



Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 | 11 AM

WELCOME!

It is a joy to worship together.

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.

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A Note About Worship Recordings

We livestream our 11:00 am service so that those at home can join in worship. If you'd prefer not to appear on camera, the back rows are out of view. Families, please know there is no expectation to send children forward for the children's message if you'd rather they not be recorded. Communion can be taken at your seat by letting an usher know.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, simply let an usher know.

OUR VISION: 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.

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING

Lent Theme - Become.

WELCOME

Focus Verse - John 4:39

Adult Formation - Mandy Niell

CENTERING MUSIC

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The confession is composed of quotes from Psalms assigned to this season of Lent in the lectionary calendar.

We are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us;
on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:20)

Silence for contemplation.

Let us confess our sins to God, in the words of the Psalms:

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.** (Psalm 51:1)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1)

**I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 121:1-2)

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways. (Psalm 128:1)

**O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!** (Psalm 95:6)

I hear a voice I had not known:

“In distress you called, and I rescued you;” *(Psalm 81:5, 7)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths

for his name’s sake. *(Psalm 23:1-3)*

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow. *(Psalm 146:8-9)*

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?**

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;
answer me in your righteousness.**

Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you. *(Psalm 143:1-2)*

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. *(Psalm 31:5)*

When in baptism,

God made us alive together with Christ,

God forgave us all our trespasses,

setting aside the record that stood against us

erasing the record, nailing it to the cross. *(Colossians 2:13-14)*

For our sake God made

the one who knew no sin to be sin,

so that in ☩ him

we might become the righteousness of God. *(2 Cor 5:21)*

By this we know that we are in Christ:
whoever says, "I abide in him,"
ought to walk in the same way as he
walked. (1 John 2:5-6)

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been
revealed.

What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will become
like God,
for we will see God. (1 John 3:2)

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN

Before Waters Nourished the Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
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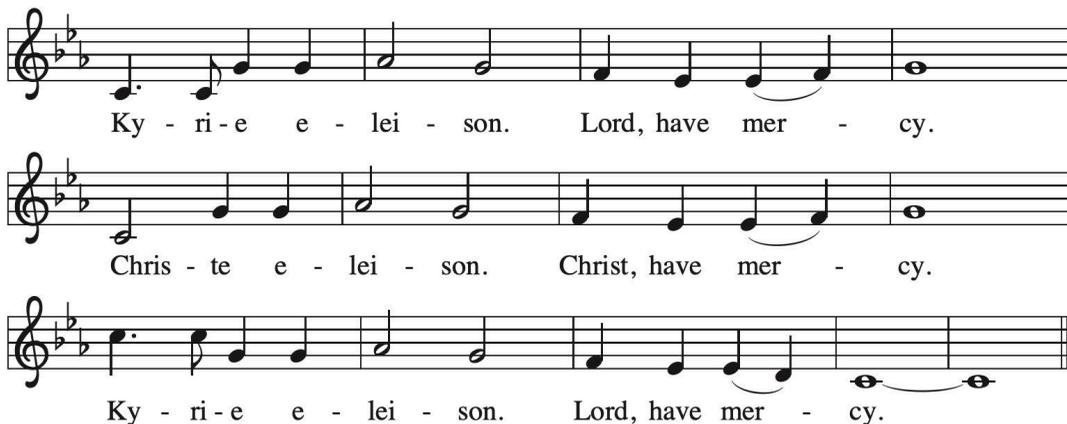


u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spirit over the waters, move over the earth and fill it with the life and knowledge of your presence and power. In places where there is thirst for peace, overflow with not only truth but with the intimate knowledge that you alone are God. Form us to bear the image of Christ's Body through faith, and, following the way of the cross, lead us to become examples of the life and ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ. (*Romans 10:17*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

*GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "**Give me a drink.**" (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. **The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.**" The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Please be seated.

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**"

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, **"I am he, the one who is speaking to you."**

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, **"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!** He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, **"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.** Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, **"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."**

We have been called, because Christ also suffered for us,
leaving us an example, so that we should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:21)

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Thomas Voelp

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Imitating and observing witnesses to the gospel,
examples of faithfulness and love,
we pray for the saints, for creation, and all in need.
(adapted, Philippians 3:17, Ephesians 6:8)

Silence for contemplation.

