



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

July 26, 2026 – 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.

It is a blessing to worship in person. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is **the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus shares images of the kingdom—the reign—of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a large catch. Our Director of Community Engagement and Outreach Brendan Nelson shares the sermon message.

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.

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.

- For immigrants and refugees
- People of Venezuela following the earthquakes
- 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
- **All who are grieving:** Allison Kies and our whole Peace community at the death of Allison's husband Alan Kies, for comfort and strength and hope in God
- **For healing:** Craig & Mary Cogger, William Garling, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Jeff Lulay, Marianne Lyle, Robin McGaughy, Brendan Nelson's parents, Sally Perkins, Eileen Strittmatter, Carvin Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Teclemariam, 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 Sevigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- **For our partners in mission all over the world:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Sevignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **Children's Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445 (*on break*)
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 (*on break*)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, July 30 and Aug. 6, 6 pm; sing 2nd Sundays in July & Aug. at 10 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after 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

- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd 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.

Peace Breakfast Providers Needed Able to provide breakfast on a Sunday? We need you. Idea: connect with a few other people (family, friends) to share the work. Sign up on Welcome Table clipboard. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson 253-318-4220.

Sunday Tech Person Needed Interested in serving in the tech/sound corner live streaming 11 am worship on Sundays (10 am in the summer)? Shadowing/training is provided. Please contact Pastor John. Thanks!

Church Office Helpers Needed Contact Damishe to help.

Meet the Neighbors & Get the Word Out Today meet after worship (about 11:30 am) in the multipurpose room, get organized, grab summer fliers, and go into the neighborhood to meet the neighbors, share an invitation to connect, and build relationships. We continue the long-time Peace tradition of door to door calling. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

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. 6)

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

Peace at the Park This Wednesday July 29, 5:30-7:30 pm at Wright Park, 501 S I St. Bring your own picnic food items and your own utensils. Gather, share fellowship and fun!

Summer Bible Adventure! Saturday August 8 (1 day only), 10 am – 3 pm is Summer Bible Adventure for children & families "Rainbow of Promise." Learn about God's promises and invitation for us to trust God, do activities, have fun, share food. **You're invited to jump in and help as you're able.** Contact Andrew Wright (wright.andrew.g@gmail.com) or Jeanie Correa (jeanie.correa@neillaw.com). Invite friends!

Outdoor Worship & BBQ & Games!!! Sunday August 9 at 10 am we gather outside on the corner lot (S. 21st & Ainsworth) for worship, food, fellowship, and fun! Bring a chair (or use one provided). Worship will be live streamed. Stay for a Cookout Fellowship with outdoor games for all! **No 9 am Breakfast & Fellowship time August 9. How to help:**

- **Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**
- **Contact Pastor John if you're willing to help set up or tear down.**

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Alan Kies

We will gather at Peace Lutheran Church **Saturday September 26 at 10:30 am** for a memorial service to give thanks to God for the life of Alan Kies and hear words of comfort and hope in God to help us in our grief. A reception with food and fellowship will follow in the multipurpose room. Please keep Allison and family and our whole community in your prayers.

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 Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: T-F, 9 am–5 pm

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacoma.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Rebecca Foster

Van Driver: Will Jones

Breakfast: Church Council

Assisting Minister: Tim Chalberg

Reader: Rick Trombley

Usher: Dave Olson

Prayer Ministers: Robin McGaughy

Musician: Michael Green

Welcome & Support: Gretchen Duggan

Tech: Peter Jacobson

Nursery: Brianna Miller

Snack: Pam Asadi