



Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

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! We worship in person Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream worship online at 11 am. 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 Third Sunday in **Lent**, a season of reflection and repentance as we walk with Jesus toward his suffering and death on the cross. Today in John's Gospel, we reflect on the story of Jesus offering living water to the Samaritan woman at the well. Lenora Sneva shares the sermon message.

As we journey through Lent, we're encouraged to practice three Lenten disciplines: fasting (giving up something that is distracting us from a deeper relationship with God), almsgiving (taking on acts of loving service that draw us closer to God), and prayer (connecting to the source of life).

Prayer ministers are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

Families with children: During 11 am 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 deep reflection & prayer in this season of Lent
- Thanksgiving for the gifts and contributions of women to our society in this Women's History Month
- For immigrants and refugees
- 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
- For healing: Neoma Clay's brother, Craig Cogger, William Garling, Kathy Hanawalt, David Jacobo, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Brendan Nelson's dad, Carvin Williams
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Annie Burris, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Tecler, 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 Seigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- 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: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Seignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **Children's Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after 11 am 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 253-255-2233.

Lenten Soup Suppers Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring soup and bread for the soup suppers 6 pm on **Wednesdays through March 25**. Questions? Ask Nancy Heavey, 752-8450.

Collecting Halal Food Items During Lent this year, we're collecting Halal food items for refugee and immigrant families in Tacoma. See the list on the purple sheet at the Welcome table. Please bring food items to the church office or kitchen refrigerator/freezer if perishable **by Sunday March 15**.

Special Lenten Offering Our Lent offering is for Thrive International, a nonprofit empowering legal refugees and immigrants in Tacoma to rebuild their lives with dignity and independence through transitional housing and support. Please give to "Peace Lutheran Church," marked "Lenten Offering."

Help with Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday April 4, 10-11:30 am is an awesome event for children and families! We need your help to provide plastic eggs filled with candy. (You may purchase 50 plastic eggs and candy at the Dollar Tree.) Bring to the church office by **Thurs, March 26**. If you prefer to donate plastic eggs and candy separately, please do — we will gladly fill the eggs for you. Questions? Contact Jeanie: 253-278-3390.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing them **by March 31** to Peace Lutheran Church by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

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

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult & Older Youth: "Seasons of Faith: Epiphany," a journey through the church seasons; today led by Rev. Lynn Longfield

Sunday Adult & Older Youth Classes in Lent at 9:45 am: Seasons of Faith For the **6 Sundays in Lent**, we explore the seasons of the church year and discover how God meets us as we seek to live lives of justice and faithfulness to God. We journey together with prayer, confession, conversation, and reflection on scripture, art, and music. **Coming soon: Mar. 15 - Lent, Mar. 22 - Easter, Mar. 29 - Pentecost.** Rev. Lynn Longfield, Brendan Nelson, and Pastor John lead.

Lent Devotional Resources See all-church email for links.

During Lent – Wednesdays Through Mar. 25, 6-7:30 pm

- 6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper (multipurpose room)
- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Activity of Prayer and Service— **this Wednesday:** Learning How to Communicate with No Harm. We will practice a short listening skill featured in Retreat Home's Trauma Informed Approach workshops.
- 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (adults & youth), Journey of the Heart with Jesus Faith Activity (children)

Lent Bags for Families Families are invited to grab a purple Lent bag with "Journey of the Heart: Walking through Lent Together" materials to use at home, including a Lent calendar and activities connecting to Wed. Lent gatherings at Peace.

Centering Prayer for Our Nation You are invited to a time of quiet, shared prayer. In response to the heaviness many carry, we gather with meditative music and in silence to center our hearts, be together, and pray for what is happening in our country. **Saturdays, 12–1 pm through April 4** in the sanctuary. Contact Jeanie Correa (253-278-3390) for more information.

Community Bible Study The Community Bible Study on Thursdays is taking a break for Lent to resume after Easter. Please join Sunday classes and Wed. evening Lent offerings.

Spring Makers Market Come to the Women's Ministry Spring Makers Market **March 21, 11 am - 2 pm**. Enjoy shopping from local vendors offering pottery, baked goods, greeting cards, candles, plant starters, books, and soaps. Proceeds benefit Women's Ministry. We're seeking additional participating vendors. Contact Julia Kagochi, Leigh Wong, or Lenora Sneva.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
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- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
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- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Melody Duke **Tech:** Brad Wills **Van Driver:** Will Jones
Nursery: Brianna Miller **Breakfast:** Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson
Snack: Lope Ariz

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Brendan Nelson	Brendan Nelson
Readers:	Dean Sawhill, Diane Powers	Lorena Guerrero, Leigh Wong
Usher:	Viviane Sawhill	Eric Lee
Prayer Minister:	Tim Chalberg	Jo Nivling-Izquredo
Musician:	Michael Green	Michael Green
Welcome & Support:	Allison Kies	Gretchen Duggan