Well of goodness, where there is suffering, strengthen your creatures with your presence and life. Give to all who serve and pursue the gospel—especially pastors, deacons, bishops—the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint (*Romans 5:3-4*). Nourish and shape people in every place to live in truth, to sustain the sources that convey your mercy and grace for all communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Spirit of creation, have mercy and pour out healing on the earth: where waters are rising, where ice is receding, where tundra is thawing, where lands are parched. Sway the leaders of this world to side with life and not profit. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Bring us to live in harmony with the ebb and flow of this, your earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-flowing stream of justice, rush over boundaries, walls, and through locks and barricades that prevent your will of peace in the hearts and actions of the powerful. Erode the hollow edifices of greed, slavery, and violence and wash away the supports that uphold them. As a single river, flow unleashed, unbound, and freely in this world, so all may drink. May your way be redeemed, no longer as boundary-waters between nations, peoples, and ethnicities, but a common source of life where all receive equity, and all are reconciled. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Fountain of mercy, where life thirsts for dignity, healing, and the means to life, fill eyes with joyful tears, wash the wounded in heart, mind, spirit and body, and increase the abundance of care and community. Break forth springs of compassion for those most in need, and, as cooling rain, shower mercy on the hungry, the sick, and the brokenhearted. Make us bold enough to ask for the means to sustain life from those that withhold them. We pray especially for our neighbors, and those named in our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom and what else do we pray?

Source of life, when death draws near, draw us to the waters where you have promised the redemption and safe-keeping of your people by the Word of your new creation. We remember those who have entered eternal rest, and we await your promise to draw all people to yourself. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(The presiding minister concludes the prayers:)

We commend these prayers to you, O God,
seeking to love not only in word and speech but in deed and truth, *(1 John 3:18)*
seeking to do good to one another and to all,
and believing this is your will for us
in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.** *(1 Thessalonians 5:15-18)*

MEAL

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace
by gesture and word, such as "Peace be with you."*

OFFERING

May we be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, in offering and sacrifice (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)

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OFFERING MUSIC

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
arr. Phil Mattson

“Open now Thy gates of beauty, Come Thou also down to thine. Here our souls find joyful duty, Here on earth is heaven’s kind. To our hearts, o enter Thou, Let them be Thy temple now.”

“Speak, O Lord, and we will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed. May we undisturbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.”

“Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is gladly sown. Let our souls where they are planted bring forth precious fruit alone. Grant that all our lives may be purest service, Lord, for Thee; Purest service, Lord, for Thee.”



OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the

joy of your sal - va-tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone
but by your Word of Life.

Speak your word here at this table,
that these gifts may become for us
the bread without scarcity,
Christ, the Bread of Life.

**May we be filled with the good things
you prepare for us in this meal
so through these gifts of faith
we may keep your commandments and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** *(adapted, Deuteronomy 8:3-10)*



*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 our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for sending your only Son into the world,
who laid down his life for us,
through whom we know love,
so that we might live through him.

(adapted, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:9)

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming our human likeness.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:6-7)**

We praise you that
through word and sacrament,
we have become one in him—
crucified with Christ and buried to sin,
so that, as Christ lives in us by faith,
we, as members of his Body,
may share in the same care of one another
as Christ has for us—suffering and rejoicing as one for all.
(adapted, John 17:23; Romans 6:4,11; Galatians 2:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:24-27)

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. *(1 Corinthians 11:23-24)*

As we come to this, Christ's table,
may we have fellowship with each other
and those we have been united with in faith,
in fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. *(adapted, 1 John 1:3)*

**In this meal, O God,
make our joy complete—
declare to us your Word of life,
so we may become like those
who have seen and felt your presence
revealed in eternal life.** *(adapted, 1 John 1:4, 1-2)*

Obeying Jesus' commandments
to believe in him
and love one another,
may we abide in him
as he abides in us,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and for the eternal glory of God, the Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen. *(adapted, 1 John 3:23-24)*

***LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we come here, knowing we will not be turned away. So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow—all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN*As the Deer Runs to the River*

- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

COMMUNION HYMN*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

Musical notation for the hymn, consisting of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line accompaniment.

- 1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
- 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
- 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

continued

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
 and God abides in them.

