

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 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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### **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

“Teaching Sunday” Today! – Adult Forum  
ORCA Focus Verse: 2 Timothy 1:13–14

## 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)*

*continued*

*\*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)

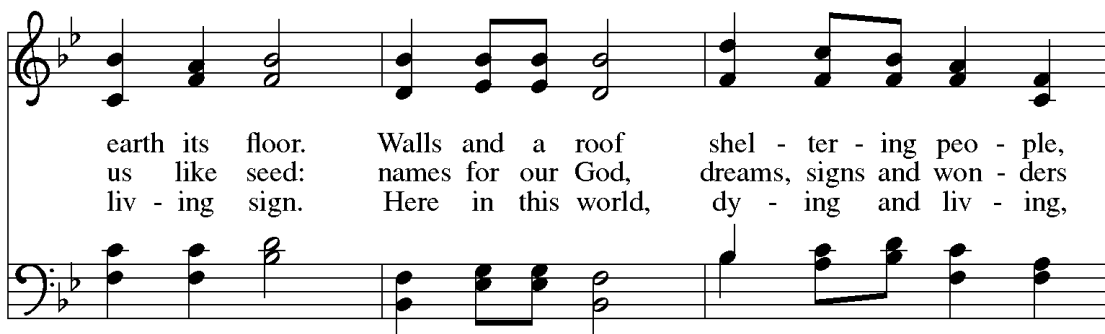
**And all of us...seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

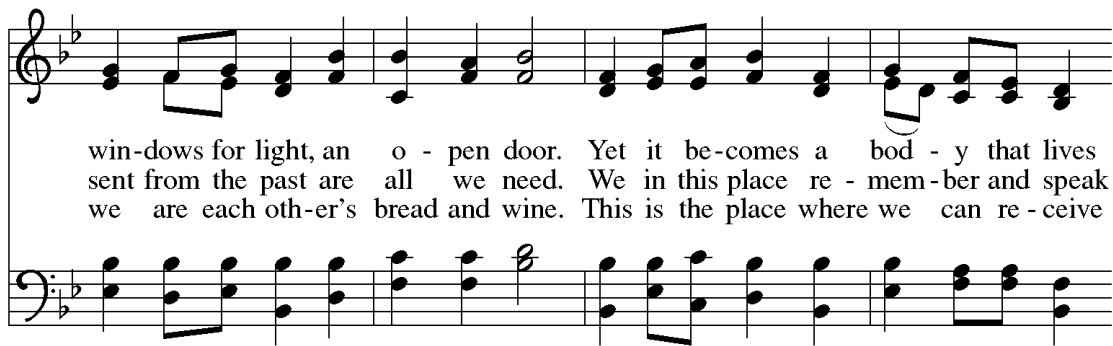
*What Is This Place*



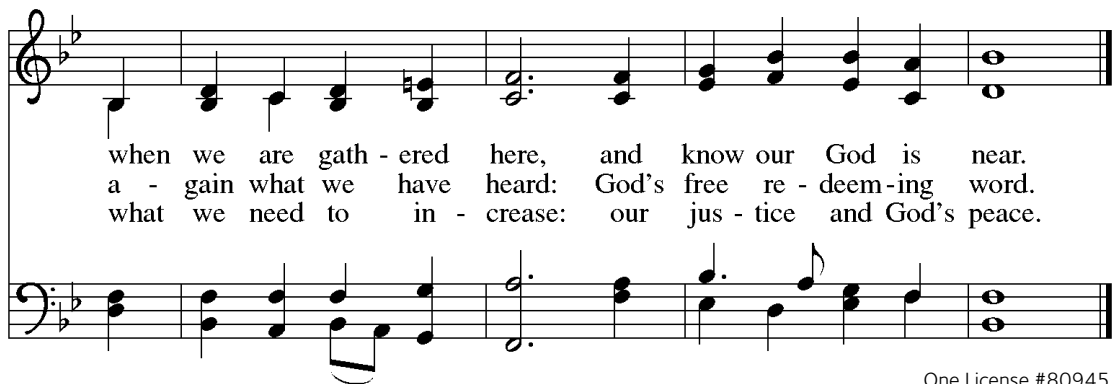
1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak  
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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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.

Eternal God, draw us again to you by your word of faith in Christ Jesus, your Son. Renew our courage and effort to live in his image. In our humility, may we find your strength. In loving service, may we find the riches of your grace.

