

Service of Thanksgiving and Hope

September 27, 2020 | 11am



\$60,000 Edifice Dedicated



The first unit of Our Redeemer's Litheran Church, Seattle, the Rev. Robert N. Pearson, patter, was dedicated on May 18. This unit was constructed at a cost of \$60,000 and has a seating capacity of 400.

NEW CHURCH IS DEDICATED BY YOUNG SEATTLE CONGREGATION

new manctuary was built at or approximately \$60,000 ac-age to the Rev Robert N Pear-tualor of the Church. This at includes stained glass

windows, pews, a new pipe organ, and other furnishings. Organized October 12, 1544, when Paster Rearson began services in Loyal Heights School andiscelus, the Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 235 and the adult membership has grown to 227. The charek has a warfile causaity of charek has a warfile causaity of church has a scatleg capacity of

"We are not through building We are not through building yet, declared the Berr Mr. Pearson, "Jam's as soon as we can go alseed, our plans call for a Leastital fawer and a parish offication and to be added on the west olde of our sametary. We believe that Christian education offers the best pure against avening delir. insurance against juvenile delin

The the child comes to know the will of God through His Word—the Wille of God through His Word—the Wille of the Christian character in developed. This is the world's greatest used. Prace on earth will torse outs through militariam in will come outs through the spirit of christ. That is why we need to halld more and better churches.

Triumph of Faith

By Henry J. Hokensen Regional Director of Home Missions

Two important events incorp of the ong congregation, Our Bedremen's of eattle, Wash, which were the elimax of real victory of faith. Those were the the occupying of a new parsonage in June The joy of the congregation and its penr, the Hey. Robert Pearson, was mamihed because the dedication service marked in successful conclusion of a struggle parest many odds to obtain their own use of wurship. It was in February 1966. that the congregation, numbering less than Me summanisants, voted to proceed endiately with the emetion of the unt. This took faith and vision. The le group had gathered \$20,000 in cush, it the church adequate for the challengne find occupied by the congregation old cost somewhat over \$50,000. Pledg-Commerces to give the necessary fif the resultant debt, the members suited

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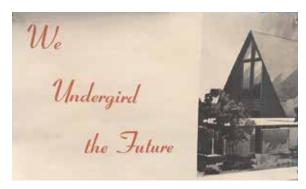
"WO important events transpired in ofce failed to halt this congregation. On various occasions the congregation gave how God blessed its faith and courage, so never did it loss heart completely, though many a time the picture looked dark and almost hopeless.

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VERNON A. SUNDSTROM President of the Building Committee











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!

Special Instructions for today's service:

Today we will celebrate together memories of our church, and rejoice in the hope we have for the future together with a special service videotaped in our sanctuary.

We will gather as a church as usual on Zoom and Facebook Live to prepare for worship. At 11:05am, we will view the video presentation on YouTube. This is a departure from our usual worship streaming.

- Sign on to **Zoom** or **Facebook** as usual.
- At 11:05am, <u>switch to YouTube</u>, if you can, for the highest quality video streaming experience. Worship will also be streamed on zoom, so members who call in can participate.
- After worship, <u>come back to our Zoom link</u> for coffee hour and fellowship.

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 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.

Phishing/Scam Alert: No one from Our Redeemer's will ever send an email or text to you with an urgent message or asking for a favor, money or gift cards! If you DO receive such an email or text and want to make sure it's legit or not, please email administrator@ourredeemers.net or Pastor Kathy kathyh@ourredeemers.net. Also make sure that the pastors' information is in your contacts list to verify validity.

GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *PROCESSIONAL HYMN might - y A for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -1 ours can match his might! We would No strength of be lost, re -Though hordes of dev - ils fill land all threat - 'ning to the de -Word for - ev - er shall to foes, who God's a - bide. thanks cruel op - pres - sor's rious; he breaks the rod and to cham-pion ject ed. But now comes to whom fight, a we trem - ble thev vour us. not. un - moved we stand: for God him - self fights fear by side with it; our glo - rious. wins sal - va - tion The old sa - tan - ic foe lect this may be? God him - self e ed. You ask who

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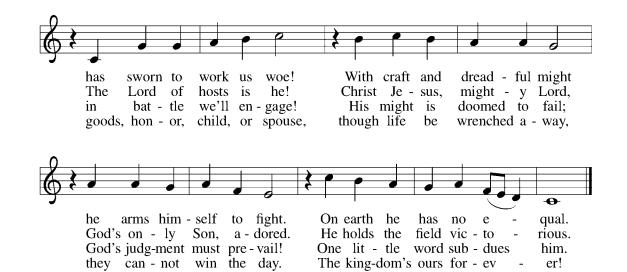
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*GREETING

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

The abundant grace and mercy of God be with you all.

And also with you.



*GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Oh God, you've promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers, and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Continue to give us the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace as this community moves into your future. Grant that we may lift high the sign of the cross in the world, serving you by proclaiming the triumph of your love.

