



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GENEROSITY SUNDAY I

October 12, 2025 | 11 AM

# WELCOME!

**It is a joy to worship together.**

*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

## **WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE (11am Service)**

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- By Facebook Live: Go to [www.facebook.com/ourredeemers](https://www.facebook.com/ourredeemers). You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
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### **A Note About 11 AM Worship Recordings**

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

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

**OUR VISION:** In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

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

# GATHERING

*Time after Pentecost Theme – Return What God Has Given Us*

## WELCOME

## FAITH FORMATION

“Relating Sunday” Today! – Adult Session  
ORCA Focus Verse: Luke 17:17–19

## CENTERING MUSIC

### \*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember our baptism, returning to the source of our life in Christ.

By the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. *(2 Peter 3:5)*

And If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

**For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.** *(2 Corinthians 5:21, 18)*

The Lord is not slow about his promise...but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. *(2 Peter 3:9–10)*

**In accordance with God’s promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.** *(2 Peter 3:13)*

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *(Hebrews 4:16)*

*A brief silence.*

In Christ was the world being reconciled to God, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. *(2 Corinthians 5:19)*

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

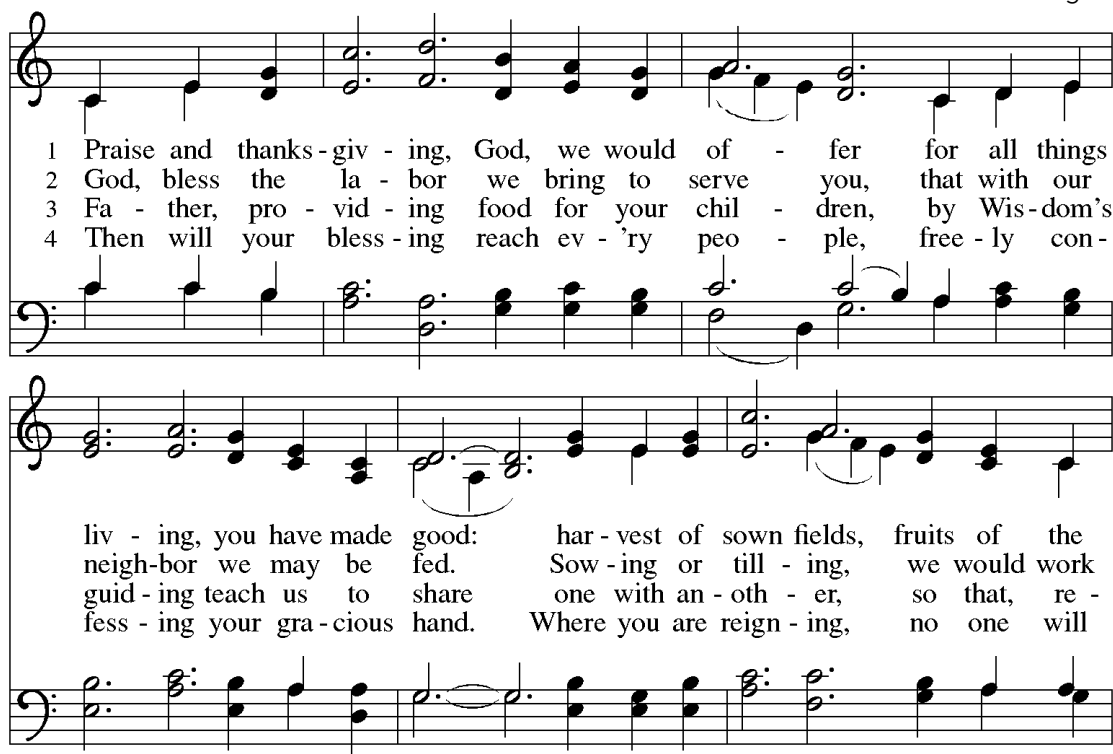
**The first [adam] was from the earth, made of dust; the second [adam] is from heaven... Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)**

