

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Psalm

Psalm 80:7-15

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; 11 it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. 12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, 15 the stock that your right hand planted.

The Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. 37 Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

The Gospel Reading

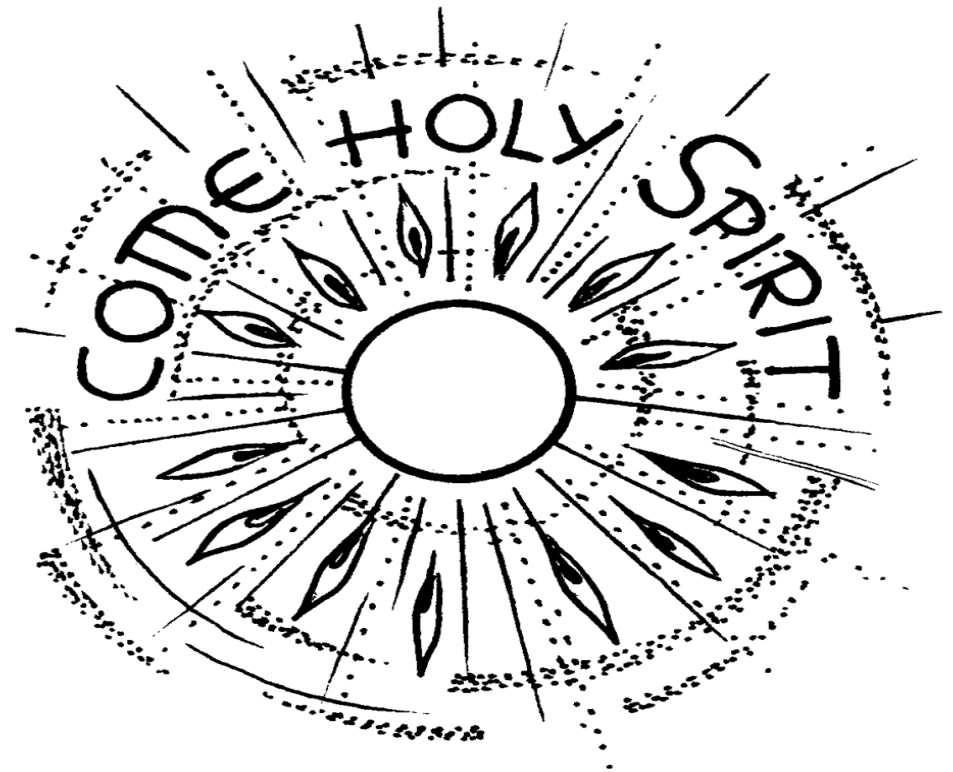
Matthew 22:1-14

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Stewards of God's Vineyard

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants..."

Matthew 21:33

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 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Text & music: Michael O'Shields © 1981 Sound III and All Nations Music, admin. MCA Music and The Lorenz Corp *

Burgundy Book Hymn 277

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Text and music: traditional *

Burgundy Book Hymn 295

"I Love You Lord"

Text & Music: Laurie Klein; © 1978 House of Mercy Music, admin. Maranatha! Music c/o The Copyright Company *

Burgundy Book Hymn 288

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 80:7-15

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Gospel Song "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

Burgundy Book Hymn 278

Text: Cameroon traditional; collected by Elaine Hanson; Music: Cameroon processional; arr. Ralph M. Johnson; Text and music © 1994 earthsongs *

Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's holy name, Alleluia. (2x)

Praise God's holy name, Alleluia. (4x)

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

The Gospel Song "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

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

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "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 *

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: "Give Thanks"

Text and music: traditional; arr. J. Jefferson Cleavland, 1937-1986; and Verolga Nix, b. 1933 Arr. © 1981 Abingdon Press, admin. The Copyright Company *

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

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 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Red Book Hymn 793

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional *

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!

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.

* For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [#2802475](http://www.ccli.com/CCLI_License)