

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

GENEROSITY SUNDAY III

October 26, 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

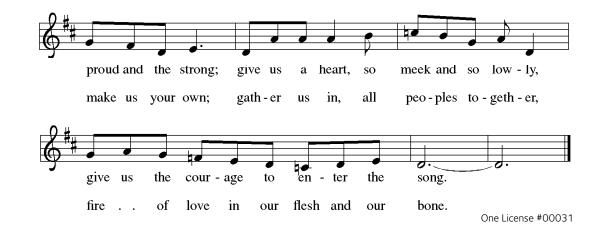
FAITH FORMATION

"Asking and Discerning Sunday" today! - Adult Session Generosity Activity: Potato Stamp Lamp Shades ORCA Focus verse: Luke 18:13b



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



*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 4:6-8, 16-18

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.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thank God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING Luke 18:9-14

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

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mikiah, having completed your study of Lutheran teachings, and understanding of the Word of God, the Sacraments, and discerning the Spirit and the gift of faith, do you desire to make public affirmation of your baptism?

Confirmand Response:

I do, and I ask God to help and quide me.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, today we give thanks for the gift of baptism poured out for Mikiah and Eliza. We give thanks for their lives, one with us in the body of Christ. We give thanks also that God gathers us in faith, and empowers us for life and ministry in Christ, a daily affirmation of our baptism.

We turn to God in prayer.

Merciful God, we thank you for these, our siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Profession of Faith.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Remember your baptism; Do you renounce all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmand Response:

I renounce them.

^{*}The assembly stands.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*CONFIRMATION

Mikiah, you have made public profession of your faith.

Remember your baptism;
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand Response:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you confirm the faith into which Mikiah was baptized? Do you promise to continue to our brother, Mikiah, and pray for him and accompany him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and quide us.

*Annointing.

We turn to God in prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Remember your baptism, when you were "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30-32)

Mikiah, may this, the verse by which you are confirmed in the faith of the church, inspire your faith and guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

*Giving of a Stole.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Mikiah, with this stole, may you know the gentle yoke of Christ, and, following him in a life of gentleness and kindness, compassion and humility, may you know the healing and comforting presence of God to surround you, and God's peace, which surpasses all understanding.

*Acclamation.

Let us rejoice as the family of God, in the Body of Christ Jesus, Our Lord:.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism! Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!

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 all that God gives us. 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.

Living God, comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. We pray especially for those named in our prayer list.

Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

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.

Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

For whom and what else do we pray?

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed, especially Charlotte, Bob, Tom, and Mary. We thank you for keeping close those who have died, strengthened to fight the good fight of faith and supported to finish the race. Surround their families and friends with your presence, and comfort them as they grieve. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

(at the close of the Prayers)
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."

GENEROSITY STORY

Aaron Duke, Treasurer

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.

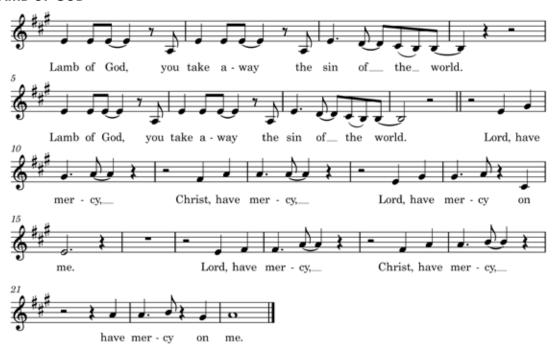
So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow, all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

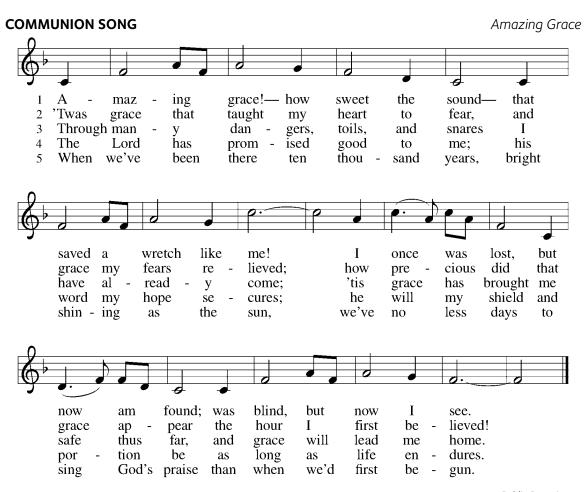
All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



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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.

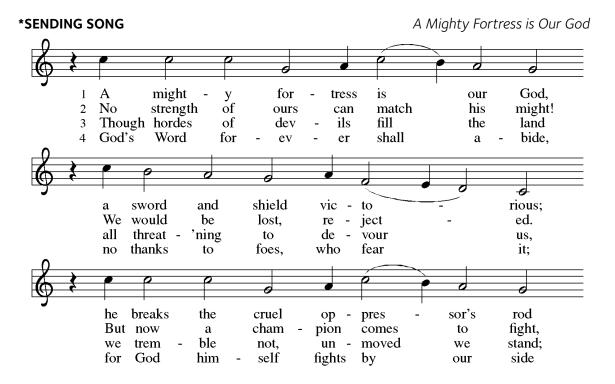
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ANNOUNCEMENTS Next Sunday: Bring photos of loved ones in remembrance of the Saints

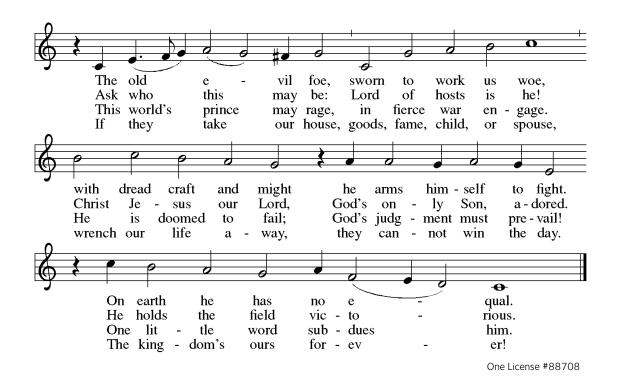
*BLESSING

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.