Through Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**



HONORING THE WORD

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Let us pray.

O God, your mighty word at the dawn of creation, breathed life into the earth and all of its inhabitants. By the gift of your incarnate Word in Jesus, you brought life and salvation to all humankind.

Through your word proclaimed in worship here, this congregation has been challenged and healed. Let your voice, which has sounded in this place, echo in our lives as we proclaim your message of peace into the places you will send us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

*FIRST READING Isaiah 43:15–17, 19–21

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*SECOND READING Romans 12: 1-8

A reading from Romans the 12th chapter. Listen for the word of God. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

HONORING THE CROSS

Let us Give Thanks!

For the men and women who founded this congregation, who made personal sacrifices in order for it to grow and flourish, and who used their talents and skills in building up a community of faith,

we give our thanks and praise.

For this congregation's ministries throughout its life, its gatherings for praise and prayer, its faithful use of the means of grace, and its study of the scriptures,

we give our thanks and praise.

For the work of mission this congregation has supported for our local partners in ministry and for all the lives that have been affected by God's work through us,

we give our thanks and praise.

For this building that has sheltered Our Redeemer's for seventy-five years, that the memory of this place as it is now will continue to inspire devotion to the God who makes all things possible, we give our thanks and praise.

For all who hold special attachments to this space, for those who have been baptized, nurtured in faith, confirmed, or married in this place; that the Holy Spirit's gifts continue to sustain them even as this congregation's outward expression takes on a new form, we give our thanks and praise.

For all who have been a part of the ministry of this congregation throughout its life, those who have remained constant in the face of challenges, those who have moved away, and all who have died and now rest in you, we give you thanks, rejoicing that we are joined together in one eternal communion,

we give our thanks and praise.

God of mercy and goodness, we offer this prayer of thanks to you, confident that you hear our prayers in every time and place, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL *Luke* 12:35-38, 48b

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The holy gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Kathy Hawks

SONG OF THE DAY

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'" (Rev. Gary Davis, adapted G Weller)

CHORUS:

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin For your work is almost done.

Children don't grow weary Children don't grow weary Children don't grow weary For your work is almost done.

CHORUS

This old journey soon be over This old journey soon be over This old journey soon be over For your work is almost done

CHORUS



*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God you are not far off. You do not withhold yourself. You are here. Now. Offering us new life. Renew us as we come to you with the needs of the world, the church, and all who seek new life in Christ.

A brief silence.

God of new beginnings, thank you for the new possibilities your Spirit opens for us through this renovation. Thank you for the courage of those who are letting go of what has been in order to faithful to your Spirit's vision of what can yet be. May the deaths and resurrections in our own lives become signs of the grace you reveal in the crucified and risen One.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

Thank you for new life in old relationships, new ways of seeing old assumptions, new movement in long-standing efforts, new hope in midst of despair. Breathe new life into those preparing for baptism, and those seeking fuller life in this community. May we all be renewed in the trust and hope we place in your grace as we move together through this pandemic.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

Thank you for your astonishing abundance and the bedrock of your promises. Thank you for the opportunity to encounter you and serve you in others, especially those who participate in our Road to Housing program. Help us to give as you do, not counting the cost.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

Thank you for the forgiveness of our sin when we have fallen short of your call, and the healing peace you alone can give. We pray for all people caught in the cycle of violence and revenge, and for those attempting the hard and holy work of reconciliation.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

For all those who have lost hope, the hospitalized, the chronically sick and the vulnerable. May they experience your healing power and comfort.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

Thank you for the lives of those who have passed on before us, and especially for the leaders and benefactors of Calvary, Crown, and Our Redeemer's Lutheran. Their gifts and struggles shaped us and bring us here today.

As we journey together, hear our prayer.

Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God. Open our hearts to gladness, and keep our lamps trimmed and burning. Restore us and all for whom we pray to the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

*PEACE

May the peace of the lord be with you always, and everywhere. **And also with you.**

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

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir - "If Ye Love Me" by Tallis

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly feast, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HONORING THE ALTAR

1 Corinthians 11:26 – As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God, through manna on a wilderness journey and through loaves of bread multiplied on a hillside, you fed people who needed sustenance for their bodies and souls.

May all who have been nourished here with the body and blood of Christ give themselves away as food for the hungry.