**Love has been perfected among us in this:
 because as God is, so are we in this world.”** (1 John 4:16-17)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ
strengthen you, and
keep you in everlasting grace
and in eternal life. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

As the fullness of God dwells in Christ
may we come to fullness in him.
**As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
may we continue to walk in him,
rooted and built up in him
and established in the faith,
just as we were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Amen.**
(adapted, Colossians 2:9-10, 6-7)

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

F(e)asting Together
Easter Breakfast

***BENEDICTION**

Be careful, how you live:
being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Be filled with the Spirit,
making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks to God the Father at all times
and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus ✝ Christ. **Amen.**
(adapted, Ephesians 5:15,18-21)

***SENDING HYMN**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

***DISMISSAL**

"Take up your cross and follow me." (*Matthew 16:24*)

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Wade in the Water"
John Carter

We Pray for...

Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter, Barb Dougherty, Meggan Ellingboe, Gerry & Bob Faley, Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn Hansen, Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family, Tyson Hunter, Julie Johnson and family, Helen Jones, Bud Knapp, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Wendy Manion, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen and family, Alan Murray, Herb Myers, Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family, Michelle Rundle, Kjersti Sangrey, Michael Schieffer, David Schrader, Carol Lee Smith, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; those outside in the elements; Ballard Food Bank; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Ron Burkhart, Shirley Holt, Julie Rosing

*To include someone in the prayers, email the church (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

In this hour-long service, we are lead in singing a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones newborn to age 4, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table, and hear a thoughtful message from Pastor Thomas that you can carry into your week. You'll leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before. The staffed nursery is available Sunday mornings, newborn to age 4.



Lenten Devotions: Cycle of Holy Week

Continuing on through Lent, the devotional calendar focuses on the cycles of prayer, season, and liturgy. Taking a page from the hours and reflection of monastic life, each day presents a prompt and short verse from the Psalms to contemplate in the evening, and the next day an exercise. Prompts and exercises correspond to Jesus' way to the cross. Continue to follow along in the coming weeks—hard copies are available on Sundays, PDF links are sent in our weekly Thursday email updates.

Easter Hand Bell Ensemble and Orchestra

You are invited to play an orchestral instrument or hand bells for both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Easter services at Our Redeemer's on Sunday, April 5th! Even if you've never played hand bells before, I can arrange an easy part for you to learn how – it's fun! And if you play an instrument, it's wonderful to play in a group – join us! One hour Sunday rehearsals start March 15. Contact Karen Lee if you're interested in participating: karen@ourredeemers.net.

It Takes a Community at Easter!

Easter is one of the most meaningful and joy-filled times in our church year, and it truly takes all of us to make it happen. Consider volunteering on Easter. We have created a separate sign-up for Easter services and events, including: Easter Sunrise Service; Easter Worship at 9 AM & 11 AM; Easter Brunch; Easter Egg Hunt, and more. If you would like to be of service this Easter, please sign up using the link: <https://bit.ly/4c9Nzxl> or use the QR code at left.





faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series: Becoming Sundays, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

As we journey through the wilderness of Lent (as well as our personal and collective wilderness experiences right now), we ask the question, "Who am I being called to become through this wilderness?" Each upcoming Sunday of Lent, various facilitators will address this theme:

- Today, March 8 - **Bible-based discussion: Becoming Listeners**
- March 15 - **Embodying Church: Birds-Becoming Free & Unique**
All ages are invited to explore what birds have to teach us about freedom and our own unique gifts. Led by our very own 6th grade leader, Marjorie Minus-Miller, it's guaranteed that you'll learn things about birds you've never imagined!
- Saturday, March 21 - **Lenten Contemplative Morning (9am-noon) "Becoming: Taking Root & Creative Growth"**
Join us for an intentional morning of asking how we might take root and ground ourselves through regular practices and grow hope through creativity. Through discussion, contemplative practices and art we'll explore how we might grow as we emerge from Lent and creatively bring new life into our world.
- March 22 - **A Reflection on Death & Mourning - Pamela Altman**
- March 29 - **Palm Sunday & Community**

Join Our Monthly Youth Meetup in March

Thursday, March 19, 6:15-7:30 PM | Next Level Burger

Our Youth Meetups happen every third Thursday of the month! It's a great chance to hang out, grab a burger, and catch up. Join Pastor Thomas in Ballard for our February gathering (feel free to bring a friend along)! The Details:

- Friends are always welcome!
- No one will go hungry. We can cover meals as needed.
- Questions? If you have any questions or want to check in, feel free to contact Pastor Thomas.



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

LWR: Spring Collection Underway!

