



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020 | 11am

KICKOFF SUNDAY!

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 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: 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 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

Kyle McBride, Pennywhistle; Pamela Altman, Harp

WELCOME & SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN

"New Prayer Song" - Gretchen Mertes

Here I am, Lord, here I am
Here I stand, Lord, here I stand,
Let it be with me, oh, let it be
Let it be with me, oh, let it be
Your Word
(repeat)

Chorus

Verse 2

I wanna touch like Thomas,
Stand down lions in the den,
I wanna love like David,
Let it be me you send.

Verse 1

I wanna sing like Mary,
I wanna pray like Paul,
I wanna serve like Martha,
See him through it all.

I wanna preach like Peter,
I wanna feel the call,
I wanna rise like Lazarus,
Stand up straight and tall.

I wanna preach like Peter,
I wanna feel the call,
I wanna rise like Lazarus,
Stand up straight and tall.

Chorus

*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.

*GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O Lord God, merciful judge,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

*FIRST READING

Romans 14: 1-12

A reading from Romans the 14th chapter. Listen for the word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

"Our Father We Have Wandered"



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and faith formation, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth, especially the work being undertaken by our Faith Formation team.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. We pray particularly for those places being ravaged by wildfire.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how humility, and the tongues that taught us to praise you.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

Here is food that truly satisfies, the taste of communion,
Here is wine pouring free, washing away fear.
Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.
Let us peace be in us and among us,
a sign of hope for a world renewed.

Amen.

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

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Kyle McBride, Pennywhistle; Pamela Altman, Harp

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
By feeding us with this grace-filled food and drink,
you 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.

***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

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



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 SONG

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

*TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

COMMUNION RESPONSE SONG

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



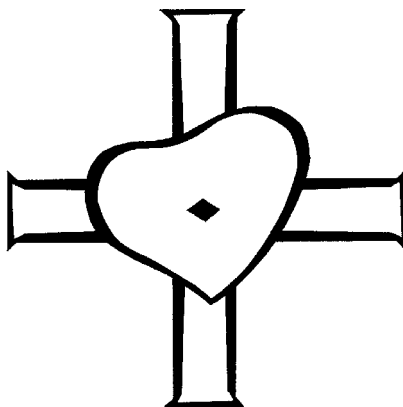
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joyce and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.



SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

Entrust your life to the Lord of open spaces and the time of adventure;
to the life that pulses through rain drenched streets and mountain heights;
to the love that sustains us through feast and famine.

Let God's hope be a clearing sky before you,
a compass in your heart guiding you to where you belong;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all,
now and for ever.

Amen.

"Go Out Now" - Lacey Brown

***SENDING SONG**

Go out now
To love and serve
Go with peace in all your work
Go out now
To love and serve
Go with peace in all your work
In all your rest

God is the peace of all things calm
God is the place to hide from harm

Go out now
To love and serve
Go with peace in all your work
Go out now
To love and serve
Go with peace in all your work
In all your rest
And all your play

God is the stranger at the door
God is the calling of the poor

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

NEW THIS SUNDAY:

Our Zoom Coffee Hour will feature "Breakout Rooms" to help facilitate conversation in smaller groups. Stick around 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.

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

Online Giving

[Make a Donation to Our Redeemer's](#)

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

Thank you!

We Pray for...

Jim Abbey, Patsy Baker, Kathleen Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, Mr. Drakos, Chuck Fredericks, Paul Grindahl, Sig Hall, Colin Johnson, Steven Jones, Rev. Robert Ohnstad, Barbara Olsen, Pete Paulson, Linda Ravenhorst, Gary Schulze, Jennifer Seyler, Gary Smith, Karen Tomlinson, Rachel Quinn Wall, 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...

Dwight Funai; Keith Kingsbury; Shirley Kylo; 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

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Musicians: Kyle McBride, Pamela Altman,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship sundays 11am

[Zoom Online or via Facebook](#)

Join us each Sunday at 11am online for fellowship and worship – a blend of our traditional and informal services. All are welcome!



community

Life Masters | Wednesday, August 19, 12pm, Zoom: <https://zoom.us>
Meeting #965 7272 6373 | Password: 564308 | Phone in: (253)215-8782

Set aside noon to 1pm on the third Wednesday of every month to Zoom in with other folks 50 and older. This month we'll discuss conversations we have had where we strongly disagreed with another's perspective. How did we approach the topic? Did we show compassion, good listening skills and understanding? Or did we close our mind in anger and the need to win the argument? What does this tell us about ourselves and our Christian values? How can we move closer to love in hard conversation? If time permits we may also discuss miracles we have experienced. We look forward to seeing you there!



faith formation

Fall Faith Formation Classes Scheduled (Volunteers Needed)

After much conversation and thoughtfulness about what we're trying to offer programmatically for kids this fall, the Faith Formation team decided to try some new things to maximize relationship and minimize screen time for our fall program. ([Link to Fall 2020 Plan](#)). We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Sprouts co-teacher with Mr. Dana
- Adults willing to read stories to children in the Sprouts class
- Adults willing to help facilitate the faith and intention talks for middle and high school students
- Adults willing to be in the family devotional videos with Pastor Gretchen
- Parents willing to host the parent group discussions on Zoom
- Kids willing to be in the family devotional videos
- Kids willing to help Pastor Gretchen with Sunday Morning Kid's Messages.

To volunteer email pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.

PLU's 2020 Annual Lutheran Conference Focus

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Demonination in the US

The author, Rev. Lenny Duncan, an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Church of America (ELCA) and pastor of Messiah Lutheran in Vancouver, WA will guide the series.

- Book discussion
- Keynote
- PLU chapel with Pastor Duncan preaching.

Registration for all events is required. Please join us! www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference/. (Please note temporary change to Our Redeemer's Sunday morning forum schedule: OUR SUNDAY ZOOM-CONVERSATION TIME AND TOPIC IS CHANGING ON Sept. 20 & 27 so we can participate in the book discussion. Time: 9:00am instead of 9:30am.)

Book Discussion - *Dear Church*. Forums will focus on Chapters 1, 9 and 10, and will be facilitated by Dr. Marit Trelstad, PLU Chair of Lutheran Studies. Read ahead!

Keynote Address on October 1 at 7pm - Rev. Lenny Duncan will be speaking on his book. This webinar will be held virtually via Zoom.

PLU Chapel on September 30 at 10:30am - Rev. Lenny Duncan will be preaching with University Pastor Jen Rude. We invite you to read Rev. Duncan's book with us in preparation for the conference events.

Registration for all events is required. Please join us! www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference/Peace+



social justice

Ballard Sunday Dinner | Next Sunday, September 20, 2-7pm, *Ballard First Lutheran Church*

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

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This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, September 13 - KICKOFF SUNDAY!

9:30am - Owning Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice | [Online-via Zoom](#)

11am - Online Worship Service

| [Online-via Zoom/Facebook](#)

1 - 2:30pm - Kickoff Sunday Festivities! | [Online-via Zoom](#)

Tuesday, September 15

7pm - Council Meeting | via Zoom*

Wednesday, September 16

12pm - Life Masters | Online-via Zoom*

Sunday, September 20

9am - *Dear Church* Book Discussion | [Sign up](#) (see pg. 20)

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

11am - Online Worship Service

| [Online-via Zoom/Facebook](#)

2pm - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran Church

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



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