May all who have feasted here welcome others in your name, to the feast which has no end.; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



*GREAT THANKSGIVING



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one in the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

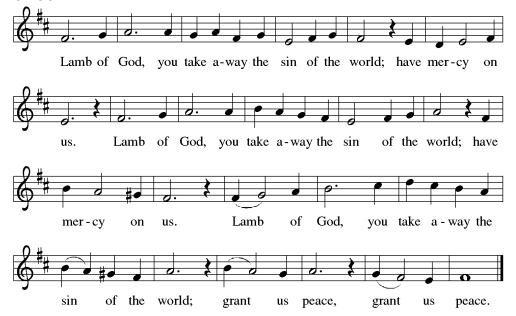
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

The gifts of God for you, God's beloved people, for the life of the world. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



*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

Let us pray:

We bless you, O God, for the free gift of your grace in Jesus Christ, whose body and blood have nourished us here. Lead us out from this house of prayer to wait for the new places you will show us, so that we will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon us with favor
and + give us peace.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

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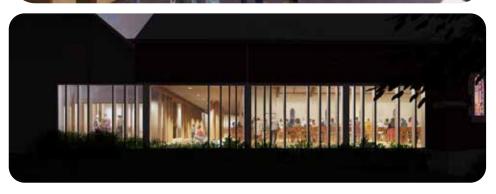
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Our Zoom Coffee Hour features "Breakout Rooms" to help facilitate conversation in smaller groups. Return for some great conversation!







Please Remember to Give

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.

Thank you for your generosity.

God bless us all.



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.

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Online Giving

Make a Donation to Our Redeemer's

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

Thank you!

We Pray for...

Jim Abbey, Kathleen Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, Dale Fladeboe, Paul Grindahl, Sig Hall, Sam Hartley, Colin Johnson, Steven Jones, Danielle Modeen, Barbara Olsen, Pete Paulson, Linda Ravenhorst, Gary Schulze, Jennifer Seyler, Gary Smith, Karen Tomlinson, George Weller, Grace Wetter, Margaret Wetter, those staying in long term care facilities who face long stretches of loneliness and time without visits: educators: 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...

Ben Egaas; Chuck Fredericks; Dwight Funai; Keith Kingsbury; Shirley Kyllo; Mary Mangold; Michael Rausch; Marlene Watson

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

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor Kathy Hawks
Presiding: Pastor Gretchen Mertes
Assisting Minister: Bob Carlson
Acolytes: Zach McCarthy-Fredericks,
Logan McCarthy-Fredericks,
Aivree Watkins
Musicians: Eric Johnson, Karen Lee,
Gretchen Mertes, Carey Rayburn
Guest Speakers: Jana Brady, Eric Olson,
Carolyn Swanson
Videographer: Mary Peterson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



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Holy Communion will be celebrated during the worship service, and we invite you to participate fully with bread and wine [or other festive beverage of your choice].

How to Stay Current During Construction to Renovate Our Church

- Visit Our Vision-Aligned Building webpage (https://ourredeemers.net/about/build-the-vision/)
- Look for Monthly video updates in your email or on <u>Facebook</u>, our <u>YouTube channel</u> and on the website



GOD'S CALL OUR VISION

- Find high level budget and cash flow updates on the <u>Vision-Aligned website page</u>.
- Read each <u>"The Visitor"</u> monthly newsletter that will include all reports, pictures and information needed to stay informed.

JOIN IN <u>ON FACEBOOK</u> NEXT SUNDAY AT 2PM AS WE LIVESTREAM OUR PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING. DETAILS TO COME.



faith formation

Sprouts Class

Sundays, 9:30am via Zoom

We offer a weekly Sunday morning class at 9:30am for little ones 3-5 years old. Mr. Dana, our wonderful lead teacher, Pastor Gretchen, and other special guests will host a 20-minute class based on the scripture readings from that Sunday, with music, story, an activity or illustration, and prayer. All kids are invited, but this is going to be framed for the preschool set.

Students of all ages can find ways to connect at this link: https://ourredeemers.net/faith-formation-classes-scheduled/ Look for emails in the near future with all kinds of information!



community

Celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Pets | Sunday, October 4th, 12pm

Thanks be to God for our furry and feathered companions on this earth! In the tradition of honoring St. Francis, who was a lover of all creatures great and small, we bless our pets. Join us immediately following our 11am service on October 4th for a virtual blessing of the pets on zoom. After worship, we will corral our pets to be visible on-screen, and as a community offer a blessing. All dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, lizards, snakes, fish and critters are welcome to participate. If you have a photo of a beloved pet who has died, you are welcome to hold them up for a blessing as well. If you have questions, please email Pastor Gretchen at pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, September 27

9am - Dear Church Book Discussion | Sign up

9:30am - Sprouts Class (3-5 years) | Online-via Zoom

11am - Online Worship Service

| Online-via Zoom/Facebook

Monday, September 28

7pm - Social Justice Meeting | via Zoom*

Sunday, October 4

9:30am - Adult Educational Forum | Online via Zoom*

9:30am - Sprouts Class (3-5 years) | Online-via Zoom

11am - Online Worship Service

| Online-via Zoom/Facebook

12pm - Blessing of the Pets

2pm - Construction Groundbreaking | via Facebook

3pm - Confirmation Hangout | Online-via Zoom*



^{*} Email office@ourredeemers.net for Zoom meeting information.