

24th Sunday after Pentecost Christ, the King

November 23, 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 - Return Who God Has Made Us

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

Asking and Discerning Church today!

ORCA Theme: Gratitude



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

*GREETING

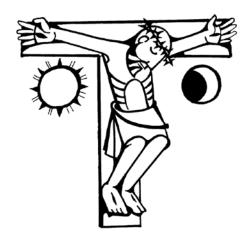
The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

And also with you.

*PRAYER

We turn to God in prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to save and redeem us by the riches of your grace. Give this world the vision of hope we share in your name—a world of truth and care, a world united in cooperation for the life and joy of your creation. Grant us the patience, tenacity, faith, and humility to live in the image of your Son; may your gospel free us for justice, your love unite us for service, and your reign bring us to peace. Amen.



PROCLAIM

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

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.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thank God!

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before

all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thank God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING Luke 23:33-43

The good news of Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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)

*INTERLUDE Wait For the Lord















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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 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.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. We pray for our neighbors, and 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 generosity, eyes and ears attuned to joy and sorrow, 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?

(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."

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.

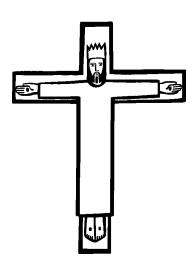
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with your Son, our Lord Jesus, seated with you glory, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





How Majestic Is Your Name













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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).



After communing, please feel moved to light candles in witness of Christ's light in your life by prayer and inspiration.

LAMB OF GOD

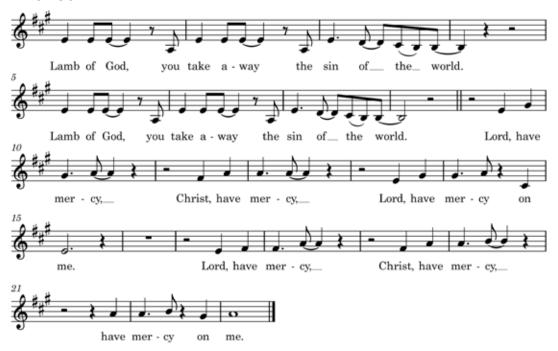




TABLE BLESSING

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

Tuesday Sandwich and Care Kits Assembly
Thursday Thanksgiving
Saturday Greening of the Church
Sunday Illuminating Advent

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look on you with favor and grant # you peace.

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. Davis family, Gerry & Bob Faley, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen, Donnalyn Hansen, Hartje family, Shirley Holt and family, Tyson Hunter, Helen Jones, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Leander family, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen & family, Julie Osinki, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Gary T., 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

S. Culver, Kenneth Leander, Benton Osinki

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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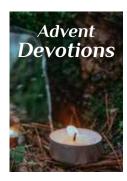
worship

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.



The Circle of Light: A Celtic Way to Advent

This year, we're embracing a Celtic approach to Advent—beginning a little earlier and grounding ourselves in contemplation, anticipation, and hope.

Our daily prompts, offered in a weekly calendar, will guide you through forty days of reflection and spiritual practice, culminating on Christmas Eve.

Printed calendars will be available each Sunday (for the following week's devotions) through Dec 21. If you'd like to receive the calendar by mail or email, please contact the church office.

Christmas Eve Hand Bells & Orchestra

You're invited to bring your instrument or learn to play hand bells to festive Christmas carols! Practices are as follows:

- Saturday, December 6 from 2:00-3:00 pm hand bells only
- Saturday, December 13 and 20 2:00 pm-hand bells,
 3:00 pm orchestra instruments
- Thursday, December 24 Play for the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service

Contact Karen Lee, <u>karen@ourredeemers.net</u>. Let Karen know you're participating, and she'll have a part ready for you!

Christmas Season Preview

In our Narthex Our Redeemer's Giving Tree

Take a tag to help give gifts to children and families in need in our community.

Friday, December 5, 7 PM Beer & Carols

Bring the family and sing along with musicians in the Fellowship Hall! Hot cocoa & cider served.

Sunday, December 7, 10 AM Youth Christmas Party

Snacks, reindeer games, and a White Elephant gift exchange for all middle and high school youth!

Sunday, December 14, 5 PM Luciafest!

Tradition at its best with Lucia, cookie smorgasbord, and dancing around the tree!

Tuesday, December 16, 7 PM Blue Christmas

A mellow service for those who are feeling sadness at the holidays.

Sunday, December 21, 11 AM Christmas Pageant

Our children and youth tell the Christmas story.

Sunday, December 21, after the Pageant Caroling to the Homebound

Join Karen Lee and the choir to carol for those who can't make it to church. All are welcome!

Wednesday, December 24 4 PM Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A brief, cheerful service of lessons and carols with a special message for kids!

Wednesday, December 24 10 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

All the tradition with familiar songs, handbells, choir, and orchestra

Greening the Church - Come Lend a Hand!

Next Saturday, November 29, 9 AM - 12 PM

Do you love decorating for the holidays? Are you around Thanksgiving weekend? The Liturgical Arts team needs your help in various ways: picking up a large Sanctuary tree (donated again this year!), putting up trees and lights — inside and out— and preparing for the season!