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

**And all of us...seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

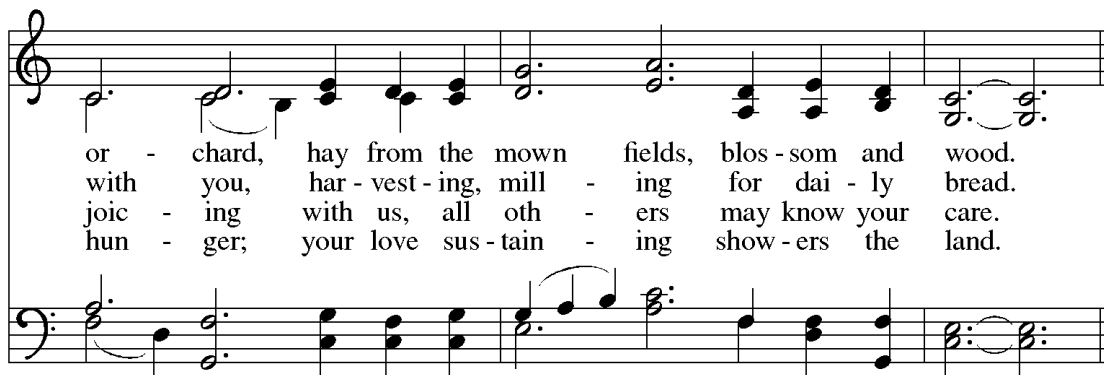
**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Praise and Thanksgiving*



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



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### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

Let us test and examine our ways  
 and return to the Lord.

**Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands  
 to God in heaven.** (*Lamentations 3:40-41*)

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.**



## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

by Karen Lee



Fall is re - turning, we are re-learn - ing how to be God's peo - ple here. \_\_\_\_



E-ven through chal-len-ges \_\_\_\_ God re-i-ma - gines us to live in love and not fear. \_\_\_\_



Let us re - store and re - grow, \_\_\_\_ since God is the re - fuge we know.



So from this place, re-veal God's grace. Re - turn, re-mem-ber, re - new.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious and generous God, **equip us to steward your gifts we receive for the common good. Draw us again to you, and restore our trust in the treasures of your Spirit. Turn us to see your works, that our poverty is transformed by your abundance. Grow our life together and our hope for the world to come, by the promise of what could be through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."**

# WORD

## FIRST READING

2 Timothy 2:8–15

When one turns to the Lord, the veil [over the mind] is removed.

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

*(2 Corinthians 3:16–17)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Our ears and hearts are open.**

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

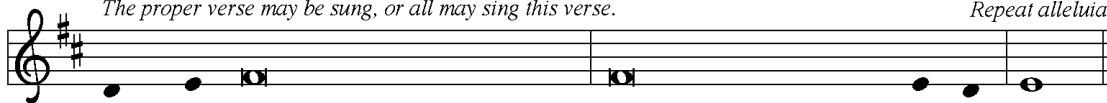


## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.*

*Repeat alleluia*



## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

[Jesus' parents] returned to Jerusalem to search for him...and they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

**And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.**

*(Luke 2:45-46)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

<sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,

<sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.** *(2 Peter 3:18)*



\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now Thank We All Our God*



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Thus says the Lord God,  
 who gathers the outcasts,  
 these I will bring [back] to my holy mountain  
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
 for all peoples. (*Isaiah 56:8, 7*)

*Silence for contemplation.*

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. We pray especially for those named in our prayer list. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

For the relational ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give us a spirit of welcome, eyes and ears share this church home, and hearts for connection. Bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Raise leaders among us and give new life to our ministries of hospitality, welcome, and accompaniment. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*For whom and what else do we pray?*

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We turn over these prayers to you, O Lord,  
trusting in your power to intercede for us (*Hebrews 7:25*)  
and hoping in your power to save all who call on your name. **Amen.** (*John 14:13-14*)

# MEAL

## \*PEACE

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives." (*John 14:27*)

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

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Let us return to God the first fruits of the Spirit, which God has grown in us.

