



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020 | 11am

ANNUAL MEETING & VOTE | 1pm

WELCOME!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

ONLINE: Our Redeemer's live streams worship online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us at 11am on upcoming Sundays. Here's how:

- By phone: call 1-669-900-9128. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: Simply go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:
Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!
Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45am – 12:15pm every Sunday.

BULLETINS: The bulletin for Sunday and any special services is available on our website for download: www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship. You can print it at home, or save a tree and follow the pdf document on-screen.

OUR MISSION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

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GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SILENT PREPARATION

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

"As Rain from the Clouds"



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

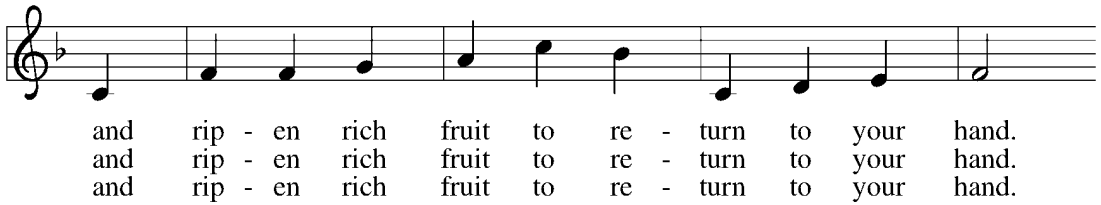


as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

continued



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.

By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it,

and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

*FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah. Listen for the word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY (NOTE: SING THROUGH TWICE)*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



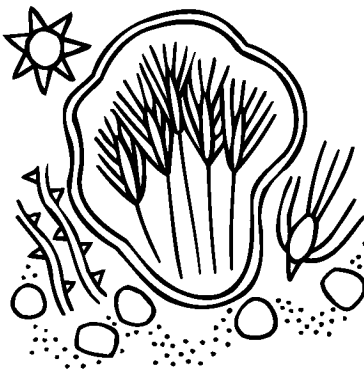
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word has been planted and grown in many ways and places. We pray for newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us to keep planting by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase in their hearts a deep need for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries, and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*You may greet others and may say,
"Peace be with you." or similar words.*

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Feast or Fallow" - Sandra McCracken

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Remember us Lord, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

Amen.

SENDING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have tasted your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth held up by these gifts
so that we may share your radical love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

In work and worship
God is with us.
Gathered and scattered
God is with us.
Now and always
God is with us.

God is with you – of whom shall you be afraid?
May you go out into the world filled with Spirit of the God
who made you, loves you, and empowers you to live fiercely.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Video – "Sing Alleluia, Clap Your Hands"
by Sally K. Albrecht



How to Stay in Touch with Your Our Redeemer's Community

Your staff, council and fellow members are still connecting, we're just doing it in different ways. See the links below to discover how you can, too.

[Prayer Chain](#)
[Circles of Connection](#)

Can you help?

In these times of worry and fear, when we don't know what is secure and what is not, we trust in God's love and promise to be with us, no matter what. For some of us, finances are upside down and employment may be scarce. For others of us, we are weathering the storm so far, so good.

**It is important, if you are able, to help
our church remain on solid financial
footing through this crisis.**

The work we do is possible because we all work together as one for the greater good. We are called to be the body of Christ.

Please use one of the donation methods at right to keep your pledge on track, or to make an extra contribution. If its not feasible for you right now, please don't worry. We all have gifts to offer at different times, and in various ways. God bless us all.

Thank you for your generosity.

How to Make an Offering or Donate Online or by Phone

Using Your Cell Phone

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.
- **Press send.** You will receive a registration link.
- **Click the link** and enter your contact and payment information.
- **Tap "Process."** You will receive a verification text and a receipt by email.

To give to a designated fund, text "Funds" and you'll receive a list of currently active funds.

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.

Online Giving

[Make an offering to Our Redeemer's](#)

Questions? Contact Karie Stearns,
administrator@ourredeemers.net.

Thank you!

We Pray for...

Jim Abbey, Boone Family, Kathleen Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, Paul Grindahl, Colin Johnson, Steven Jones, Pete Paulson, Duaine Rembold, Len Sandelli, Gary Schulze, Margaret Wetter, Janet Woodfield; long term care facilities, especially Ballard Center, that leadership will do the right thing to keep residents and staff safe and healthy through additional testing; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals; pastors, bishops, church workers, and mental health specialists; for all affected by COVID-19 economically, physically, and emotionally; mental health of members and staff; immigrant families remaining separated; Road2Housing guests; loved ones with cancer.