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*DISMISSAL

"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, Curt Kruse family, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen & family, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, 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

Curt Kruse, Tom Horan, Bob McIntyre, Charlotte Wallstrom, Henderson Widner

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.





Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. Don't be late for church!

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.

Thank you for your incredibly generous gifts of time, talent, heart and finances! You are helping God shine hope and grace into the world.

There are a variety of ways to give:*

- ONLINE GIVING: Go to ourredeemers.net, and click on the "Giving" tab to see giving options, OR call (206)783-7900 x101.
- MOBILE GIVING APP: Download the free "Vanco" app and search for "Our Redeemers Lutheran Church" and follow the instructions.



- MAIL A CHECK: Write a check out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Mail to 2400 NW 85th St., Seattle, 98117.
- DONATE STOCK: Go to ourredeemers.net, and click on the "Giving" tab and find "Give to Our Redeemer's via Donation of Stock" link.

Administrator Karie Stearns (administrator@ourredeemers. net, $2067-783-7900 \times 101$) can help you set up or update your automatic giving if needed, and can answer all your giving questions.



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Youth Faith Formation - 10 AM Sundays

Our youth programs are currently 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!



LiVE - Free Classes & Retreats

LiVE, a lay ministry of the NW WA Synod–ELCA, forms Christian leaders ready to live faith in today's world. Explore scripture, engage big questions, and connect with others across our community.

Our own Mandy Neill is facilitating next Wednesday's (10/29) class, on "Wonder & Mystery".

Practicing Faith Beyond Certainty Classes

7 PM, Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 12 Discover how faith can thrive amid doubt and change—grounded in Scripture, community, and real life. Registration is FREE (see how to register below).

LiVE Retreat: Practicing Faith in Woven Ways' with Rev. Ortiz Saturday, November 1, 9 AM -3 PM | Grace Lutheran, Des Moines Join Rev. Leila M. Ortiz for storytelling, spiritual practices, and shared community as we explore how faith weaves together diverse traditions and voices.

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.



Celebrate PLU: An Evening w/ PLU President Allan Belton Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 PM | National Nordic Museum, 2655 NW Market Street

President Belton will share Pacific Lutheran University campus updates, the vision for the university, and how you can advocate for PLU's future. In addition to celebrating PLU's community, there will be a commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the first organized crossing of Norwegians to North America—a tribute to the legacy of the university's founders.

Cost: \$25 (includes after-hours entry into the museum, one drink ticket, a selection of hors d'oeuvres, and parking in the museum parking lot)
Registration Link: https://bit.ly/403kjvf



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Lutheran World Relief Loading Days

Friday-Saturday, October 31 & November 1

Thanks to your donations, Our Redeemer's is sending 56 Personal Care Kits and 56 School Kits this year—well done, everyone! **If you'd like to help with the loading,** please contact Sharon Longaker at 206-393-2881. We always welcome more loaders—or cookies for the workers! Or just stop by and visit between 8:00 AM-2:30 PM on Friday and 8:00-11:30 AM on Saturday.

About Our Thanksgiving Community Meal

Considering all the people needed each year to provide our Thanksgiving meal—for those hungry for both connection and food—and the amount of foresight, insight, and oversight that usually falls to one or two experienced coordinators, we've been offered the opportunity to pause, regroup, and prepare ourselves to provide this ministry in sustainable new ways in the coming years.

This year, we are not able to offer the Thanksgiving meal at Our Redeemer's for our community. That said, we are deeply aware of the timely and specific needs of our neighbors. We're thinking creatively and connecting with neighboring congregations and other organizations that are prepared to offer meals during Thanksgiving week. In the coming weeks, we'll gather and share information to help direct both those who wish to serve and those seeking a warm meal and fellowship. Stay tuned!



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@gmail.com.

Stewardship Season: Cultivating Faith

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 qifts are cultivated in us and through us!



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, October 26, Sunday
GENEROSITY SUNDAY #3
Reformation Sunday

●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

6:30-8 PM - Autumn Movie Night: Over the Garden Wall + Seasonal Crafts & Games | Fellowship Hall

October 29, Wednesday
7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal
7 PM - Practicing Faith Beyond Certainty LiVE Project | Online

October 31, Friday
8 AM-2:30 PM - Lutheran World Relief
(LWR) In-Gathering | Parking Lot

November 1, Saturday 8 AM-12:30 PM - Lutheran World Relief (LWR) In-Gathering | Parking Lot 9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team Meeting

November 2, Sunday
GENEROSITY SUNDAY #4
All Saint's Day

P9 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

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 <u>website calendar</u>.



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