Gifts may be made online at  
[www.ourredeemers.net/donate](http://www.ourredeemers.net/donate) or by scanning this code.



## OFFERING MUSIC

Choir - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Steve Dunn

## \*OFFERING RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Merciful and compassionate God,

by your word, you create all that is good;

**with all our prayers and thanksgivings,**

**may we return to you the first fruits of our life and labors,**

**and gratefully receive what you have prepared for us in this meal,**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(adapted from 1 Timothy 4:4)*

## **\*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.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

**In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.**

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 free the world from its bondage to 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 this bread and drink the cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)**

In the breaking of this bread,

**reveal for us the face of our risen Lord, Jesus,** *(Luke 24:30)*

the first fruits of the resurrection *(1 Corinthians 15:20)*

raised in offering for our life together. *(Hebrews 9:14)*

**Turn us toward Christ and one another by the power of your Spirit,**

that we may abide in Christ, our true vine,

to joyfully bear the fruits of your love

until he returns to harvest what has been

sown, prepared, grown, and gathered,

to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(adapted from John 16)*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has 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 COMMUNION

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

### All Are Welcome

*to commune, including children (as parents permit).*



## AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.




# COMMUNION HYMNS

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Jesus said, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." (*John 14:3*)

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

**Amen.**

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

**by words of faith and these gifts of bread and wine,  
nourish us so that we may grow as servants and followers  
of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** *(adapted from 1 Timothy 4:5)*

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*BENEDICTION

The Holy Spirit, who turns us into community,  
God, who turns us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
and Jesus Christ, who has returned us to God by grace  
bless ☩ and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on a whole note. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with each line corresponding to a different part of the hymn.

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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## \*DISMISSAL

"Go, return on your way." Go in peace. (1 Kings 19:15)

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

### **We Pray for...**

Barton Bjugstad, Faye Buckalew, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Pat D'Amico, Pete D'Amico, Gerry & Bob Faley, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen, Donnalyn Hansen, Hartje family, Shirley Holt and family, Horan family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen & family, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Henderson Widner, Eliot Wright & 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**

Tom Horan, Bob McIntyre, Charlotte Wallstrom

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

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following week's bulletin.*

### **IN OUR SERVICES TODAY**

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Communion Setup: Marie Nordquist

Communion Server: Linda Carbone

Coffee Setup: Cindy Anderson

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



## worship

### **9 AM Informal Sunday Worship | In-person**

Our 9:00 am service is casual and welcoming, perfect for exploring faith in a comfortable setting. Enjoy a mix of contemporary and familiar music, interactive worship, and opportunities to engage at your own pace. Children are always part of the community, with a staffed nursery available for little ones who need extra care.

### **11 AM Traditional Sunday Worship | In-person & Online**

The 11:00 am service celebrates Lutheran tradition with prayers, responses, and gestures that draw us into a meaningful rhythm. Music is central, featuring hymns, organ, choir, and special music. Focused on God's grace, this service invites you to pause, be grounded in faith, and connect with a multi-generational community, whether in the sanctuary or online.

### **Return, Renew, Reform – October 26**

Join us for Reformation Sunday and Confirmation on October 26! Wear red as we celebrate our confirmands' affirmation of baptism and their call to serve Christ's church and community. Together, we return to God's grace, renew our faith, and give thanks for the Spirit's work among us.



## faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

### **Youth Faith Formation – 10 AM Sundays**

This fall, our youth programs are exploring Pacific Northwest themes while building faith and friendship. Groups include Otters (ages 3–5), Harbor Seals (ages 5–11), and Sea Lions (6th grade). We'll also offer Confirmation (7th–8th grade) and gather high school youth once a month. Join us for crafts, stories, and community!



### **Youth Group Thursday, October 16th, 6:15–7:30 PM**

We are looking to change the time and date of our youth group meet ups each month, to accommodate busy schedules for you and your families! The proposed change is 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm. At the next dinner, we'll discuss a location that fits as many needs as possible. If you or your youth can make the next meet up (Thursday, October 16), or you can help us determine the best time for us to meet, please let Pastor Thomas know ASAP! Friends welcome!

