

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Psalm

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The Gospel

John 8:31–36

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – All Saints Sunday

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

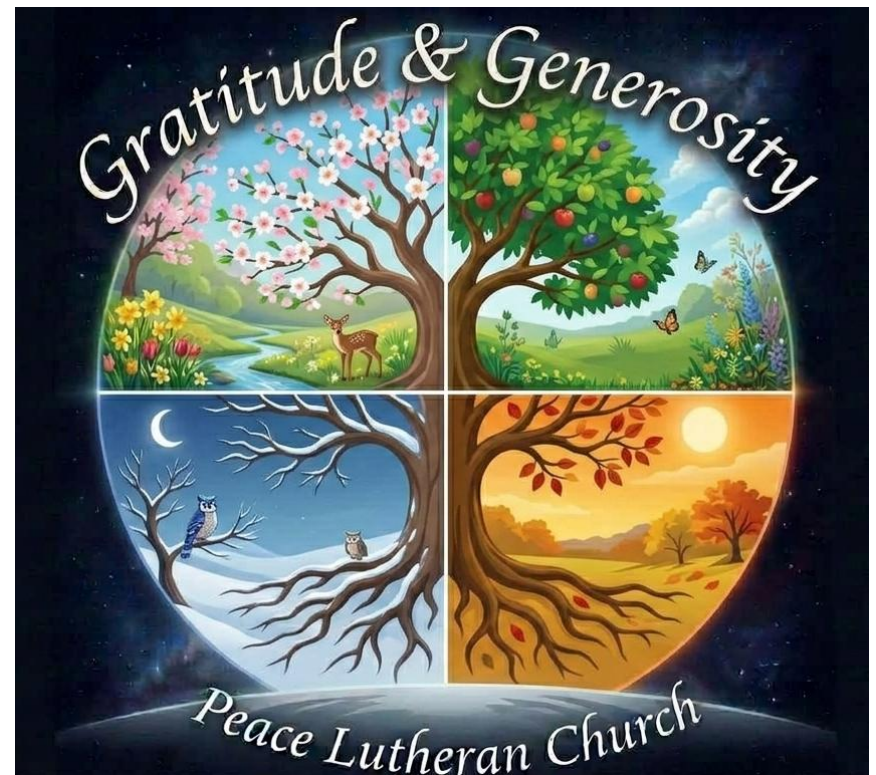
The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit:
Generosity & Gratitude
in All Seasons

Reformation & Commitment Sunday
October 25, 2026



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Psalm 46:1

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org

(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

+ **Welcome to worship at Peace!** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page. Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website, Facebook page (Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos.

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the sanctuary 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—parents, please be present with your children. For more information, see the "Welcome, Children and Families" sheet on the Welcome Table.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love.

+ If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Burgundy Book Hymn 133

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. © Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; Music: EINFESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483-1546 *

"I Need Your Glory"

James Fortune & FIYA, The Transformation 2007 *

I need your glory, I want your glory, Less of me and more of you is what I need.

Show me Your glory, show me Your power.

Less of me and more of You is what I need.

So many times I've tried my way, but all of the pain didn't go away

I realize that only you can give me this love that is so true (2x)

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 46

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 8:31–36

The Gospel Song "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Burgundy Book Hymn 98

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

Generosity and Gratitude in All Seasons Testimony Talk

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "We Are an Offering"

Red Book Hymn 692

Text and Music: Margaret J. Douroux, b. 1941; based on Psalm 116:12; © 1975 Margaret Douroux *

Commitment Litany "We Offer God Our Gifts" *(See insert)*

Offering Our Pledges and Gifts *(You are invited to bring your commitment forward.)*

Commitment Song "Use Me"

Dewitt Jones 1993 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

If you can use anything, Lord, you can use me (2x)

Take my hands, Lord, and my feet

Touch my heart, Lord, speak through me

If you can use anything, Lord, you can use me

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: "Come By Here"

Burgundy Book Hymn 43

Text: traditional; Music: KUM BA YAH, traditional *

11 am Gospel 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 Holy Communion. We offer red wine; white grape juice, and a gluten-free cracker option. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Song

"Build My Life"

Pat Barrett, 2018, PAT BARRETT *

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only one who could ever save,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you, oh we live for you.

Holy, there is no one like you, there is none besides you,

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are,

And fill me with your heart, and lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation

And I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken (2x)

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Send Me, Jesus"

Burgundy Book Hymn 244

Text: South African; Music: THUMA MINA, South African Tr. And arr. © 1984 Ultrayck, admin. Walton Music Corp *

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

We are sent out to love and serve our neighbors in Jesus' name, using gifts of time, talent, and treasure God's given us. An offering box is located at the entrance of the sanctuary for financial gifts to support the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church.

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