



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 4, 2025 | 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.

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 communion in your seat, please 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.



*Our Redeemer's is proud to be a
Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church.*

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.

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GATHER

Christmas and Epiphany Theme – Behold.

***WELCOME**

We gather in the Narthex.

***CHRISTMAS LIGHT**

And the angel said to them, Fear not:

for, behold, I bring you good news of great joy for all people.

The wreath is lit.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace and good will to all!” (Luke 2:10-14)

***THE LIGHT OF EPIPHANY**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and the glory of the Lord will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your children shall come from far away,

your children shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

continued

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,**

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

***CHALKING OF THE ENTRYWAY** *(Take an insert with you, and chalk your own entry at home!)*

All make their way into the sanctuary as the Opening Song is sung.

***OPENING SONG**

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb

Do you see what I see?

(Do you see what I see?)

Way up in the sky, little lamb

Do you see what I see?

(Do you see what I see?)

A star, a star, dancing in the night

With a tail as big as a kite

With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear?

(Do you hear what I hear?)

Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear?

(Do you hear what I hear?)

A song, a song high above the trees

With a voice as big as the sea

With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king

Do you know what I know?

(Do you know what I know?)

In your palace warm, mighty king

Do you know what I know?

(Do you know what I know?)

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold

Let us bring him silver and gold

Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere

Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)

Pray for peace, people, everywhere

Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night

He will bring us goodness and light

He will bring us goodness and light

***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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving God, by the birth of Jesus, you made this world shine with the brightness of day. May we here on earth walk in the light of Jesus, and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of God's power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thank God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Send Us a Sign – Mertes

Send us a sign, your people look up, your people look east.
Send us your Word, your people need peace.
Allelu-ia, Allelu-ia –a– a. Send us a sign.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1–12

The good news of Jesus Christ, from the Gospel of Matthew.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “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.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They 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.’ ”**

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then 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.” ⁹ When 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On 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. ¹² And 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.

Glory to God in the highest!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp

SONG OF THE DAY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, precious diamond, light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree,
your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
earth's deep sadness
may perplex us
and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beholding God's good news of great joy for all people in the birth of Jesus,
we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

Silence for contemplation.

Today, as we celebrate the joy of Christmas,
we pray to God
aloud in silence,
for what concerns us,
for what we're grateful,
for those people, places, and powers
that lay on our hearts,
closing with the words, "God of grace and truth,"
and we will all respond
hear us as we pray.

(Here prayers may be spoken aloud or in silence.)

We give these prayers to you, O God,
believing your love for us and grace give us eternal comfort,
and in good hope may be strengthened in heart by every good work and word,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)



COMMUNE

*PEACE

Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (*Luke 1:78-79*)

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

OFFERING MUSIC

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www.ourredeemers.net/donate or by scanning this code.



*OFFERING PRAYER

God of life and love,
receive and bless these gifts we have gathered.
come to meet us today at your table,
and strengthen us as we await to see
with the whole creation
the redemption and freedom
that comes with your Son. Amen. (*Adapted Romans 8:19-25*)

***AT THE TABLE**

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.

We give you thanks, Lord God!

Behold, it is you

who made the heavens and the earth

by your great power

and by your outstretched arm!

Nothing is too difficult for you.

You show steadfast love to the thousandth generation.

(Jeremiah 32:17-18)

Fulfilling the word of your prophets,

you sent your messenger to announce your grace

to Mary, the mother of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who believed “nothing is impossible” for you, saying,

“Behold, here I am, a servant of the Lord.”

(Luke 1:37-38)

We praise you that, at the right time,

your Son died for us, *(Romans 5:6)*

reconciling us through your love;

the reign of sin is ended *(5:21)*

and your righteousness

is disclosed through faith for all who believe.

(Romans 5:6, 21, 3:21-23)

Behold! 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)

For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now we know only in part; then we will know fully, even as we are fully known.
(1 Corinthians 13:12)

By your grace and presence with us
May we be restored, supported, and strengthened
to endure with hope
believing your love has been poured into our hearts
by the power of your Holy Spirit
through faith in your Son. **Amen.**
(Adapted, Romans 5:3-5, 1 Peter 5:9-11)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
holy 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 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).



*COMMUNION SONG

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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TABLE BLESSING

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

SENDING OF COMMUNION

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you gave us Jesus Christ to save us.
As you sent Jesus, now send us with good news for all people.

**May the joy of this meal have no end
as we share with others the joy that fills us;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Ungreening” of the Church – Saturday, 10 January
Breaking Bread Dinners – Sunday, 11 January

*BLESSING

May we be filled with the wonder of the Magi,
the faithfulness and love of Mary and Joseph,
the joy of the angels and shepherds,
and peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and ☩ peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:5-6, 13)

*SENDING SONG

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*DISMISSAL

Behold: Christ is born for us!

Thank God!

