

Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 | 11 AM

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.

Prayers of the People: Following the Hymn of the Day, the Assisting Minister will lead us in praying for the church, the world, and all those in need. To have your prayer requests, concerns or praises included, please post them in the chat window on Facebook or Zoom and the Welcome Minister will confidentially pass them on to the Assisting Minister.

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

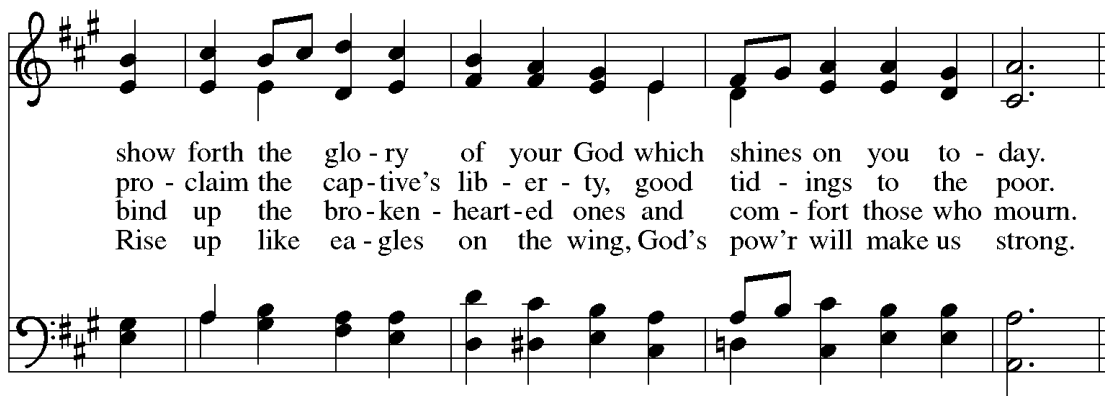
WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the reconciling peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

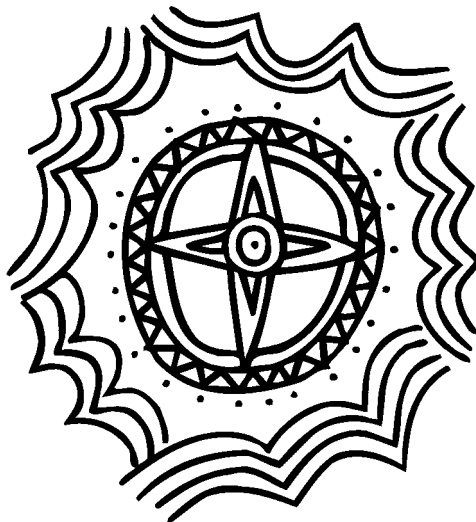
***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness,
your voice moves over the waters.

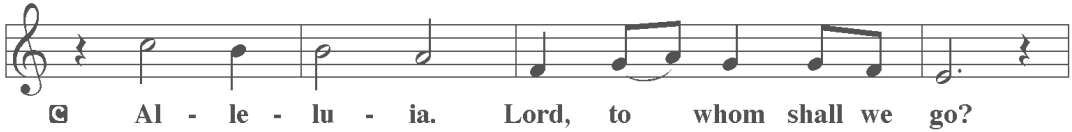
Immerse us in your grace,
and transform us by your Spirit,
so that we may follow after your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



WORD

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KID'S MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hawks



SONG OF THE DAY

"Baptismal Remembrance" - Gretchen Mertes



In the be - gin - ning was the word.
Write my name on your hand.



Mov - ing o - ver the wa - ters. De - li - ver - ance
Go un - der the wa - ter. On - ly to come



through the flood. (Fi - nal - ly breath - ing, fi - nal - ly breath - ing.)
back a - gain.



Send a spi - rit of... Wis - dom and un - der - stand - ing, coun - sel and might.



Know - ledge and fear of the lord, joy in your pre - sence.



Stir up in us. Stir up in us.



Stir up in us. We will



rise, we will rise, at the



sound of our names, at the sound of our names.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After the words, "For what else do the people of God pray?", the Assisting Minister will offer the prayers that the congregation has brought forward.

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the identity of all people as Beloved Children of God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely. For our own country in this overwhelming time of strife and division, that peace and wisdom would prevail, and God's justice would rain down in flowing streams, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For what else do the people of God pray?