# Family Movie Night

**Saturday, October 26, 6:30–8 PM**

**Join us for a cozy fall evening featuring Over the Garden Wall episodes, autumn crafts, games, and warm community fun! Bring the family and celebrate the magic of the season together.**



Movie  
Crafts  
Games  
Goodies

OVER THE  
GARDEN WALL

## Adult Faith Formation – Embodying Church

Sunday, October 19, 10 AM | Fellowship center

Our first third Sunday “Embodying Church” of the year is the perfect reminder of the underlying purpose of these monthly gatherings: prayer as communication to and from God in the little things of life. As we head into this fall season often associated with gratitude, we’ll be creating visual prayers of gratitude inspired by **Mexican Retablo art**. All ages welcome!

### LiVE – Free Classes & Retreats

LiVE is a lay ministry of the NW WA synod–ELCA, forming Christian leaders able to make sense of our place in God’s world. LiVE is about creating space to wrestle with big questions, explore scripture and tradition in fresh ways, and practice living our faith in everyday life. Upcoming gatherings are a chance to connect with others across our community and be part of something larger than ourselves.

#### **LiVE Retreat: Practicing Faith in Woven Ways' with Rev. Leila M. Ortiz**

Saturday, November 1, 9 AM –3 PM | Grace Lutheran, Des Moines

Explore how faith is lived, expressed, and deepened across diverse cultural experiences. Through storytelling, spiritual practices, and a shared meal, participants will engage in ways of weaving together different traditions, values, and voices to nurture belonging and mutual transformation. This retreat creates space to practice listening, humility, and hospitality; core conditions for becoming a more vibrant and welcoming multicultural church. Registration Here: <https://bit.ly/4hOwIOh>



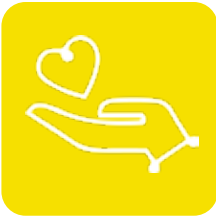
Thanks to sponsorship support, scholarships are available this year. To register at no cost, simply **enter the Congregational Bundle Code: LiVE2025**. Learn more about LiVE and November offerings and beyond by using the QR Code here.

### **W.E.L.C.A. Triennial Convention**

July 2026, Des Moines, Iowa

The next Women of the ELCA (W.E.L.C.A.) Triennial Convention will be held in July 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa, and you’re invited to be part of this inspiring gathering! Our own Stephanie Running is already registered to attend and encourages others to join her for a time of connection, learning, and renewal. According to Stephanie, the last convention, held in Phoenix in 2023, was a wonderful experience full of fellowship and spiritual growth. To learn more and explore what’s happening with the Women of the ELCA, visit [womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page](https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page).





# faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

## Community Recycling October 18th

Saturday, October 18th, 9 AM – 2 PM | Our Redeemer's Parking Lot

Our Redeemer's is hosting a special fall Community Recycling Event on Saturday, October 18 in the church parking lot. We'll accept most electronics along with clean Styrofoam. This is more than just a chance to recycle unwanted electronics and Styrofoam—it's a reflection of who we are as a community!

### **We need volunteers like you to help things run smoothly.**

Can you help out that day for an hour or two? If so, see what roles need to be filled and sign up using the QR code here. Come join us in this ministry of earth care—every small act makes a big difference!



## Ballard Sunday Dinner – Come Help Out!

October 19, 3 PM – 6 PM | Ballard First Lutheran

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!

## Lutheran World Relief Loading Days

Friday–Saturday, October 31 & November 1

Join us at Our Redeemer's as we load trucks for Lutheran World Relief! On Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1, cars will arrive from all over Western Washington, delivering quilts and kits that help people in need around the world. **We need volunteers to help load boxes into trucks and donations of easy-to-eat snacks to share with our hardworking loaders and drivers.**

Even if you can't volunteer, **come by for coffee, see the action, and learn how Lutheran World Relief changes lives globally.** For more information, please contact Sharon Longaker at (206) 393-2881. Thank you to everyone whose generosity makes this ministry possible!