**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 hope the world to come, by the promise of what could be through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING

2 Timothy 1:1–14

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>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

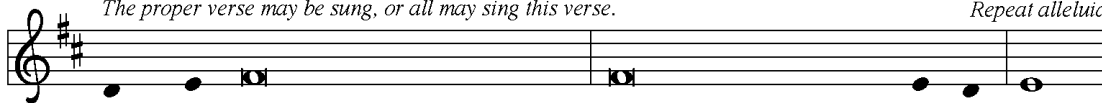
## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

*Repeat alleluia*



Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

[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>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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)*

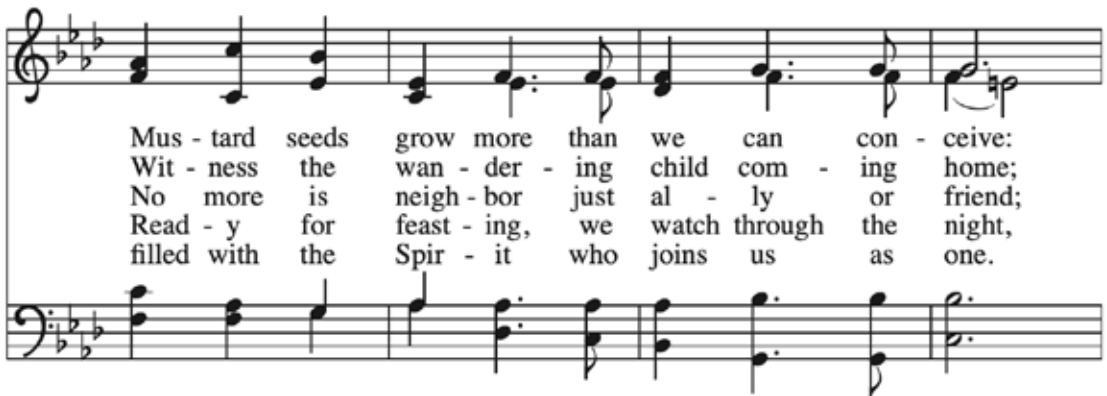


\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*What Is the World Like*



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

*continued*



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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.*

Redeemer, may we treasure your church you give to us in Jesus Christ. Draw us to test and love the gifts of your Spirit, passed through every generation. Remind your people: your gift of faith is enough for our transformation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator, pour out your Spirit to restore the earth with grace and mercy. Sustain our forests and farmlands with nourishing rain and warming sun; may the harvest season provide enough to sustain all your creatures. Strengthen and bless field and farm workers, and assure their lives and wellness. Guide us by your ways that provide comfort with enough to eat, and joy of living. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Heavenly Ruler, govern and guard the world with justice and peace. Hold leaders to your law of love, believing that to serve the least is to serve you. Lead us to trust in your promise of deliverance, and turn hope into fulfillment. Let faith rule the heart and release us to serve. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Teacher and Advocate, nurture and cultivate our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace,

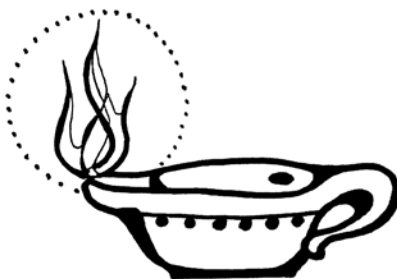
**receive our prayer.**

*For whom and what else do we pray?*

God of the living and the dead, we thank you for the witness of those who have carried your word to us. May their lives in faith shape us in the image of your Son, Jesus 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 - "How Firm a Foundation" arr. by Dan Forrest

### \*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

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*)

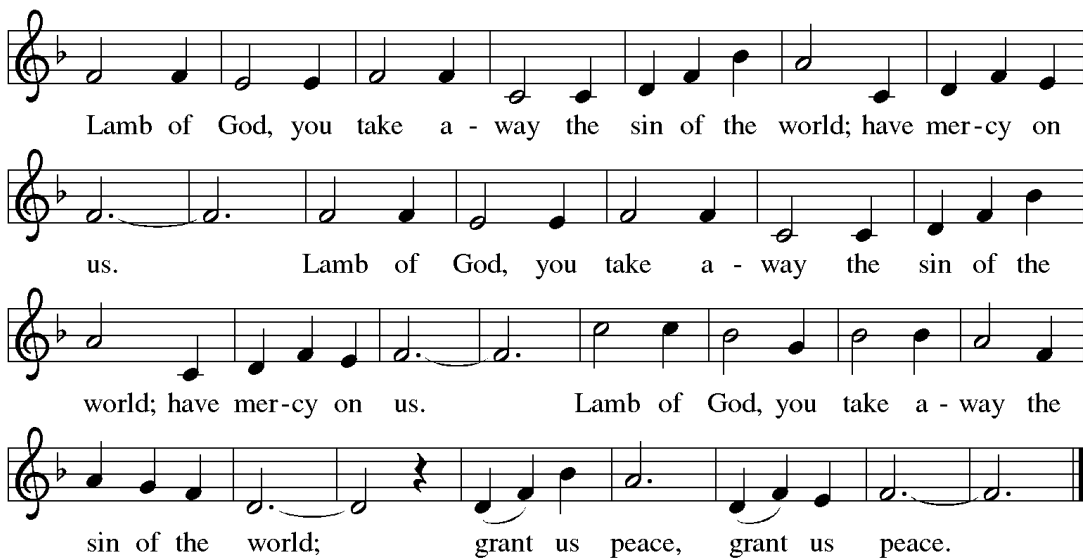
**Turn us toward Christ and one another by the power of your Spirit,**  
that we may abide in Christ, our true vine,  
to joyfully bear the fruits of your love  
until he returns to harvest what has been  
sown, prepared, grown, and gathered,  
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** (*adapted from 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.**