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

May the everlasting 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

"Shine" by Tracy Bonham

OFFERING PRAYER

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
as a parent receives a child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

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 God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

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 in 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 relationship in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink
this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the most high,
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.

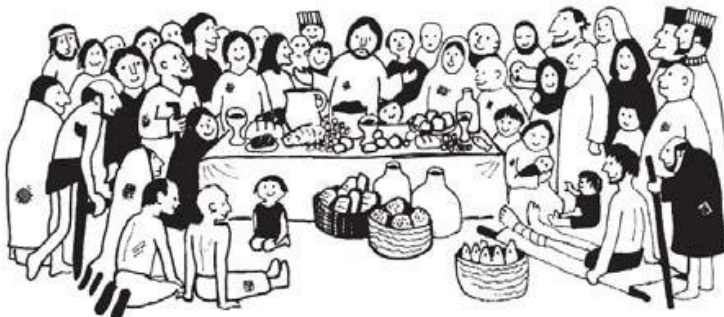
INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.

Come and be fed.

All Are Welcome

to participate in communion, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



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



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



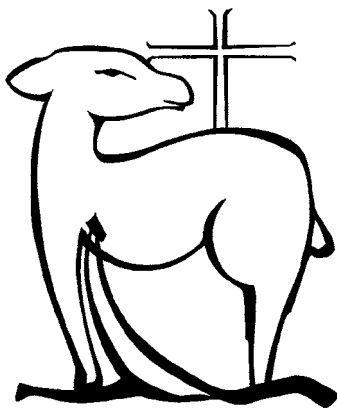
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



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



COMMUNION SONG

"Come Let Us Eat"

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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*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

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have received your life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this meal
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

May God give us grace only to conform to the demands of the gospel;
May God give us grace to lean into life and life abundant;
And may God give us grace to stand firm in bold and boundless love.

In the power of the Triune God who creates, liberates+ and sustains us all.

Amen.



***SENDING SONG**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

We Pray for...

Kathleen Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, Isaac Doss, Marjaine Drayson, Anna Freyberg, Sam Hartley, Bruce Henninger, Richard & Shirley Holt, Colin Johnson, Sue Johnson, Stephen Jones, Richard (Dick) Labrash, Patci McNamee (Mungerson), Emily Nute, Barbara Olsen, Linda Ravenhorst, Jimmy Scates, Jennifer Seyler, Ernie Templin, Grace Wetter, Ryan & Alethia White & children; those staying in long term care facilities who face long stretches of loneliness and time without visits; educators; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals; 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...

Ron Adams, Tooter Baker; Stan Hendricks; Jan Hogan; Wally Loucks; Bill Peterson; Bennett Rolla; Gary Seefried; Karen Tomlinson; Boyd Wetter

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: Tamara Anderson
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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!

Centering Prayer Returns January 20

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM (or view recording on [Facebook](#))

Beginning Wednesday, January 20, the gift of 30 minutes of quiet prayer is yours again.

Danielle Modeen, who has decades of experience in both Buddhist meditation and Centering Prayer, will lead us with 10 minutes of quiet music or chant, followed by 20 minutes of silence, and then a 2-3 minute reading. Those who come to prayer remain quiet the whole time.

Simple guidelines for Centering Prayer will always be available on Zoom chat. But this is not a way of praying just for specially-gifted people. It is simply for anyone who feels drawn to it, and wants to be more open to God.

Zoom Meeting Information: [ZOOM LINK](#)

Join by phone call: +1 (206) 337-9723

Meeting ID: 984 1700 9634

Passcode: 132934

We hope you can come.





faith formation

Sunday Adult Forums in January

Sundays, 9:30 AM [Zoom Link](#) Passcode "Adult"

The Trinity – Through Modern Eyes

Pastor John-Otto Liljenstolpe (known to many of us as “Joshua”) will share how he has come to understand the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Faith is not primarily an intellectual process. But it does help to have one’s heart and mind in sync. You are invited to come and share your thoughts, your questions, your faith.

UPDATE: Age Specific Faith Formation Groups and Offerings

Sprouts Class – Sunday morning Zoom classes for 3-5 year olds at 9:30am before church. The class is 25 minutes long. [Contact Pastor Gretchen](#) for Zoom info.

6th and 7th Grade Hangout – An in-person once a month outside meeting to check in, hang out, and do something fun.

8th Grade Confirmation Hangout – A get together twice a month in person is being planned. Michael Hammett is our fearless leader, with Pastor Gretchen assisting. Stay tuned!

