

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

The New Testament Reading

Romans 13:8-14

The Gospel Reading

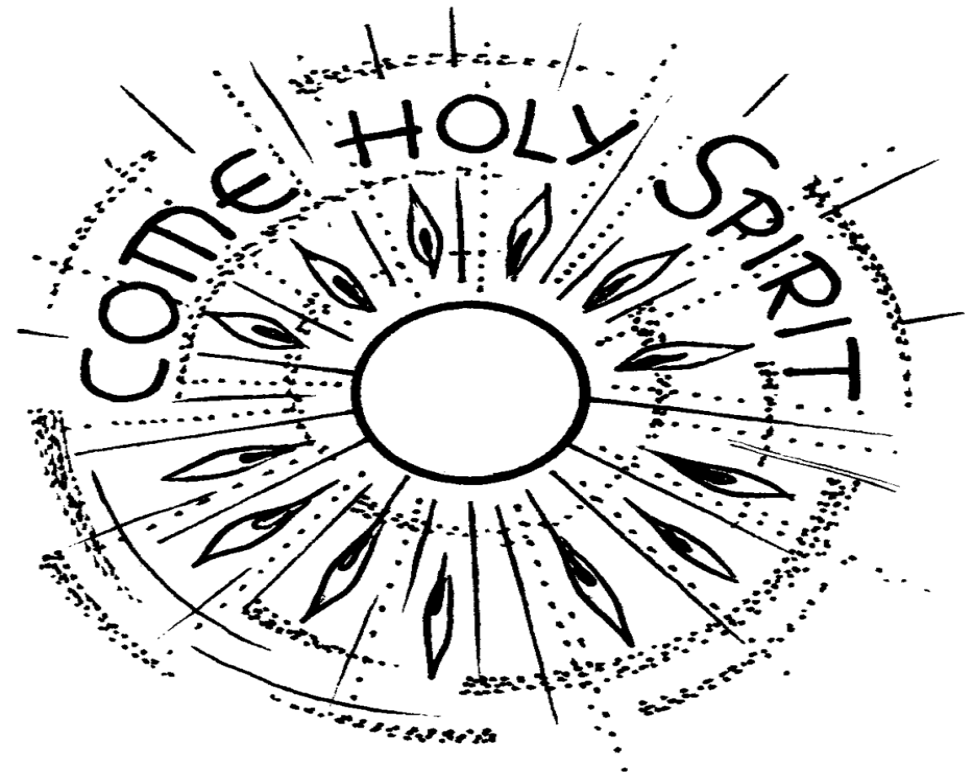
Matthew 18:15-20

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Victory in Jesus

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Matthew 16:25

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org
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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 “This Is the Day”

Text: Psalm 118:24; Music: Les Garrett, b. 1944; Music © 1967 Scripture in Song, a division of Integrity Music, Inc. *

Burgundy Book Hymn 262

“I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Text and music: African American spiritual; JESUS LIFTED ME, arr. With One Voice, 1995 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress *

Burgundy Book Hymn 191

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

Red Book Hymn 793

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 New Testament

Romans 12:9-21

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 16:21-28

The Gospel Song “Spirit of the Living God”

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

Sermon

Jay Maebori

Song of the Day “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Red Book Hymn 721

Text: From An African Prayer Book, Desmond Tutu, b. 193; Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949, Text © 1995 Desmond Tutu, admin. Random House, Inc. and Lynn C. Franklin Associates, Ltd.; Music: © 1996 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. *

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death;

Victory is ours, Victory is ours, through God who loves us. (2x)

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: “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 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 “O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Text: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Indelible Grace, 2008 *

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; my heart restores its
borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow
thru' the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory
dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song “Victory is Mine!”

Burgundy Book Hymn 266

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

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

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