



## 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”

### February 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

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](http://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. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the First Sunday in **Lent**, a season of reflection and repentance as we walk with Jesus toward his suffering and death on the cross. Today’s gospel tells of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. His 40-day fast is the basis for our 40-day Lenten journey. As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we’re encouraged to practice three Lenten disciplines: fasting (giving up something that is distracting us from a deeper relationship with God), almsgiving (taking on acts of loving service that draw us closer to God), and prayer (connecting to the source of life).

Sally Perkins brings the sermon message 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 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.*

- **Thanksgiving for the gifts of the African American community in this Black History Month**
- **For immigrants and refugees**
- **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**
- **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, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Congo, Sudan, Yemen, Venezuela, Haiti
- **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:** Neoma Clay’s brother, William Garling, David Jacobo, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Brendan Nelson’s dad, Carvin Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Teclerian, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- **College & advanced training students:** Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Seigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent
- **For our partners in mission all over the world:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Seignys in Japan

#### Small Group Gatherings

- **Children’s Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 11 am
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: [lynn\\_longfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn_longfield@hotmail.com), 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays after 11 am worship
- **Men’s Bible Study:** Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Peace Community Center, classroom building
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Gail Storrs: 222-5246, for prayer requests email: [gailstorrs@gmail.com](mailto:gailstorrs@gmail.com)

- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: [gailstorrs@gmail.com](mailto:gailstorrs@gmail.com), 222-5246, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 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.

**Prayer Chain** Want to be part of the Prayer Chain praying throughout the week for people and situations requested by the people of Peace? Email Gail Storrs at [gailstorrs@gmail.com](mailto:gailstorrs@gmail.com).

**Lenten Soup Suppers** Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring soup and bread for the soup suppers 6 pm on **Wednesdays Feb. 25 – Mar. 25**. Questions? Ask Nancy Heavey, 752-8450.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** Are you a member of Thrivent? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing them **by March 31** to Peace Lutheran Church by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

**Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to Respond?** Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails. See lists of 7 micro-actions.

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

### Sunday Morning Schedule

- **8:30 am: Worship**
- **9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **9:45 am: Faith Education Hour**
- **11 am: Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after**

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

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Explorers class for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Feet to Faith class for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Adult & Older Youth Education: “Seasons of Faith: Advent,” a journey through the church seasons, led by Brendan Nelson

### Sunday Adult & Older Youth Classes in Lent at 9:45 am:

**Seasons of Faith** For **6 Sundays starting February 22**, we will explore the seasons of the church year and discover how God meets us in the seasons of our lives through stories of Jesus, his teachings, and church seasonal themes as we seek to live lives of justice and faithfulness to God. This Lent, through prayer, confession, and reflection with scripture, art, music, and conversation we journey together as a community of faith.

**Feb. 22** - Advent, **Mar. 1** - Christmas, **Mar. 8** - Epiphany, **Mar. 15** - Lent, **Mar. 22** - Easter, **Mar. 29** - Pentecost. Rev. Lynn Longfield, Brendan Nelson, and Pastor John will lead.

### During Lent – Wednesdays Feb. 25 – Mar. 25, 6-7:30 pm

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)  
 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service– **this Wednesday: Prayer Walk in Our Hilltop Neighborhood**  
 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (adults & youth), Journey of the Heart with Jesus Faith Activity (children)

**Lent Bags for Families** Families with children are invited to pick up a purple Lent bag with “A Journey of the Heart: Walking through Lent Together” materials to use at home, including a Lent calendar and activities connecting to Wednesday Lent gatherings at Peace.

**Lent Devotional Resources** See all-church email for links.

**Centering Prayer for Our Nation** You are invited to a time of quiet, shared prayer. In response to the heaviness many of us are carrying, we will gather with meditative music and in silence to center our hearts, be together, and pray with pure intention for what is happening in our country. **Saturdays, 12–1 pm Feb. 21–Apr. 4** in the sanctuary. Contact Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390) for more information.

**Community Bible Study** The Community Bible Study on Thursdays is taking a break for Lent to resume after Easter. Please join Sunday classes and Wed. evening Lent offerings.

**Spring Makers Market** Join us for the Peace Lutheran Church Women’s Ministry Spring Makers Market on **March 21, 11 am to 2 pm**. Enjoy shopping from local vendors offering pottery, baked goods, greeting cards, candles, plant starters, books, and soaps. Proceeds will benefit the Women’s Ministry. We are also seeking additional vendors to participate. For more information, please contact Julia Kagochi, Leigh Wong, or Lenora Sneva.

**Seeking a Groundskeeper** Peace seeks an individual or business for landscaping services (lawnmowing, edging, trimming, minor pruning, raking, etc.). Applicants please submit a proposal, broken down by cost per property, **by February 27** to [plcjobs@peacetacoma.org](mailto:plcjobs@peacetacoma.org). See request for proposal link on the church homepage [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org). Questions? Contact Damishe (253-383-1317 ext. 100).

**Black History Month** See the all-church email with events.

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
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- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, [plcadmin@peacetacoma.org](mailto:plcadmin@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

**Altar Guild:** Rebecca Foster    **Tech:** Brad Wills  
**Nursery:** Brianna Miller    **Van Driver:** Rob Preston  
**Breakfast:** Rebecca Foster, Betty Sortor-Beaman  
**Snack:** Jo Nivling-Izquierdo

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Antonio Yune	Kit Thompson
<b>Reader:</b>	Carol Watson	Neoma Clay
<b>Usher:</b>	Don Whittles	Manis Pierre
<b>Prayer Minister:</b>	Robin McGaughy	Shelley & Jae Maebori
<b>Musician:</b>	Michael Green	Michael Green
<b>Welcome &amp; Support:</b>	Lenora Sneva	