



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth 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.

We're in the church season of Pentecost. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus shares wisdom around dealing with conflict in relationships and Christian community. Lynda Maraby and Djenom Benjamin share the sermon message. Brendan Nelson presides over Holy Communion with dispensation from Bishop Marshall.

Today we share a Back to School Blessing for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

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

Families with children: We will not offer children's worship time during worship. Instead, children are invited to remain in worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor John is away celebrating his aunt's 90th birthday in Wisconsin, returning to work Tuesday. Operations Manager Damishe Greenwood-Walker is also away on vacation, returning to work Tuesday. For pastoral care please contact Brendan Nelson.

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.

- **Beginning of School:** for students, parents, families, teachers, educators, tutors, mentors as school begins
- **On Labor Day weekend,** we're grateful for the gift of work and pray for all without sustainable work
- **For immigrants and refugees**
- **All affected by wildfires**
- **The people of Nepal following massive flooding**
- **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:** Annabell Davis-Bloom at the death of her grandpa, Allison Kies at the death of husband Alan Kies, Dwayne & Charlene Carpenter at brother Charlie's death, Peggy Hurd at her son's death, for comfort and hope in God
- **For healing:** Craig & Mary Cogger, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Jeff Lulay, Robin McGaughy, Abigail Mills, Brendan Nelson's parents, Sharon Olson, Sally Perkins, Dwight & Tina Steenberg, Eileen Strittmatter
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, 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:** Renee 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.

Rally Sunday Back to School Bake-Off Whip up one of your favorite **homemade** back-to-school themed cakes, cupcakes, cookies, or bars and bring them **Sunday September 13** to share **after 11 am worship**. Prizes (and bragging rights) for first place in each of 3 categories (cakes, cupcakes, cookies/bars)! Sign up on the clipboard at the Welcome Table.

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

Rally Sunday Get ready! Game on! Celebrate the return of our regular Sunday schedule of worship and faith formation offerings on **Sunday, September 13**. We're rallying! Wear your favorite sports gear. Come ready to cheer on and join in. We will celebrate in the multipurpose room with a **great breakfast starting at 9:30 am** and **introduce fall faith offerings starting at 9:45 am**. After 11 am worship we'll eat goodies and share fellowship at a **Back-to-School Bake-off!** Don't miss it!

Sunday Morning Schedule Starting September 13

- **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 Offerings Starting September 20

(during Faith Education Hour 9:45-10:45 am each Sunday)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Youth Conversation about Life & Culture for 7th-12th graders (starts September 27)
- Adult Education class

Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Women's Bible Study This past year women of Peace participated in four manuscript Bible studies on Luke's Gospel. We are continuing our study of Luke starting in September.

Meeting times will be about 2 hours twice a month. If you participated last year, contact Leigh and jump back into a Bible study! If you haven't had a chance to join a Bible study but want to now, contact Leigh! Text or email 253-302-7641 or leighawong@gmail.com. Starts the week of September 14.

Come Level Up on a Discipleship Quest! Join Brendan Nelson and Shelley Maebori as we learn about loving and following Jesus together in community. We will share meals together and work in teams to study and practice Discipleship on **Wednesday, September 16, 6-8 pm; Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am; Sunday, November 15, 12-2 pm**. Play games (and earn prizes!), complete challenges, study scripture, and grow in faith. Childcare is provided. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Questions? Call/text Shelley at (509) 387-1858.

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 Community Center Information

Seeking an Executive Director Peace Community Center is seeking a new Executive Director to lead the organization through an exciting season of rebuilding, growth, and renewed community engagement as we work alongside Hilltop youth and families to build pathways to stability, opportunity and housing security. We are looking for a relational, entrepreneurial, and community-centered leader who can build trust, cultivate partnerships, strengthen organizational systems, lead fundraising efforts, and help translate community wisdom into mission-aligned action. **Priority Application Deadline: September 24.** View the position description and application instructions at www.peacecommunitycenter.org/work-with-us.

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:** Damihe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa	Tech: Brad Wills	Nursery: Brianna Miller
Van Driver: Andrew Wright	Breakfast: Cereal Day	Snack: Rachel Pierre
Assisting Minister: Kit Thompson		
Reader: Shelley & Jay Maebori		
Usher: Don Whittles		
Prayer Ministers: Shelley & Jay Maebori		
Musician: Kathy Hanawalt		
Song Leader: Siri Preston		
Welcome & Support: Bill Hanawalt		