Bible Connections for Families

If you’ve been hoping for a tool to help your child grow in faith and stay connected to church without adding yet another Zoom or Teams meeting, we’ve developed a resource for you! You will receive an online guide to help you take 20 minutes to grow in faith as a family. Look for an email with a link to a Google PowerPoint document. If you have questions, contact [Mandy Neill](#).

Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 10:30 AM [via Zoom](#) Passcode: bible
All are welcome! Let Carolyn Swanson know if you are interested: cdkswan@gmail.com or call her at 206-390-7732.



community

2021 Online Auction: "Field of Dreams"

SAVE THE DATE and join us online for Our Redeemer's silent auction and festival February 7-13, with the big online festival on Saturday, February 13th at 7:00 PM.



PROCUREMENT ITEMS NEEDED: We would love your help with procurement. We are looking for things that are fun to do at home - baskets based around a theme, as well as other made, purchased or business donated items for the silent online auction (our goal is to procure 50 items for the silent auction - download this example of the kind of things/experiences you could donate). When you're ready, use our online [Procurement Form](#) to add your donated auction item. Thank you!

We also need 10 live auction items valued at around \$1,000 or more. Please contact [Pastor Gretchen](#) with your ideas and questions about donating to the auction. We're grateful for what you can do!

What are Your Prayers and Hopes for 2021?

A Community Art Project

You are invited to tie ribbons or prayer flags symbolizing your positivity and hope for 2021 to the church construction fence. Any kind or size of ribbon will do, written on or not. Prayer flags can be attached, too, but please no larger than a cookie sheet. Together our ribbons can transform the fence into something beautiful, memorable, prayerful, and joyful! Questions? Contact communications@ourredeemers.net.

Margaret Wetter

The day has come. Our friend, Margaret Wetter, is moving to Bremerton and her last (official) Sunday with us will be January 17th. Over her nearly 20 years here, she's been instrumental in Sunday School, Council, administrative, auction, social justice, generosity team, and choir, to name just a few areas of significant contribution. To thank Margaret, any who wish are invited to make a gift in Margaret's name through Our Redeemer's to Sustainable Ballard or Amazing Grace (the financial arm of Ballard Sunday Dinners).

[MAKE A GIFT](#)



We will pray Godspeed for Margaret and her sister, Shelley, on the 17th.



social justice

Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, January 20, 2-7 PM – Ballard First Lutheran Church

Please plan and sign up to help feed our hungry neighbors once a month. Do you have time to shop for the meal but cannot serve? Maybe you have another idea or would you like to donate food or money? January & February volunteers needed! [SIGN UP HERE \(https://rb.gy/5km343\)](https://rb.gy/5km343)

MLK Celebrations

Sunday, January 17, 5:30 PM (virtual)

& Monday, January 18, 11AM

As we approach the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Racial Justice group at Our Redeemer's invite you to upcoming virtual events in Seattle and Everett. Through these events we join with other concerned people of faith to address the promise we share in making King's "Beloved Community" a present reality.

- Marie Brissette and the Racial Justice Committee



[Greater Everett MLK Celebration](#)

Two different ways to honor MLK's vision for a beloved community.

[A virtual event on Sunday, January 17th at 5:30 PM \(LINK TO POSTER\)](#). The theme is: "Crawl, Walk, Run, Soar – Moving Our Community Forward". Mill Creek Foursquare Church will be livestreaming the event, with keynote speaker Mr. Nathaniel Miles.

[Processional Parade from the Snohomish County Courthouse to Everett Community College, Monday January 18th at 11 AM \(LINK\)](#).

The real time parade will begin with County and local speakers at the courthouse at 11 AM, followed by in-car parade down Colby Avenue to the Community College where there will be resources, a step team, youth reflections, and community speakers. Wear your masks, drive in cars with family or those you know, and maintain social distancing at the courthouse and college.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, January 10

9:30 AM - Sprouts Class

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

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

Tuesday, January 12

10 AM-1 PM - Pastor Gretchen Virtual Office Hours

7 PM - Executive Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

10:30 AM - Bible Study via Zoom

1 PM - Staff Meeting

7 PM - Adult Choir (Online)

Thursday, January 14

9 AM - 12 PM - Pastor Kathy Virtual Office Hours

Sunday, January 17

9:30 AM - Sprouts Class

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

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

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

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