



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

August 31, 2025 – Twelfth 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 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sarah ButlerWills 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.

Pastor John is on sabbatical until September 7. Deacon Charissa Carroll and Director of Community Engagement & Outreach Brendan Nelson are pastoral and church point persons during the sabbatical.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact 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.

- **Beginning of School:** for students, parents, families, teachers, educators, tutors, mentors as school begins
- **On Labor Day weekend, we're grateful for the gift of work and pray for all without sustainable work**
- **REACH Ministries Labor Day Family Camp**
- **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
- **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, Dezmyrn 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, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays in worship
- **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.

Rally Sunday Tablegate Party We're looking for folks to host a table on **Sunday, September 14**, immediately after the 11 am service. 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.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

Celebration of Life for Shari Shelton

The service for Shari Shelton will be held on **Saturday, September 6 at 2 pm** at the old **Tacoma Christian Center**, now owned by the **Puyallup Tribe** located at **3507 E. McKinley Ave. Tacoma, WA 98404**.

If you would like to honor Shari's legacy, there's an opportunity to provide support in her honor to **GIFTS Rwanda** at giftsrwanda.org. If you would like to send words of comfort to the family, you may email them to Damishe at plcadmin@peacetacoma.org and we will ensure your messages are lovingly delivered. Please keep the Shelton family in your prayers.

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule (through Sept. 7)

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

Garden Planning Meeting

Sunday, August 31 from 9:15 to 9:45 am, in multipurpose room. Time for us to share ideas on the garden for next year.

Garden Workdays: Join us **Saturday, September 20, and Saturday, October 4, 9:30 to 11 am**. We will renovate the garden beds, removing old plants and weeds, digging in compost and lime, and planting cover crops.

Sunday September 7 – Welcome Pastor John Back from Sabbatical and Share a Back to School Blessing

We will share in a sabbatical return blessing for Pastor John and family in worship on **Sunday September 7**, their first day back from sabbatical, and we'll pray God's blessings on students, parents, teachers, and all involved in education as school resumes.

Sunday Morning Schedule Starting September 14

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

Sunday September 14 – Rally Sunday Get ready! Get ready!

Game on! Come celebrate the return of our regular Sunday schedule with faith formation offerings on **Sunday, September 14**. Come for breakfast at **9:30 am** and a fun rally time for all ages during the **Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am**. Wear your favorite team gear and come hungry for our **Tablegate Party**, where each table features a different dish.

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.

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 homepage. Send cover letter and resume to plcjobs@peacetacoma.org. Priority deadline September 12.

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: Jeanie Correa **Nursery:** Brianna Miller
Van Driver: Don Whittles **Tech:** Don Gillis
Breakfast: "Cereal Bowls"
Snack: Jeanie Correa & Rebecca Foster
Welcome & Watch: Rebecca Foster
Assisting Minister: Malcolm Carroll
Communion Presider: Rev. Lynn Longfield
Reader: Emma McDaniel
Usher: Zoe Forbes
Prayer Ministers: Robin McGaughy
Musicians: Brad Wills