

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025 | 9 AM

# WELCOME!

## Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

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

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

**If you would like communion in your seat, please let an usher know.**

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



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

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

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# GATHER

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME

## FAITH FORMATION

"Teaching Sunday" Today! - Adult Forum  
ORCA Focus Verse: 2 Timothy 1:13-14

## \*OPENING SONG

*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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*\*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.

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.**

# 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.**

<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.

**Thank God!**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

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

<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)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp



**\*SONG OF THE DAY**

*What Is the World Like*



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



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than  
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing  
 done? No more is neigh - bor just  
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we  
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the  
 child com - ing home; watch as the  
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in  
 watch through the night, tend - ing our  
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 plac - es where once there was none.  
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

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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](http://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

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

5 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Lord, have

10 mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on

15 me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

21 have mer - cy on me.

### COMMUNION SONG

*Prayer of St. Francis*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

## **\*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**

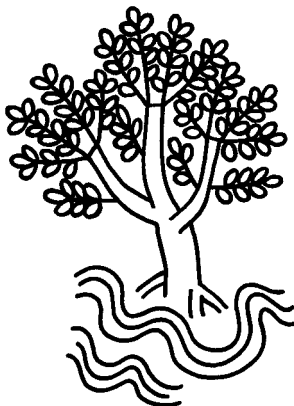
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **\*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**

*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.

*Leader*

1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has  
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your  
done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,  
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and

*Refrain*

praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!  
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

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# **\*DISMISSAL**

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

### **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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# 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!



# 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!



## 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!

## 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.

**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.



# 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.mcgreg@msn.com](mailto:anne.mcgreg@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!

## 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**

**✚ 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

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