

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GENEROSITY SUNDAY I

October 12, 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.



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.

GATHER

Time after Pentecost Theme - Re:Turn Where God Has Led Us

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

"Relating Sunday" Today! - Adult Session ORCA Focus Verse: Luke 17:17-19



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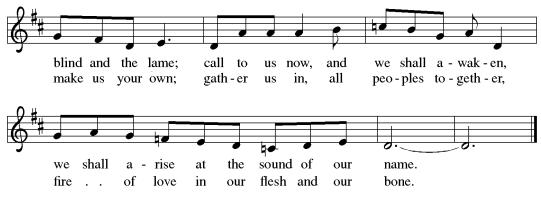
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^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.



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*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

We turn to God in prayer.

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."

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING 2 Timothy 1:1–14

When one turns to the Lord, the veil [over the mind] is removed. (2 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Our ears and hearts are open.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

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

12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

Thank God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ 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)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp



***SONG OF THE DAY**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray aloud and in our hearts, notice how you are standing, sitting, and how we use our hands and bodies. We give thanks for what God has done, and all that God entrusts to ours. We pray for the hands clasped in hope of God's help. We pray for healing hands, hands that build community, and extend our hands in blessing those that are in need.

Silence for contemplation.

Please close your thanksgivings, petitions, laments, and prayers with Loving God, and we will all respond

hear us as we pray.

Healer and brother, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust in your presence. We especially pray for those named in our prayer list. Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

For the relational ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and 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. Loving God, hear us as we pray.

The Prayers of the People are closed: 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)

COMMUNE

*PEACE

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you". (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."

In this time of offering, we 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 or by scanning this code.



OFFERING MUSIC

*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful and compassionate God, by your word, you create all that is good; 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)

*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, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent 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 every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

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.

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 live in Christ, our true vine, to joyfully share the fruits of your love until he returns to harvest what has been planted, prepared, grown, and gathered, to glorify 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.

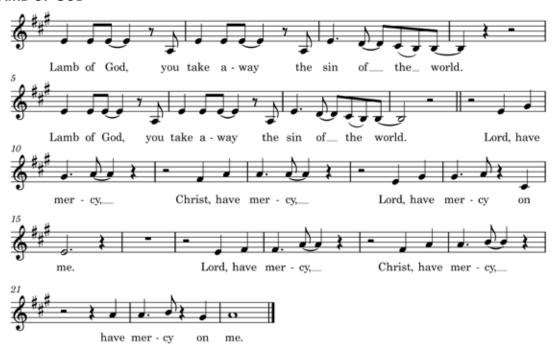
So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow, all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



Come As You Are - David Crowder

COMMUNION SONG

Come out of sadness

From wherever you've been

Come broken hearted

Let rescue begin

Come find your mercy

Oh, sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken

Lift up your face

Oh, wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt

Lay down your heart

Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless

And all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table

Come taste the grace

There's rest for the weary

Rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken

Lift up your face

Oh, wanderer come home

You're not too far

Lay down your hurt lay down your heart

Come as you are

Come as you are

Fall in his arms

Come as you are

There's joy for the mourning

Oh, sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken

Lift up your face

Oh, wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt

Lay down your heart

Come as you are

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TABLE 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 us in everlasting grace and in eternal life.