# community

## Swedish Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 9, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us on November 9th for our Swedish Pancake Breakfast, the joyful culmination of our Generosity season at Our Redeemer's! This special meal celebrates all the ways our community shares and is generous together. **We're also looking for volunteers** to help with setup on Saturday and serving on Sunday—your helping hands make this event possible. If you can lend a hand, please email Betsy McGregor at [Bemac7309@gmail.com](mailto:Bemac7309@gmail.com).

## Spring Auction 2026 Fun-raiser Needs You!

Save the Auction Date: March 7, 2026

Step into the heart of our community and help shape one of the year's most anticipated celebrations and fundraiser! If you enjoy bringing people together, organizing lively festivities, and turning creative ideas into reality, the Auction is the perfect opportunity. This event is more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to make connections, spark joy, and leave a lasting mark through food, décor, laughter, and shared purpose.

We're looking for volunteers to join the team. Planning has just begun so if you're ready to help, contact Diana Myers at [auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com](mailto:auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com) or [dm3myers@gmail.com](mailto:dm3myers@gmail.com). You can also reach out to the church office to get involved. Don't miss out on the fundraising fun!

## Gardening in Good Company

October 20, 11 AM–2 PM

Join the Grounds Crew on Thursday, October 10 or Sunday, October 27, from 10 AM–noon to help transplant Black-eyed Susans, prune viburnum bushes below the sanctuary windows, and weed and tidy the east end near the basement entry. With slower-growing fall weeds, it's a great time to keep our grounds welcoming. Questions? Contact: Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com).

## **Stewardship Season: Cultivating Faith**

Beginning Today, October 12

This year's stewardship theme is Cultivating Faith: Generosity and Potatoes. Just as soil must be turned and tended to grow new life, God calls us to nurture the seeds of faith planted within us, and to share the gifts of grace we have received. Our humble potato becomes a playful reminder of God's abundance—feeding generations and reminding us that even the simplest gifts can sustain life.

**Each Sunday starting today, we'll gather around stories of generosity, thoughtful reflections, and fun, potato-themed crafts for all ages. Together we will ask how God is calling us to grow as a community of faith, to share our resources, and to serve the world.**

The season concludes on Commitment Sunday, November 9, when we bring our completed Commitment Cards and share in a festive Swedish Pancake brunch.

Join us each week for worship—take time at 10:00 am for crafts, and celebrate the many ways God's gifts are cultivated in us and through us!



**Week 1 | Oct 12 – 'No Small Potatoes'**

**Inclusion — Each of us has value**

**Week 2 | Oct 19 – 'Seeding Your Faith'**

**Persistence — Each of us has potential**

**Week 3 | Oct 26 – 'Here I Stamp'**

**Humility — We are all human**

**Week 4 | Nov 2 – 'Potato Power'**

**Transformation — God empowers us**

**Week 5 | Nov 9 – 'Tithing is the Thing'**

**Transformation — From 'I' to 'We'**

## This Week at Our Redeemer's

*Today, October 12, Sunday*

### **GENEROSITY SUNDAY #1**

#### **✚9 AM - Informal Worship**

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

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

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

#### **✚11 AM - Traditional Worship**

6 PM - Breaking Bread Dinners |  
Various Homes

*October 15, Wednesday*

12 PM - Staff Meeting

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal

*October 16, Thursday*

6:15 PM - Monthly Youth Group Meet up |  
Next Level Burger, Ballard

*October 18, Saturday*

10 AM-2 PM - Neighborhood E-Cycling  
Event | Our Redeemer's Parking Lot

11 AM - Caring Community Team |  
Our Redeemer's

*October 19, Sunday*

### **GENEROSITY SUNDAY #2**

#### **✚9 AM - Informal Worship**

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

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

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

#### **✚11 AM - Traditional Worship**

3-6 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard  
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