

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

1 3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Third Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

The Psalm

Psalm 95

The New Testament

Romans 5:1-11

The Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Peace Lutheran Church

Journey to the Cross: Jesus and Nicodemus

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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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 person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**

+ **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 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). 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 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" Burgundy Book Hymn 191

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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Burgundy Book Hymn 192

Text: Edward Mote; 1797-1874, alt; Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868 *

Confession and Forgiveness Burgundy Book pg. 24 Order A

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 Psalm

Psalm 121

The Gospel Song "Open Our Eyes, Lord" Burgundy Book Hymn 98

Text: Robert Cull, b. 1949; Music: Robert Cull, b. 1949, © 1976 Maranatha! Music, admin. The Copyright Company *

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him

And say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

The Gospel Song "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Burgundy Book Hymn 73

Text: Fannie J. Crosby, 1820-1915; Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915 *

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: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Burgundy Book Hymn 66

Text: African American spiritual; Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986 and Verolga Nix, b. 1933; Arr. © 1981 Abingdon Press, admin. The Copyright Company *

I want Jesus to walk with me. (2x) All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (2x) When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

11 am Children's Choir

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 Songs "Let Us Break Bread Together" Burgundy Book Hymn 123

Text: Richard Blanchard, b. 1925; Music: FILL MY CUP, Richard Blanchard, b. 1925; arr. Eugene Clark © 1964 Word Music, Inc. *

"One Bread, One Body" Burgundy Book Hymn 122

Text: John Foley, b. 1939; Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, b. 1939 © 1978; 1989 John B. Foley and New Dawn Music *

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "God Be With You" Burgundy Book Hymn 160

Text and music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935; Text and tune © 1940 Unichappell Music, Inc.; Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer *

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

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