

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
14 The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
20 The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

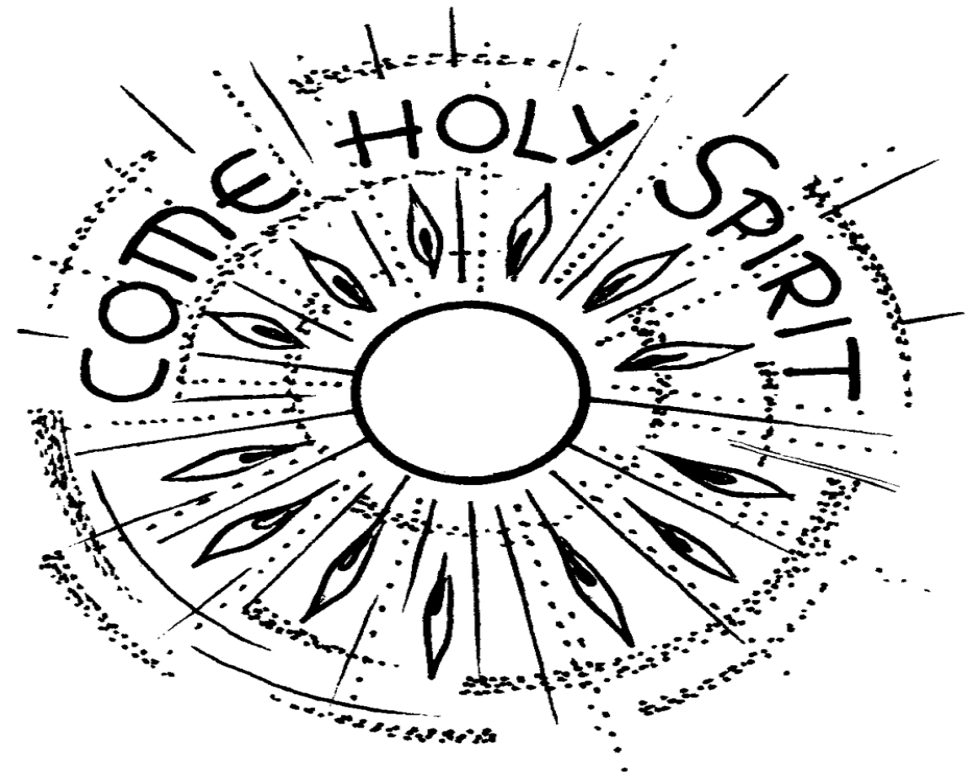
13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Feeding of the 5000

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Matthew 14:19-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

The Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

The New Testament Reading

Romans 10:5-15

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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 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 Know It Was the Blood"

Text and music: traditional; arr. James M. Capers, b. 1948; Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress *

Burgundy Book Hymn 75

"We Have Come Into This House"

Text & music: Bruce Ballinger, b. 1945., © 1976 Sound III, Inc. admin MCA Music Publishing *

Burgundy Book Hymn 136

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett 1995 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe, your holy presence living in me. (2x)

Refrain: And I, I'm desperate for you, and I, I'm desperate for you.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread, your very word spoken to me. (2x)

And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you. I'm lost without you.

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 Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The Gospel Song "Spirit of the Living God"

Text and music: Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977; © 1935 Birdwing Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing *

Burgundy Book Hymn 101

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me (2x).

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

The Gospel Song "Spirit of the Living God"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Be Thou My Vision"

Red Book Hymn 793

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional *

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: "Silver and Gold" Kirk Franklin and the Family, 1993 *

Silver and gold, silver and gold, oh. I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

No fame or fortune, nor riches untold. Oh, I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

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 "I Can Only Imagine" Mercy Me, Almost There 2001 *

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by your side

I can only imagine what my eyes will see when your face is before me,

I can only imagine.

Refrain: Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of you be still?

Will I stand in your presence, or to my knees will I fall?

Will I sing, Hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the sun

I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship you.

I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when all I would do is forever, forever worship you,

I can only imagine.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Reckless Love" Cory Asbury Heaven Come, 2017 *

Oh, the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God.

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99.

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.

Oh, the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God.

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

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