Contact Marie Lessard (<u>lutequist@yahoo.com</u>) if you are able to participate. We will be working on Saturday, November 29th from 9:00 am-noon. Thank you for making our church a beautiful and inviting space for all.

Beer and Carols (+ Cider and Cocoa)

Friday, December 5, 7 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time of singing. Bring your favorite festive beverage (we will provide some snacks, hot chocolate, cider, and kid-focused activities!) and sing along with Music Directors Karen Lee and Gian Foddai! We'll have a holly jolly good time celebrating the impending birth of Jesus.



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Adult Faith Formation - 10 AM Today

Today, **November 23rd is "Asking and Discerning" Sunday** – come to this open discussion group, where we ask questions and consider how God is forming us in faith.

NEW! Illuminating Advent

Sunday, November 30, 10 AM

As we formally begin the season of Advent with our other Reform, Catholic, and Protestant siblings, and return from Thanksgiving festivities, we will utilize our 10:00 am hour to practice some Lectio Divina and conversation and the creation of our own Advent votive candle-holders! Families are encouraged to sit together and parents to help young ones make their own!

Advent Contemplation

Saturday, December 6, 10am-noon, Mary Peterson's Condo

This is your opportunity to intentionally begin your Advent season with REST. In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, how life-giving is it to slow down and reflect on God's presence?! Join us for a contemplative morning of re-centering ourselves in Divine reality. RSVP to Mandy Neill (neillmandy@gmail.com) for more information.

Youth Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 7, 10am | Youth Room Downstairs

All Middle and High School youth are invited to join us for our 6th Annual Youth Christmas Party from 10am-11am (between services) in the youth room downstairs. We'll have our usual Christmas snacks and competitive Reindeer games, plus, everyone's favorite: a White Elephant gift exchange! Please come in your most festive attire and bring a wrapped gift (new or used, the goofier the better) \$10 or under. Questions? Email Mandy Neill (neillmandy@gmail.com).



community

Thanksgiving - Ways You Can Still Help!

Care Kit Assembly this Tuesday, 2-6 PM | Fellowship Hall

This year, we did not receive enough commitment to be able to offer our annual Thanksgiving meal for the community, but there are still ways to help feed and support our neighbors.

Copies of a list of places where volunteers may be able to serve and hungry people can be fed are available. We will be offering this list, some means to take public transportation, and transportation information on Thanksgiving Day. We will also be able to support those who show up hungry with a snack to hold them over as they make their way to another venue, and give out care kits for those that need them.

This Tuesday, November 25, from 2–6 pm, you are invited to help out! We'll be assembling sandwiches and care bags, along with directions to local community meals, to hand out on Thanksgiving Day. Come for any part of the afternoon — stay as long as you can! Bring the kids! We'd love to see you.

If you'd like to join us, call the office to let us know (206-783-7900). Together, we can do our part to share the spirit of gratitude and generosity this Thanksgiving.

Luciafest & Christmas Eve Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently in search of numerous volunteers for Luciafest on Sunday evening, Dec. 14th! Available roles include set up (arranging furniture and preparing food), serving food, clean up, and ushers. Lucia is usually one of our busiest community nights, so we need all the help we can get. If interested, sign up at https://rebrand.ly/tpjvxx9, use the QR code here; or email Lake, volunteer@ourredeemers.net. You may email Lake or Holly Gundaker, https://rebrand.ly/tpjvxx9, use

Help make the Christmas Eve Service happen! We need volunteers to assist to help with our 4:00 pm Family Candlelight Service or our 10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service. Volunteer jobs entail serving communion as a family, lighting the Advent wreath, ushering, greeting, and presenting various readings or prayers. If you or your family are interested participating, you are encouraged to email Lake, volunteer@ourredeemers.net or sign up at this link: https://rebrand.ly/e87v72g, or use the

QR code at right.



Save the Auction Date: Saturday, March 7 Registration Begins in January!

We're currently seeking live auction items valued at \$500 or more—unique experiences, getaways, or treasures that will make the crowd say "Wow!"

Have an idea or an item to donate? Contact Diana Myers at <u>auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com</u> or <u>dm3myers@gmail.com</u>.

If You Haven't Yet... Make Your 2026 Commitment!

Thank you to all who have made their commitment for helping cultivate a future rooted in faith, abundance, and hope—your commitment to our 2025 Season of Generosity, "Cultivating Faith," strengthens the ministries and mission we share.

If you haven't yet made your commitment, there's still time—simply fill out the form below or scan the QR code and fill out and submit a digital version of the form.

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This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, November 23, Sunday
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ***9 AM - Informal Worship**10 AM ORCA Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o),
ORCA Sea Lions (D6th grade)

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Otters (3-5 y/o)

♣11 AM - Traditional Worship 12:15 PM - Altar Task Force meeting

November 25, Tuesday
2 - 6 PM - Thanksgiving Care Kits +
Sandwich Assembly | Fellowship Hall

November 27, Thursday
Thanksgiving Day - Church is Closed
No Thanksgiving Meal

November 29, Saturday
9 AM - Greening of the Church | Our
Redeemer's

November 30, Sunday
ADVENT 1

♣9 AM - Informal Worship
10 AM Illuminating Advent
♣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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