995 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress *

"Great Are You Lord"

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan © 2012 Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Integrity's Praise Music, Open Hands Music, So Essential Tunes *

You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness.

You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken. And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

And all the earth will shout your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

Great are you, Lord!

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21

The Gospel Song "Come to Jesus"

Burgundy Book Hymn 156

Text: traditional, Music: traditional *

Come to Jesus (3x) just now, just now come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.

He will save you... He will cleanse you... He will hear you...

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

The Gospel Song "Come to Jesus"

Children's Message and Special Blessing for Sunday School

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Great Is Your Mercy"

Don Moen 1990 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

Great is your mercy towards me, your loving kindness towards me.

Your tender mercies I see day after day. Forever faithful to me, always providing for me

Great is your mercy towards me, great is your grace!

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" Burgundy Book Hymn 248

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952; Music: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952 © 1978 Bob Kilpatrick Music, admin. Lorenz Publishing Co. *

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord... In your church, Lord...

11 am Gospel Choir

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Burgundy Book pg. 39

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Song "Heart of Worship" Matt Redman *

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come.

Longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless your heart.

I'll bring you more than a song for a song in itself is not what you have required,

You search much deeper within through the way things appear,

You're looking into my heart .

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.

I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve.

Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours, every single breath.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

Burgundy Book Hymn 69

Robert Lowery 1826-1899 Plainfield, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 *

The Dismissal Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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