Drop donations off at the church. Thank you!

It's time to gather supplies for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits. In-Gathering is planned for May 1 & 2. We're collecting the following:

- Lightweight, dark-colored bath towels (Target recommended)
- Sturdy toothbrushes individually packaged
- 4oz. bars of Ivory or other non-scented soap
- Sturdy full-sized nail clippers

Ballard Sunday Dinner

Next Dinner: March 15 | Ballard First Lutheran



Every third Sunday, Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) partners with local churches at Ballard First Lutheran to serve a warm, nourishing meal to our neighbors in need. It's a simple act of kindness that can have a big impact, especially during the colder months. No experience is necessary—our team will guide you every step of the way to ensure you feel comfortable and supported. Help out for an hour or two by signing up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817> for upcoming dinners. Thank you for helping us spread warmth to our community!

Ballard Food Bank Donations Needed

Thank you, people of Our Redeemer's, for your continued support of the Ballard Food Bank. In March, we will continue collecting the same non-perishable foods for the Ballard Food Bank, with a special need for fruit items. Donations of canned pears, peaches, and fruit cocktail are appreciated, as well as dried apricots, prunes, raisins, jams, preserves, jelly—and of course, peanut butter. Drop of your donations at church.

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ACS Setting 12 - Kyrie, Lenten Gospel Acclamation, Lamb of God

ACS 1049 - "Before the Waters Nourished Earth" #AF2020281

ELW 777 - "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" #27768

WOV 732 - "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #04364

ELW 331 - "As the Deer Runs to the River" #03956

ELW 480 - "O Bread of Life from Heaven" Public Domain

ELW 611 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Public Domain

Wade in the Water - John Carter #60321



community

Grounds Crew

Friday, March 20, 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us as we get the church grounds ready for Easter. Planned projects include planting a new tree to replace the dead dogwood, removing blackberry vines, pruning, and weeding the garden beds. Please bring your favorite tools if you have them - some tools will also be available to share. Questions? Contact: Connie Sandstrom, conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.

F(e)asting Together: Food, Fellowship, Formation

Fridays, 6:30 PM | March 13, 20, 27 | Locations TBD

From the shared meals on the nights of Ramadan to seasonal eating within communities, breaking fasts or meeting regularly emphasize togetherness, humility, and acknowledging our dependence on each other and God's creation. Continuing to meet for dinner on Friday evenings during Lent (excluding Good Friday), all are invited to join our practice of meaningful interaction and conversation at a local eatery! RSVP by Tuesdays each week - the Tuesday prior to the next meal. (For example, RSVP March 10 for the meal on March 13.) If cost is a concern, some resources are available to help, as needed.

Vacation Bible School

Aug 3 - 7, 2026

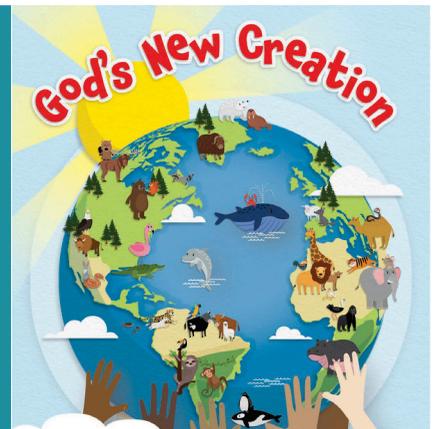
9:00 am - Noon Daily

Registration is Open!



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Cost: \$75



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, March 8, Sunday
DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

✚ **9 AM - Informal Worship**

10 AM - ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o);
Sea Lions (6th grade)

10:15 AM - Otters (3-5 y/o)

✚ **11 AM - Traditional Worship**

March 10, Tuesday

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

March 11, Wednesday

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary

March 12, Thursday

7 PM - LiVE Project: Practicing Faith in the
Wilderness: Mystics and Mysticism | Zoom

March 13, Friday

6:30 PM - Lenten F(e)asts Together |
Location TBD

March 14, Saturday

9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team

March 15, Sunday

✚ **9 AM - Informal Worship**

10 AM - ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o);
Sea Lions (6th grade)

10:15 AM - Otters (3-5 y/o)

✚ **11 AM - Traditional Worship**

2-3 PM - Easter Music Rehearsals, Handbells
only | Sanctuary

3-6 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First
Lutheran

Email administrator@ourredeemers.net if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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