

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022 | 9 AM

WELCOME!

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.

ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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(Make sure that your Zoom is upgraded to the current version.)

Note for Communion: While it is our practice to celebrate Holy Communion using one loaf of bread, due to the pandemic we have pivoted to using pre-packaged individual communion cups. Wine, juice, and gluten free cups are available. To participate in the meal, open the wafer first, and then open the wine or juice. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest as you come forward.

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 on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.

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GATHER

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*CONFESSION

Confessing Racism: A Lament for the Church

As we celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, we are constantly learning and growing. As part of the growth, naming our place and our part in racism as individuals and as a church denomination becomes tantamount. These words are bracing, and direct. They are also true. We confess today with open minds and contrite hearts.

As church, we confess the sin of racism and condemn racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

As church, we confess, repent, and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

As church, we declare that the enslavement of black bodies and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States, a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching, extrajudicial killings by law enforcement, and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. God have mercy.

God, have mercy.

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**Please stand, as you are able.*

As church we lament the institutional racism of discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of black people, indigenous people, and people of color. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

By the mercy of God
we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.

By the power of the Spirit, we are freed for life-giving reconciliation with one another.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.



***GATHERING 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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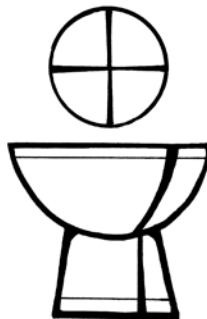
Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God of celebration,
you have kept the good wine until now--
the wine we have longed for,
but never thought to taste.
Take the tapwater of our lives--
our struggles and our weariness--
and with your grace
make strong and joyful
all that our hearts contain,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Corinthians 12:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

It's You (Mertes/Fund)

Al - le - lu - ia ___ Lord, to whom shall we go? ___

5 It's You. It's you. You have ___ the

11 words of life. It's ___ You. Al - le - lu - ia. ___

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***THE GOSPEL**

John 2:1-11

The holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hawks

SONG OF THE DAY

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day, especially those without homes. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."

MEAL

GENEROSITY STORY

A video message from Marie Brissette

OFFERING SONG

Ella's Song - Sweet Honey in the Rock

Out of an abundance of caution, offering baskets are located in the aisles as you come forward for communion. Also, gifts can be made online at www.ourredeemers.net/donate.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our deepest night

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 and eternal covenant relationship in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

Jesus preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,

that, refreshed with these gifts of grace,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Creator, with the Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever words are most prayerful for you:

**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**

Come to God's table.

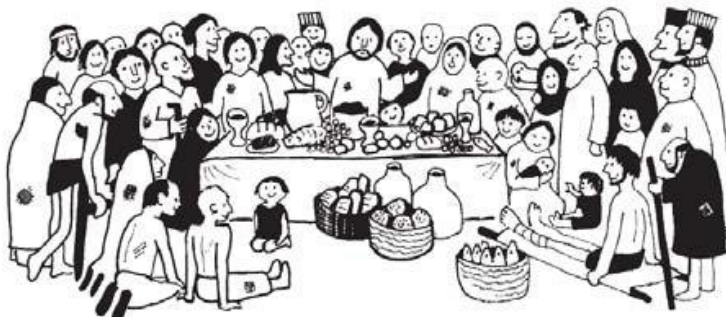
There is a place for you and enough for all.

The gifts of God for you, God's beloved, for the light of the world.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God who takes a way the
 5 sins of the world have mer - cy on
 3. Grant us peace.
 9 us. Lamb of

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COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

***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**

We thank you, O God,
that you have strengthened our hearts
through this feast of healing and life.
Shine the light of Christ on our path,
that we may do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

May the God of hope open your future,
May the God of peace teach you to pray.
May the God of joy lift up your hearts
And may the God of love go with us each day.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

I Believe I Do Believe (We Shall Not Give Up the Fight)

I believe I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it truly I believe it.
I believe I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it truly I believe it.

I believe in God the almighty Lord creator,
almighty Lord creator, almighty Lord creator.
I believe in God the almighty Lord creator,
almighty Lord creator, almighty Lord creator.

I believe in Jesus the savior of the people,
savior of the people savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the savior of the people,
savior of the people savior of the people.

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.

We shall not give up the fight, we have only started
We have only started, we have only started.
We shall not give up the fight, we have only started
We have only started, we have only started.

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine before others!
Thanks be to God.

We Pray for...

Chad Boran, Alex Brown, Rusdee Chastain, Brenda Delrosario, Harry Ecklund, James Ellingboe, John Ellingboe, Mason Ellingboe, Darlene Fischer, Anna Freyberg, Drew Funai, Michael Hlastala, Sr., Richard & Shirley Holt, Carol Hurlburt, Barbara Olsen, Mel Rembold, Emily Schmidt, Jennifer Seyler, Stearns Family, Kennedy Stearns, Stoddard Family, Charlotte Wallstrom; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of...

Richard LaBrash; Orv Anderson; Barbara Brian; Luv Padre; Doug Lieberg

To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please email the church.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor Kathy Hawks

Presiding: Pastor Gretchen Mertes

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worship

Arise, Shine! Epiphany - Season of Light

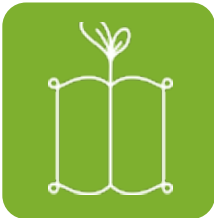
Now, as the new year begins, the light is growing! Arise, shine! Will be our call! Even when we'd rather pull the covers over our heads or think the worst, instead we rouse ourselves to step out into the light, walk in it, reflect it, be it, bring it, rejoice in it!

