

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

Romans 8:12-25

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24 Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ 28 He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29 But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

The Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

The Gospel Reading

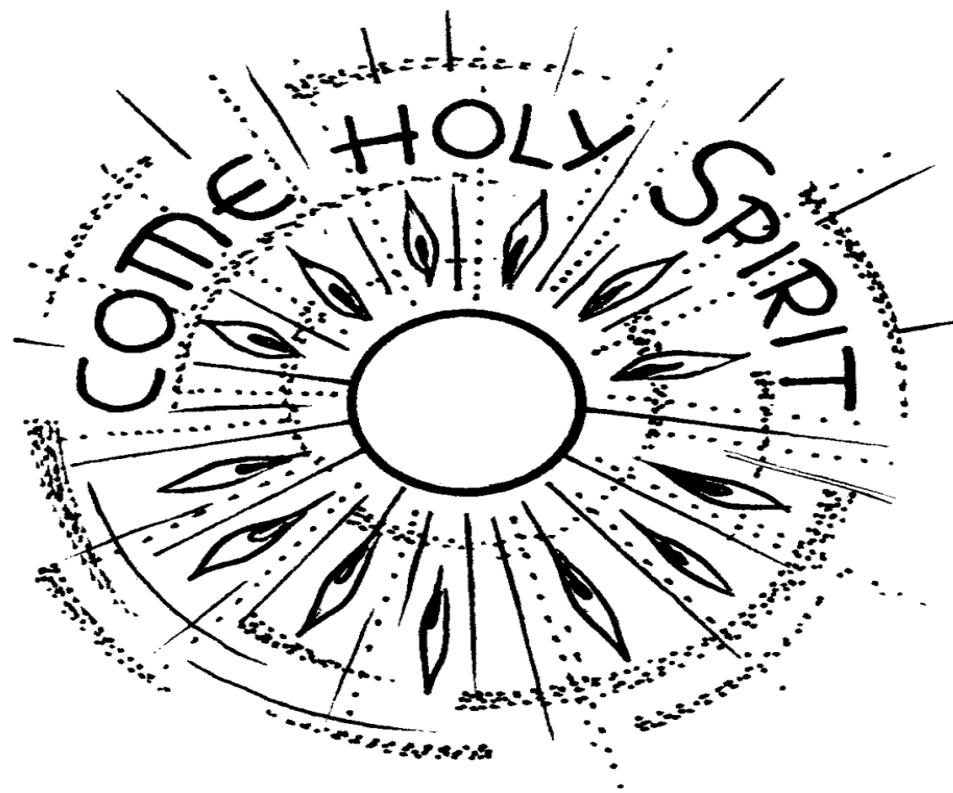
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: The Wheat and the Weeds

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus said, “Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Matthew 13:30

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 "Let It Rise"

Holland Davis 1997, 1999 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) *

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us (repeat)

Let the praises of our King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (repeat)

Let the joy of the King rinse among us, let it rise.

Ohh, ohh, ohh, let it rise.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Red Book Hymn 885

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, st. 1; Isaac Watts, 1675-1748, st. 2; William Kethe, d. 1593, st. 3; Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793; adapt. George Coles; arr. Roberta Martin, 1912-1969 Arr © 1968 Roberta Martin, c/o Leonard Austin, admin. J.B. Ross *

"Great Are You Lord" / "Gratitude"

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You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness.

You give hope, you restore, every heart that is broken. And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise. We pour out our praise.

And all the earth will shout your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

Great are you, Lord.

So I throw up my hands, and praise you again and again,

'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah, and I know it's not much,

But I've nothing else fit for a King. Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!

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 8:12-25

The Gospel Song "Praise the Name of Jesus"

Roy Hicks Jr., 1976 Latter Rain Music, admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing *

Praise the name of Jesus (2x). He's my rock, He's my fortress, He's my deliverer.

In Him will I trust, praise the name of Jesus!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel Song "Praise the Name of Jesus"

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

Temple Talk

Candice Baughman from One Parish, One Prisoner

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" vv. 1-4 Red Book Hymn 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5/Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. *

Additional Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

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:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Burgundy Book Hymn 247

Ken Medema 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema, B.1943 © 1973 Hope Publishing Co *

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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 "We Are An Offering"

Red Book Hymn 692

Text and music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957; Text and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song

"We Are an Offering" - Chorus

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

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