Amen.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

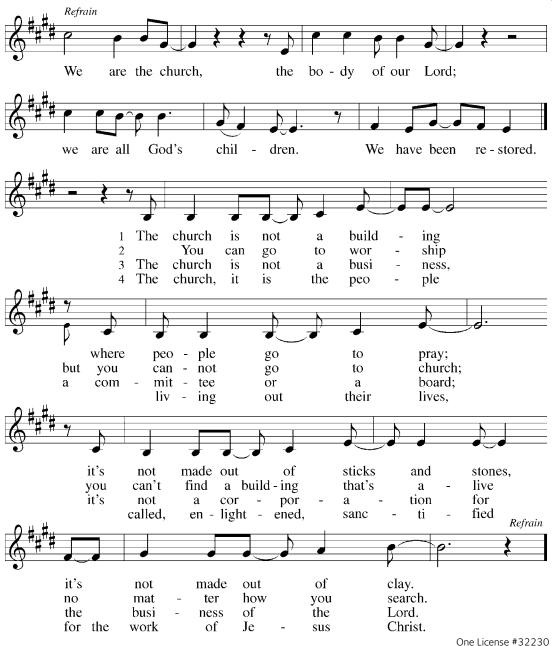
*BLESSING

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 SONG The Church Song



*DISMISSAL

[&]quot;Go, return on your way. Go in peace." (1 Kings 19:15) Thank God!

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 quests.

Grieving the Loss of

Tom Horan, Bob McIntyre, Charlotte Wallstrom

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)
Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp Communion Setup: Cindy Anderson Usher: Sonja Braasch Greeter: Lynne McNeill Coffee Setup: Cindy Anderson Musician: Gian Foddai, Betsy McGregor

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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.

All Saints Photos – Faces of the Church Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday (also Día de los Muertos for those who celebrate) is a time to honor those who rest in the arms of God and to celebrate the communion of saints—living and departed—united in Christ.

You're invited to bring a photo or memento of a loved one to place in the church windows surrounding our worship with the faces and memories of those we hold dear.

We'll also give thanks for all who are part of this community, joined together in body and spirit. And **if you'd like to update your photo for the new directory, come on Reformation Sunday or All Saints Sunday** to have it taken!

"Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to God."



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!



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!

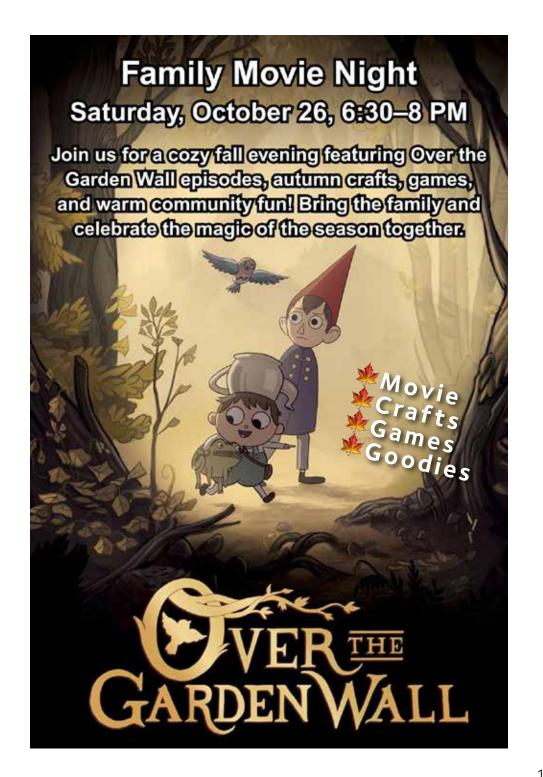
Youth Group Thursday, October 16th, 6:15 PM

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!

Luciafest is December 14th Rehearsals Begin Nov 15 Sunday, December 14, 5 PM | Our Redeemer's

December 14 is the date for our annual Sankta Lucia celebration. This traditional Swedish celebration of Lucia's day will include Sankta Lucia and her attendants, Star Boys, Tomte, Scandinavian goodies, and dancing around the Christmas Tree. All youth ages 5 through 18 are invited to participate in this festival of light and hope for the Christmas season.

Rehearsal begin Saturday, November 15, 9-11AM. **There are plenty of roles for anyone interested!** Come join us in this fun annual Advent tradition at Our Redeemers. For information contact Marie Nordquist, lutequist@yahoo.com.



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/4hOwlOh

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 OR 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 www.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 mealcelebrates 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@qmail.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 or 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.

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!



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

October 16, Thursday 6:15 PM - Monthly Youth Group Meet up | Next Level Burger, Ballard

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal

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

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♣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
First Lutheran

Email <u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u> 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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