## 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.

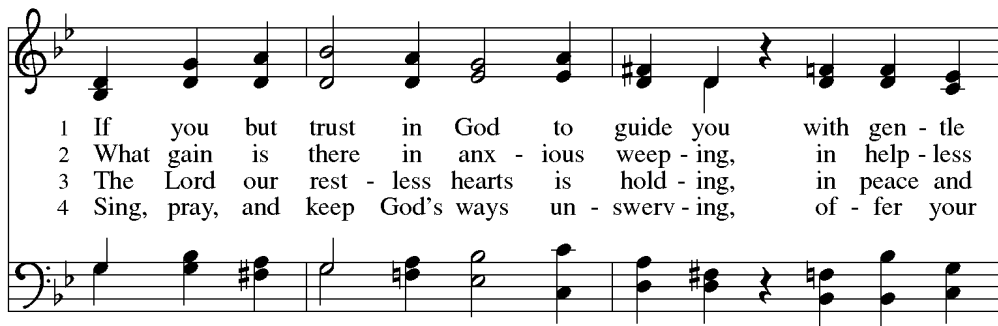
The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on". The second staff continues: "us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff concludes: "sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.





# COMMUNION HYMNS

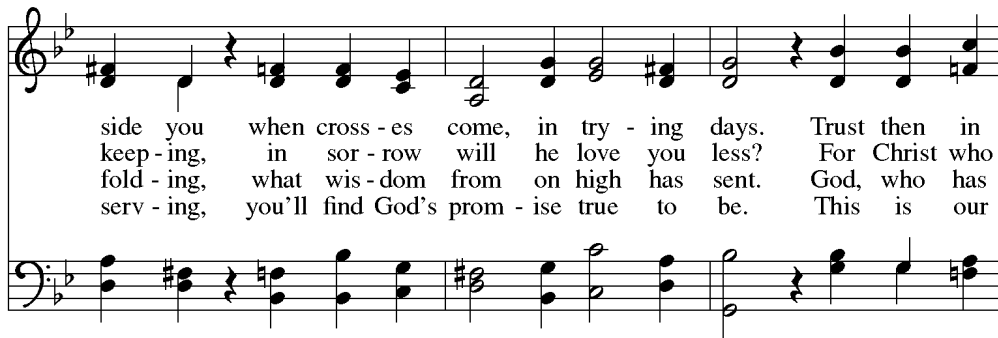
*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*



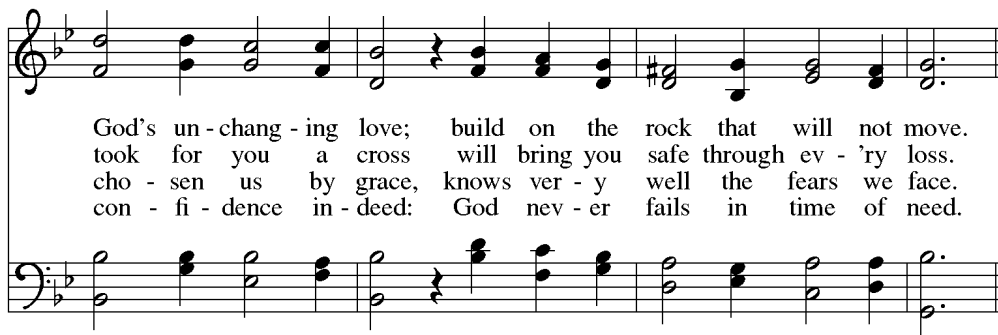
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the first two verses of the second part of the hymn. The third system contains the first two verses of the third part of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

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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.**

## **\*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

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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.