Grieving the Loss of...

Rev. Ron Soine, Elaine Anderson, Emerson Boone, Carolyn Einmo; Ivar Rietan; Mustafa Kamal Sayed;
Paul Grindahl; Phyllis Nelson; Frieda Smith; Adair King; Ronald Hanson; Paige Olson; Oscar Cleo Akins

To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please fill out a Prayer Request card or email the church.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

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Musicians: Karen Lee, Gretchen Mertes

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Our offices remain closed. The best way to reach our staff is by email.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

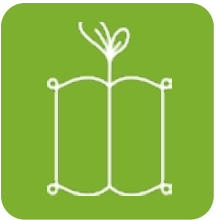
For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



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Check Out Updated New Faith Resources

Our Redeemer's staff has collected more faith and spiritual resources that can help during these turbulent times. [LINK HERE](#). We'll update the list as more resources are found and shared. Do you have a resource to share? If so, email office@ourredeemers.net. We hope that these faith and spiritual resources will help soften your load.



faith formation

SIGN UP for Vacation Bible School! | Next Monday, July 20 - 23

Sign up to be a part of Our Redeemer's VBS program "BEING A NEIGHBOR: IN YOUR HOME & ON YOUR BLOCK". "Leaders" and students participate in the 4-day program in your home or on your block. Students can participate or lead in their community following proper safety guidelines. Make a choice that works for you! For more information or to sign up, [LINK HERE](#).

Claiming Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice | Sundays, (9:30am), [via Zoom](#)

Join us for Sunday morning conversations in which we will watch a short video and discuss it. Keep studying and learning. Do you feel called to consider joining a racial justice task force to help Our Redeemer's keep racial justice a priority? [Contact Shannon](#). [ZOOM LINK](#)



community

Congregational Annual Meeting and Vote TODAY! - 1pm

[DIRECT ZOOM LINK](#)

OR GO TO

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 926 9168 1266

Password: 220575

Life Masters | Wednesday, July 15, 12pm, Zoom: <https://zoom.us>
Meeting #965 7272 6373 | Password: 564308 | Phone in: (253)215-8782

Life Masters is a monthly lunch gathering and conversation for all folks 50 and older. This Wednesday we'll be learning from two of our folks who attended a workshop put on by Adult Lutherans Organized for Action (ALOA) on Effective Ministry to Older Adults. Our connections with one another are never more treasured than now, so join in!



social justice

Strength to Love Discussion | Monday, July 20, 7pm, [Online Via Zoom](#)

Strength to Love is a collection of Martin Luther King Jr.'s written words and the most influential book in Shannon Beck's library. On Monday July 20 at 7pm, we will continue the discussion with MLK's "Have a Dream" speech. The evening will be facilitated by Shannon via Zoom. [ZOOM LINK](#). Contact [Shannon](#) for details.

Ballard Sunday Dinner | Sunday, July 19, 2-7pm, *Ballard First Lutheran Church*

If you can, please help out with Ballard Sunday Dinners at Ballard First Lutheran Church. We have sign-up opportunities available on third Sundays for the Summer. Learn about all opportunities [sign up here](#).



THE BALLARD FOOD BANK
FOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU!
[PLEASE GIVE.](#)



GOD'S CALL | OUR VISION

OUR REDEEMER'S ANNUAL MEETING

1 pm | Today

Agenda

- Review and Give Thanks for Year Concluding
- Celebrate Volunteers and Elect New Council Member
- Two votes: Annual 2020-2021 Mission/Operating Budget
- Plans and Budget for Vision-Aligned Building Renovation

**ZOOM Connection Information for
Online Meeting & Vote**

Annual Meeting

[DIRECT ZOOM LINK](#)

OR GO TO

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 926 9168 1266

Password: 220575



This Week at Our Redeemer's

The Church Building is closed to In-Person events. Meetings and services are conducted via Zoom and/or streamed online*

Today, Sunday, July 12 - Online

11am - Online Worship Service | Online-via Zoom/Facebook

1pm - Congregational Annual Meeting | Online-via Zoom

Tuesday, July 14

7pm - Executive Team Meeting | Online-via Zoom

Wednesday, July 15

12pm - Life Masters Brown Bag | Online-via Zoom

12pm - Road to Housing Meeting | Online-via Zoom

Sunday, July 19 - Online

11am - Online Worship Service | Online-via Zoom/Facebook

2-7pm - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran Church

Monday - Wednesday, July 20-23 - Vacation Bible School!

* Email office@ourredeemers.net for Zoom meeting information.



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