We Pray for...

Benjamin Argento, Barton Bjugstad, Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter, Pete D'Amico, Davis family, Cindy Ege, Meggan Ellingboe, Gerry & Bob Faley, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn Hansen, Hartje family, Shirley Holt and family, Richard Johnson and family, Helen Jones, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Leander family, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen and family, Alan Murray, Iko Rodenberger, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Hilde Seidel, Carol Lee Smith, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Gary T., Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright, Kelly 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; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

John Jensen, Kenneth Leander

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

*Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the
following week's bulletin.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

During informal worship the neighbor to your left or right might be a young child, a grandparent or maybe the pastor. Your bulletin, containing songs, prayers and event information, gives you everything you need to know. 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, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table, and hear a thoughtful message from Pastor Thoams that you can carry into your week. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.

- The Nursery is available Sunday mornings, newborn to age 4, starting January 11th.
- The "Prayground" in the sanctuary is available to families with little ones. This intentional space helps them participate fully in worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate.
- Baptism of Infants, Children, and Adults Immersed in God's grace; raised to love and live in Jesus' way. For more information and scheduling, contact Pastor Thomas.

Musical opportunities at Our Redeemer's

- Adult & Youth Choir, Wednesdays, 7 PM practice (high school age and adults)
- Kid's Choir (elementary and middle school), Sundays, 10 AM
- Informal Music Ensemble, Thursdays, 7 PM practice
- Handbells & Orchestra (Easter & Christmas)



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Youth Faith Formation (ORCA) Classes

Otters: Sundays, Ages 3–5 at 10:15 AM between services. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum.

Harbor Seals: This is our version of Sunday school. After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

Sea Lions: Between services 6th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world.

Youth Confirmation: For 7, 8, and 9th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

Help Out at Ballard Sunday Dinner

Third Sunday of each month, 3 PM – 6 PM | Ballard First Lutheran

Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) is a ministry in which we partner with local churches to feed our hungry neighbors on the third Sunday of each month.

We'd love to have you join us to help feed those in need! No experience needed—we'll show you the ropes and make sure you feel confident and welcomed. Sign up for any of the third Sundays of the month coming up.

Help out for an hour or two by signing up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817>.
Thank you for helping us spread warmth to our community!



community

Church Ladies Beer Night – 2026 Kick Off!

Tomorrow, January 5, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Kick off the new year with connection and community at Church Ladies Beer Night! Tomorrow we're expanding to a second table—bring your Advent tea light to help brighten our table if you have one as we step into the new year together. All women (and those who identify as female) are warmly welcome.

CPR/AED Training with the Seattle Fire Department

Saturday, January 10, 1 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Seattle Fire Department will offer an Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED training here at Our Redeemer's. Participants who wish to receive official certification may do so for a \$30 fee (cash or check made payable to Medic 2). This is a great opportunity to learn lifesaving skills—consider signing up! To register, contact Justine at office@ourredeemers.net or call (206) 783-7900.

Breaking Bread Community Dinners

Sunday, January 11, 6 PM | Various Homes

Friendship – Connection – Good Food! All this and more can be yours at our Breaking Bread Dinners on Sunday, January 11. These potlucks in various homes give us a chance to spend time together, learning about each other's joys and struggles and forming deeper connections. Also, there's really good food! To sign up contact Annie McGrew (annemcgrew@msn.com) or Cindy Anderson (cindyrowanderson@gmail.com).

Come to Holden Village | Summer 2026 **July 5–10 | Registration Now Open!**

Our Redeemer's Week at Holden Village is a special time for connection, reflection, and learning amidst beautiful surroundings.

Our Redeemer's Week at Holden Village is scheduled for Sunday–Friday, July 5–10. These dates include the two travel days, giving you the full Monday–Thursday program in the village. Want more unhurried time for rest and exploration? You're welcome to add the weekend before or after your stay.

This week offers a special opportunity for connection, reflection, and learning in the stunning surroundings of Holden Village. Everyone will register directly through Holden Village, as we did last year.

Registration is open now! Spots fill quickly—so plan to sign up early at **www.holdenvillage.org**.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, January 4

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

✚ 9 AM - Informal Worship

Chalking of Doorway

10 AM - Roscas de Reyes

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

Chalking of Doorway

Monday, January 5

5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night | Old Stove
Gardens

Tuesday, January 6

7 PM - Executive Team

Wednesday, January 7

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9

10 AM - 12 PM - Volunteer Grounds Crew

Saturday, January 10

9 AM - Taking Down Christmas w/ the
Liturgical Arts Team

1 PM - CPR Training Class | Our Redeemer's

Sunday, January 11

✚ 9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o);

Sea Lions (6th grade)

10 AM - Adult Faith Formation | Fellowship Hall

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

✚ 11 AM - Traditional Worship

6 PM - Breaking Bread Community Dinners |
Various Homes

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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