## \*SENDING OF COMMUNION

## \*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

Contact Pastor Thomas if you have been interested in membership or the Journey

## \*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

*We've Come This Far by Faith*

*Refrain – All*

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;  
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.

Oh, can't turn a - round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

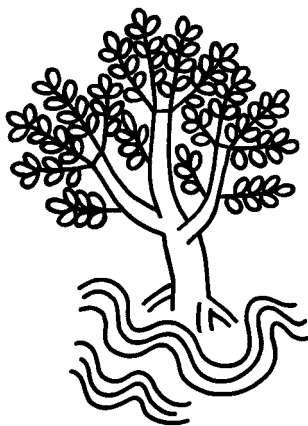
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## \*DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



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

Robert Anderson & family, 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, Tom Horan & family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Karen Lee, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Bob McIntyre, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen & family, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, 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.

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

Communion Server: Linda Carbone

Online Host: Erica Lee

Musicians: Karen Lee, Our Redeemer's Choir

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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**

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) when ready and gather high school youth once a month. Join us Sundays at 10:00 am for crafts, stories, and community!



### **Adult Faith Formation**

Faith is a lifelong journey, and God is always transforming us. This fall, Adult Faith Formation follows the TREAD model: Teaching, Relating, Embodying, and Discerning. Each Sunday from 10:00–10:45 am we gather to learn, reflect, and grow together as God's constant community. All are welcome to join in the journey!



*Thank you to all those who reached out about membership and The Journey in previous months! To give time for those interested to work with their schedules, we will postpone the Journey to either Spring or Fall of 2026. The program is 5-6 Sundays prior to Pentecost (May 24, 2026) or before All Saints Sunday (Nov 1, 2026). Please tell Pastor Thomas if you have a preference, considering these dates.*



## faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

### Get Ready for Recycling October 18th

Saturday, October 18th, 10 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 a lot of volunteers 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!

### October Canned Food Drive

Throughout October we will be collecting canned foods to support our Ballard Food Bank. With cooler weather arriving, canned soups are especially welcome, but all canned items are appreciated. **To make it fun, we're inviting a little friendly competition: Soup vs. Non-Soup!** Which side will collect more donations? Hygiene items and other non-perishable foods are also gratefully accepted. Drop off your donations at church in the narthex Thank you for sharing God's blessings with others!



# community

## **Church Ladies Meet Tomorrow**

Monday, October 6, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Join the women of Our Redeemer's tomorrow night at 5 PM at Old Stove Gardens Brewery! All are invited to enjoy an easygoing evening of conversation, laughter, and connection, with hearty bites, warm drinks, and plenty of nearby parking. All women (and those who identify as female) are warmly welcome—come as you are and celebrate the fall season with friends old and new!

## **Breaking Bread Dinners are Back October 12th!**

Sunday, October 12, 6 PM | Various Host Homes

Feed your body and feed your soul and connect with others in our Our Redeemer's faith community. We are seeking host homes and participants for our quarterly potluck dinners. Each assigned group coordinates its own dinner details. Sign up as a host or participant via the signup sheet in the narthex or by emailing Cindy Anderson ([cindyrowanderson@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrowanderson@gmail.com)) and/or Annie McGrew ([anne.mcgrew@msn.com](mailto:anne.mcgrew@msn.com)). We look forward to your participation in this fun event!

## **Gardening in Good Company**

Upcoming Grounds Crew dates: October 10, 10 AM-noon & October 27, 10 AM-noon

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).

## **Auction 2026 – Co-Chair & Volunteers Needed**

Save the Auction Date: March 7, 2026

Be part of one of the year's most exciting community events! Our annual Auction is more than a fundraiser—it's a celebration full of food, fun, creativity, and connection. Our first meeting is this month, and we need your input! If you have creative, administrative, or organizational skills, or want to share your ideas, we'd love for you to join us! Ready to take action? Contact Diana Myers today 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 office to get involved. Don't miss out on the fun!

## **Stewardship Season: Cultivating Faith**


October 12 – November 9

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, 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 Potato Potluck with Swedish Pancakes.

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!



**Celebrate five Sundays of stories, crafts, and giving culminating in a celebration of community, commitment, and Swedish pancakes.**

**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 5, 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**

*October 6, Monday*

5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night | Old  
Stove Gardens

*October 8, Wednesday*

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal

*October 10, Friday*

10 AM-2 PM - Volunteer Grounds Crew

*October 12, Sunday*

**GENEROSITY SUNDAY**

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6 PM - Breaking Bread Dinners |  
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