

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament #1

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Old Testament #2

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The Gospel

John 10:10b

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Take It All" Matt Crocker, Scott Ligertwood, and Marty Sampson *

Searching the world, the lost will be found in freedom we live, as one we cry out.
You carried the cross, you died and rose again, my God I'll only ever give my all.
Jesus we're living for your name, we'll never be ashamed of you.
Our praise, and all we are today.
Take, take, take it all, take, take, take it all.

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The New Testament

Romans 12:9-21

The Gospel

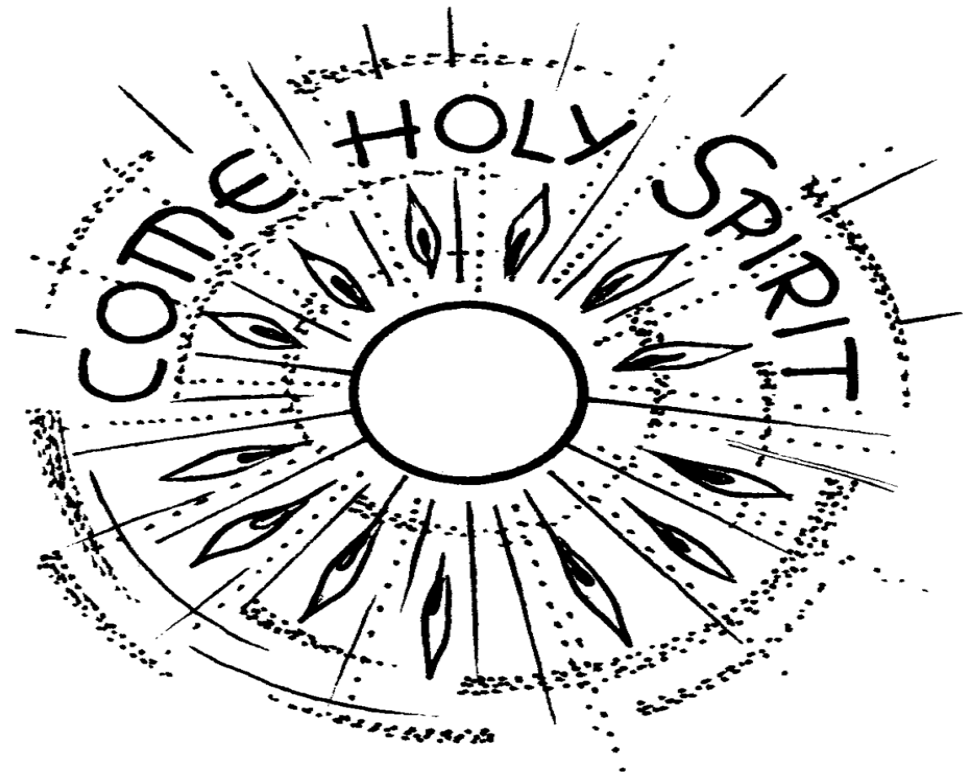
Matthew 16:21-28

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit:
Our Story Is God's Story

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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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 worshipping 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 "Jesus, I'll Never Forget"

The Soul Stirrers 1969, The Gospel Soul of Sam Cooke with The Soul Stirrers, Vol. 1 *

Jesus I'll never forget, what you've done for me.

Jesus I'll never forget, how you set me free.

Jesus I'll never forget, how you brought me out. Jesus I'll never forget, no never.

How can I forget, what you've done for me.

How can I forget, how you set me free.

How can I forget, how you brought me out. How can I forget, no never.

Never, never forget, never, never forget.

"King of My Heart"

Text & music: John Mark & Sarah McMillan, © Meaux Jeux Music, Raucous Ruckus Publishing, (admin. Capital CMG Publishing, McMillan, Sarah) *

Let the King of my heart, be the mountain where I run.

The fountain I drink from, oh, he is my song.

Let the king of my heart, be the shadow where I hide.

The ransom for my life, oh, he is my song.

Refrain: You are good, good, oh, oh, you are good, good, oh, oh.

You're never gonna let, you're never gonna let me down.

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 #1

Isaiah 55:8-9

The Old Testament #2

Jeremiah 29:11

The Gospel Song "God Is So Good"

Burgundy Book Hymn 275

Text & music: God Is So Good, traditional *

God is so good (3x) He's so good to me. He cares for me (3x) He's so good to me.

He saved my soul (3x) He's so good to me. I praise his name (3x) He's so good to me.

The Gospel Reading

John 10:10b

The Gospel Song "God Is So Good"

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

Sermon

Diane Powers

Song of the Day "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood, Adoration 1996 *

Lord I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me, in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to you.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen. (4x)

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: "Lord Do It For Me" Zacardi Cortez, Imprint (Live in Memphis) 2022 *

Lord, do it for me, oh Lord, do it for me.

Lord if You don't do it, it just won't be done. So Lord, do it for me.

Lord, fix it for me, oh Lord, fix it for me.

Lord I have a problem, that only you can solve. So Lord, do it for me.

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 "Lead Me To the Rock" Stephen Hurd, 2004 A Call to Worship: Live in D.C. *

When my heart is overwhelmed, I ask you, lead me to the rock.

Lead me to the rock, that's higher than I, oh Lord.

When my heart is overwhelmed, my prayer is, lead me to the rock.

Lead me to the rock, that's higher than I, that's higher than I.

You are my firm foundation, my salvation, my solid rock.

The Communion Blessing

*See The Sending on the back page.