



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth 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! We worship in person at Peace on Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am (please RSVP), and we live-stream worship online at 11 am. Please see the church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources. During the pandemic, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care.

Today is the **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. Today's Old Testament reading is the story of Jacob's dream. Jacob obtains a blessing by trickery and flees. He dreams of a ladder on which angels ascend and descend, and he receives God's blessing and promise.

Today we start a series called "**Gathered to Scatter**," as we hear from Peace folks sharing stories of serving God in our daily lives. It's a good time to wonder: How will you respond to God's steadfast love and faithfulness by using the time, talent, and treasure God's given you, not just through the church but in all arenas of your life? **October 17 is Commitment Sunday**, an opportunity to make our commitment to God in worship to share our time, talent, and treasure through the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2022.

Thank you for your patience, caution, and care for others as we follow safety and health guidelines for in-person worship.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Pastor Jae Bates, 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.

- **We honor the lives of all tragically taken in acts of racial violence**, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd
- **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 nations's laws, policies, & practices
- **The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence**
- **The Native American community with further**

revelations of the atrocities of boarding schools

- **In this pandemic, especially as Delta rages...** for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill and families, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies working to stop this health threat, our church and community; for our world as people are being vaccinated
- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**
- **For the Israeli-Palestinian relationship**
- **For the people of Haiti after the earthquake**
- **For the people of Afghanistan in this time of unrest**
- **For all affected by wildfires, hurricanes, and flooding**
- **For refugees fleeing war & poverty, and for immigrants**
- **For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...**
- **For the hungry in our world, for food and justice**
- **For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity**
- **Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice**
- **In our world of global warming, for climate justice**
- **The Peace affordable housing ministry**
- **The ministries of Peace Church & Community Center**
- **For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse**
- **For all who struggle with mental illness**
- **For peace:** all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Mozambique, Myanmar, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **For the grieving:** Dean and Viviane Sawhill and family at the death of Dean's mother, for comfort and hope in God
- **For healing & strength:** Jessica Creso, Damishe Greenwood-Walker, Jeanette Hargrove's family, Brendan Nelson's family (father, brother, aunt, uncle, & nephew), Tamesha Nelson, Susan Pierce's mom, Jeri Ramsdell, Jim Riede, Lynn Shelledy's friend, Eileen Strittmatter, Estella Ulloa, Dorothy White, Mark Williams, Antonio Yune
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Kitty Adams, Joe Freeman, Ron Green, Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Holle & Carol Plachn, Sandra Puckett, Perry Richards, Jim Riede, Dianne Stoeher, Mark Williams, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll

- **For sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church, our companion synod; the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Sevigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona, Ola Fou Church

Small Group Gatherings – not meeting in person right now

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. *(On break)*
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
Thursdays at 6:30 pm (sanctuary)
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218. Second Saturday at 8 am (multipurpose room)
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3rd Mon, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317.

Worship Helpers Needed We need readers, greeters, ushers, and assisting ministers to serve and help lead in-person worship. Please contact Pastor John or Damishe in the church office.

Van Drivers Needed Interested in serving as a once a month van driver helping folks get to worship on Sundays? Please contact Pastor John or Damishe in the church office.

Want to Support Living Stones? Living Stones is a Lutheran congregation behind the walls of the Washington Corrections Institute in Shelton. If you want to support its ministry, you may choose to purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each (6 for \$25) or make a donation by Nov. 1. Buy tickets from Teresa Jackson at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning, or give a check to Peace Lutheran Church for "Living Stones" with the # of tickets and your contact info, and the tickets will be mailed to you. Drawing for \$2021 is Nov. 23. Questions? Contact Teresa (253-240-5447)

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities We offer three faith classes from 10:00-10:45 am each Sunday via Zoom:

- The 5th-6th grade Explorers class.
- The 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class, and
- The adult education class.

Please email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Children: We post Godly Play videos for children on our YouTube channel every week for families to use at home.

Middle & High School: A youth "Change Makers" group meets Wednesdays at 6 pm. Contact Brendan Nelson.

Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities 10:00-10:45 am

Sept. 26 – Oct. 17: A series called "Gathered to Scatter."

Join a Zoom time to explore scripture, share faith reflections, and hear stories about God working in us and through us in our everyday lives. God gathers us in worship to scatter us to serve God during the week. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Community Bible Study Starting September 30, Pastor John and Pastor Jae are facilitating a Community Bible Study using Zoom **Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm** on the scripture readings for worship the following Sunday. We will read scripture, share conversation, and pray as we listen for God to speak to us and through us. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

FOCUS Groups Join a FOCUS Group! These are small groups that meet on a specific topic of faith on Zoom once a week for up to 6 weeks beginning mid-October. This is a great opportunity for faith growth, fellowship, prayer, and support. Check the church homepage for links to see the FOCUS Groups catalog and to **register online by Oct. 3**. Or contact Damishe in the church office to sign up to be in a group.

Health Journey Small Group Looking to chat weekly with other folks who are working toward a health goal? Email Rebecca Foster at rfoster10@outlook.com. Meetings will take place on Zoom and will be discussion based (not facilitated by an expert).

Reopening Worship Update We offer two worship services, 8:30 am and 11 am each Sunday in person in the sanctuary. Until the pandemic risk reaches a lower threshold, we will continue to practice COVID safety measures, including an RSVP system, masks (ages 3 and up), social distancing, limited capacity, and increased airflow in our worship space. Fellowship time will be outside only. This is an important way we show love and care for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us, which includes children who have not been vaccinated. **Please see the "What to Expect" document in our email announcements. Please RSVP using the link in our email announcements or call the office and Damishe will RSVP for you.** We continue to live stream 11 am worship.

Help Afghan Refugees Feel led to do something to help Afghan refugees settling in this area?

- Put together a refugee starter kit with Lutheran Community Services Northwest. See the list of needed items in the all-church email. Contact Craig Cogger (290-5434) for more info.
- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services offers opportunities to serve. See lirsconnect.org/get_involved/action_center/siv.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
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