



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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! During the summer we worship Sundays at 10 am and live stream the service online. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

Today is the **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Director of Community Engagement and Outreach Brendan Nelson shares the message today.

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: During worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom.

Deacon Charissa Carroll will be out of the office August 7–25 due to health concerns. Please keep our staff in your prayers. Brendan Nelson, Director of Community Engagement & Outreach, will attend an ELCA gathering August 12–17, with limited access to calls and emails, & away August 24–30. Damishe Greenwood-Walker will be out of the office August 15. The office will open with Kit Thompson from 2-5 pm. Pastor John is on sabbatical until September 7.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Brendan Nelson or Deacon Charissa Carroll 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.

- **For Pastor John and family on sabbatical** and for the Peace congregation in the sabbatical time
- **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**
- **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 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, Ukraine, Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, eastern Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- **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:** Jeanie Correa, Brendan Nelson's niece Lenay, Sally Perkins, Helga Reed-Jefferson, Shawna Teclemariam, Charissa Carroll
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- **College & advanced training students:** Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Jackie Ray, 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

- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah ButlerWills: 206-459-6357, first Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bryant Neighborhood Center
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 (*on break*)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445
- **Men's Ministry:** Brendan Nelson: 383-1317, ext., 102
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Pucket: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: puckettsandra67@gmail.com

- **Women's Gatherings:** Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

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.

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

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule (through Sept. 7)

- 9 am: Breakfast & Fellowship
- 10 am: Worship (also livestream)
- Following Worship: Refreshments & Fellowship

Peace Café and Community Meals

Will be taking the rest of the month of August off to prepare for fall. Peace Cafe and Community Meals will be closed **Friday, August 15, 22, & 29**. We will resume Friday, Sept 5. If you are interested in volunteering or providing a meal in 2026, please email Damishe at plcadmin@peacetacoma.org.

Peace Youth Dinners

Next dinner will be **Sunday, August 24** (Prestons). This is a time for food, games and fellowship from **5-8 pm**. **Future dinners:** September 28 (Pedricks) and October 26 (Kagochis). Please contact Kathy Hanawalt if you need a ride or more info: kathyhanawalt@gmail.com, (253)572-0133.

Rally Sunday: Let's Tablegate!

Join us for **Rally Sunday** as we kick off the new church year **Sunday, Sept 14** — sports-style! Wear your favorite team gear and come hungry for our **Tablegate Party**, where each table features a different dish. We're looking for folks to host a table — bring a dish, decorate your space, and help us serve up some fun. Sign up using the clipboard at the welcome table, or talk to Rebecca Foster. We'll also highlight ways you can get involved this year. There's a place for everyone on the team! **Rally Sunday** will be held immediately after the 11 am service in the multipurpose room.

Peace Is Hiring for Two Positions

- **Children's Minister:** Peace seeks a part-time Children's Minister (average 6 hours/week) to strengthen faith formation of children in our congregation and Hilltop community, build relationships with children and parents/guardians, and encourage living faith and service in community.
- **Youth Minister:** Peace seeks a part-time Youth Minister (average 15 hours/week) to strengthen faith formation of youth in our congregation and Hilltop community through building relationships, recruiting volunteers, and building an overall youth ministry supporting youth to build relationships and live out their faith.

See job descriptions posted on the church website homepage. Send cover letter and resume to plcjobs@peacetacoma.org. Priority deadline September 12.

Sabbatical News Pastor John and family are on a three-month sabbatical ending September 7. This is a time of rest, renewal, and reflection for Pastor John. Pick up a sabbatical overview sheet on the table outside the sanctuary or the Welcome Table.

See all-church emails for Pastor John's periodic updates. Please pray for Pastor John and family that they will receive rest and their family will be strengthened.

Anti-Racism Book Resource Library Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with anti-racism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

Community Information

Shakespeare in the Park presents "Midsummer Nights Dream" Grab a picnic, bring the family and join us.

Shakespeare in the park is a much-loved Tacoma tradition, occurring outdoors in parks each summer season and will feature South Sound performers. This is a **Free event**.

- Sat, Aug 9: Wright Park, 7 pm
- Sun, Aug 10: Star Center, 6 pm
- Sat, Aug 16, Titlow Park, 6 pm
- Sun, Aug 17, Norpoint Park, 6 pm

Back to School Bash Life Center is hosting a back-to-school **Free event** with backpacks, haircuts, food & more **Sat, Aug 16, 11-2 pm**, at Life Center Central Campus, 1717 South Union Ave, Tacoma, 98405.

Stuff the Bus School Supply Giveaway Communities in Schools is hosting a **Free** school supply giveaway event for Pierce County students **Thurs, Aug 21, 3-6 pm**, at the McKinley Building, 3702 McKinley Ave, Tacoma, 98404.

School Ready On Day 1 Kids Health & Safety Fair

Sponsored by the Tacoma Police Department will be held **Sat, Aug 23, 10-1 pm** at the Eastside Community Center, 1721 East 56th St, Tacoma, 98404. Kids will receive backpacks, personal care bags, tennis shoes, hair cuts and more. This is a **Free event**. For more information contact Bervin Smith, bsmith7@tacoma.gov

One Year to Live Men's Retreat Sponsored by Lutheran Men in Misson, is having a men's retreat **September 12-14**, at Black Lake Bible Camp, 6521 Fairview Rd SW, Olympia 98512. This is an awesome time for men to gather together as iron sharpens iron. Registration is required. For information and to register, contact Antonio Yune, Antonio.yune@gmail.com or Malcolm Carroll, Malcolm.v.carroll@gmail.com.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org (on sabbatical)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Deacon of Congregational Care & Community Resources:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, charissa@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** vacant
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, thegreenlife@hotmail.com
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Melody Duke	Tech: Jay Maebori
Nursery: Brianna Miller	Van Driver: Malcolm Carroll
Breakfast: Rebecca Foster	Snack: Kathy Hanawalt
Welcome & Watch: Pam Asadi	
Assisting Minister: Kit Thompson	
Communion Presider: Brendan Nelson	
Reader: Diane Powers	
Usher: Grainne Sheshi	
Prayer Ministers: Tim Chalberg, Malcolm Carroll	
Musicians: Twylla Moore, William Hall	