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 4-4:35PM

Wednesday centering prayer is simply a way we seek to open ourselves to God, whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing – and beyond the limits of our thoughts. The only participation it requires from you is your willingness to be present, be quiet, and be open. If you have any questions, please contact [Pastor Kathy](#).

NOTE: Choir Practice is suspended until further notice. Worship continues in-person and online per COVID guidelines. Please check back weekly for any changes or information. Thank you for your understanding. Stay safe!



faith formation

Kids' Faith Formation Information

- Sprouts Class is currently online only on Zoom at 10 AM with Mr. Dana, Kari, and Lake.
- In-person Sprouts, Elementary O-Rock, and 6th & 7th Grade Hangout are cancelled until February due to pandemic concerns.
- Confirmation meets in-person in the Library at 10 AM with Michael and Stephanie.

Please contact Betsy McGregor (bemac7309@gmail.com) with questions.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 12PM

The 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study continues with a fascinating series of "The Triumph of Christianity". Professor Bart D. Ehrman, PhD, MDiv, is its facilitator. Everyone is welcome to join this Zoom Class. Just indicate your interest, or possible interest, to Carolyn Swanson, at cdkswan@gmail.com, and she will send you the link each Tuesday for the Wednesday class.

Adult Forums - Reconnecting Through Our Sacred Stories **Sundays, 10:10 AM, continuing on 1/23 | Fellowship Hall**

Our Adult Forum class helps us reconnect by sharing our personal spiritual journeys with one another. Two people at each Sunday morning class will tell us about their faith journey. If you'd like to sign up for a session, please let Sally Parker-Henderson, wpainter26@yahoo.com, know.



community

Celebration for Pastor Kathy Hawks

Save the Dates! February 26 & 27

Saturday, February 26 from 4 - 8 PM will be a Celebration of Ministry & Retirement for Pastor Kathy Hawks. A Festival Worship and Godspeed Blessing will be Sunday, February 27th. Photographs, notes of encouragement, and monetary donations toward a congregational gift may be sent.

- Photographs - email to communications@ourredeemers.net
- Cards - mail to the church, attn. Karie Stearns
- Monetary Gifts (for Pastor Kathy's gift) - mail to the church attn. Karie Stearns. Please denote what it's for.
- You can also give through our website's "Giving" tab.

Contact Parish Administrator Karie Stearns (administrator@ourredeemers.net) or call her at 206-783-7901) with any questions.

Boots & Pearls Auction Date Change

Because of Omicron concerns, our "Boots & Pearls" auction has been postponed. Join us for Our Redeemer's Auction and Party Saturday on our new date: April 30, 2022.

This gives us more time to plan, anticipate the fun that we'll have (hopefully in person), and procure auction items! Get involved!

- Make a donation! We love to have "relational donations": experiences, lessons, cooking & baking, boat rides, vacation times - anything interactive is the best!
- Volunteer! A party like this takes a lot of helping hands. You can help with procurement, keep track of bids on the day of the event, event set up, etc.
- Think of friends you might want to invite. This is a great event to introduce people to your church.

Let Pastor Gretchen know if you have questions and/or are able to help.



**Auction: Date Change
April 30, 2022!**

Boots & Pearls
Raising Funds for a Purpose



social justice

Sacred Storytelling - Social Justice Focus An "Open Questions" Congregational Forum

Today, January 16, 10-10:50 AM | Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to come and share stories of our involvement in social justice. Last week we enjoyed sharing stories about our meaningful social justice experiences and their impact on us. This Sunday during the Adult Forum, we invite everyone to come imagine stories of our FUTURE social justice involvement. There will be simple prompts and café-style conversation. Please come be part of shaping our future social justice goals and plans!

February Sacred Storytelling - Social Justice Focus

Sundays February 6 and 13, 12:30-1:30 PM | Zoom

In February, everyone is invited to storytelling about our social justice experiences on Zoom at 12:30 PM! We will have simple prompts that will enable all of us to be part of reflecting on the past (February 6) and imagining the future (February 13). We want to hear from as many people as possible about this important part of our faith and faith witness! Please join us for these Council-sponsored events!

MLK Day: Sign a Letter for Voting Rights Advocacy (Link)

In honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, please consider signing a letter to our federal legislators about voting rights! It will be available in the narthex and by link (above) in the worship Zoom chat, as well as linked on our website. The King family has declared that this year there will be "no celebration without legislation." Two bills would significantly help preserve voting rights for everyone, which are under siege and protect our democracy. More than 30 states have passed bills limiting voting rights in one way or another in the last two years. Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration! *[Read this letter from Our Redeemer's Racial Justice Advocates.](#)*

Celebrate MLK Jr. Holiday Through Learning!

The MLK Jr. Organizing Coalition in Seattle is sponsoring multiple virtual workshops on racial justice. They are taking place from thru this Saturday, January 15. Sign-up and see all workshops at this link: www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/workshop-topics-2022.

Solar Panels for our Roof!

You're invited to help form a team to explore the possibility of placing solar panels on our church roof. This is a short-term opportunity involving research, interviewing possible contractors, and developing a proposal for Church Council. Join us for this effective we can take to address climate change. Please contact Elizabeth (outreach@ourredeemers.net) if interested.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, January 16

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

10 AM - Sprouts | Zoom

10 AM - Confirmation | Library

11 AM - Traditional Worship

2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **Office Closed**

Tuesday, January 18

7 PM - Church Council

7:15 PM - Racial Justice Advocates | [Zoom](#)

Wednesday, January 19

10:30 AM - Bible Study | [Zoom](#)

1 PM - Staff Meeting

4 PM - Centering Prayer | In-Person

Sunday, January 23

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

10 AM - Sprouts | Zoom

10 AM - Confirmation | Library

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Email office@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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