

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 | 11 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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

9 AM - Informal In-Person Worship11 AM - Traditional In-Person Worship

ONLINE OR BY PHONE

- By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By Facebook Live: Go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account it's a public channel.
- By Zoom: Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free! Click this link: https:// Zoom.us/j/822691346.

Note for Communion: While it is our practice to celebrate Holy Communion using one loaf of bread, due to the pandemic we have pivoted to using pre-packaged individual communion cups. Wine, juice, and gluten free cups are available. To participate in the meal, open the wafer first, and then open the wine or juice. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest as you come forward.

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 on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.

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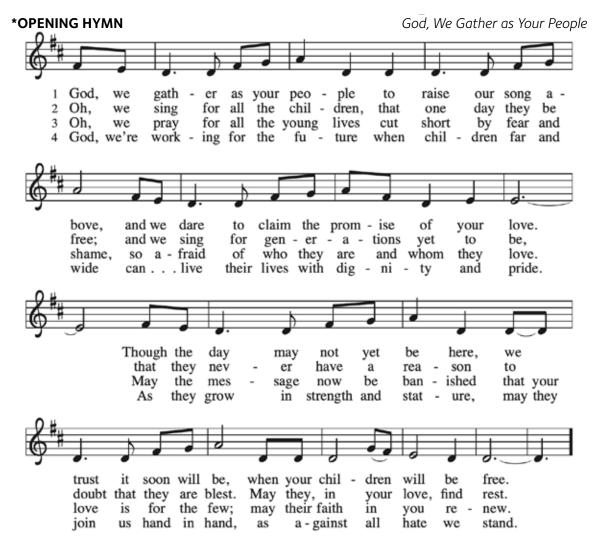
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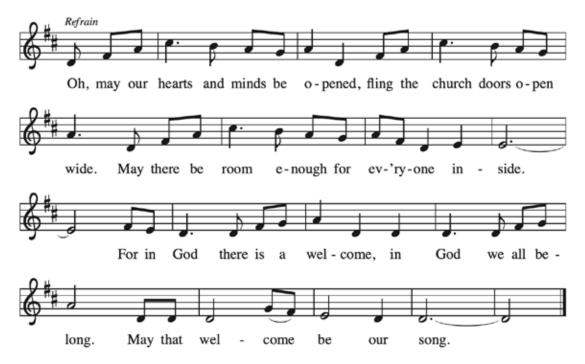
GATHER

PRELUDE

"Lord, Listen to Your Children" by Ken Medema, arr. by Jack Schrader from "Amazing Grace: Blues Gospel Piano" by Jack Schrader, Hope Publishing Company

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION





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*GREETING

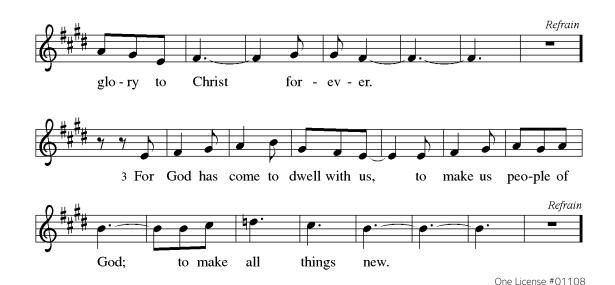
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



continued



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Listen for the word of God.

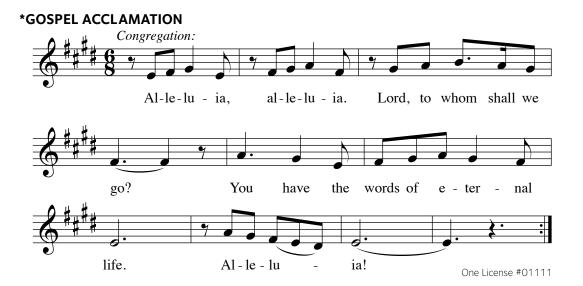
Our ears and hearts are open.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, who will flee from you. ⁸aDraw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



*THE GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KID'S MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father



- 1 Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour ish.
- 3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for sak eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today, especially Pastor Shannyn Fuerst at the unexpected death of her husband, Pastor Jeremy Fuerst. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir - The Servant Song by David Schwoebel

OFFERING MINISTRY MOMENT

Pastor Kathy Hawks

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
 our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and all you have given us,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*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.

continued

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

When the earth was in chaos, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you birthed them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation,
David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing.
With all your people we implore you to save us, and we praise you for granting us life.

You came to our world in Jesus our brother. He was born in poverty, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. Yet, full of compassion, he granted the people your life.

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 in 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 relationship in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

With your people of all times and places, with the earth and all it's creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, now and forever.'

Amen.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever language is most prayerful for you:

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 THE MEAL

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! These gifts of grace are for you, for the life of the world.

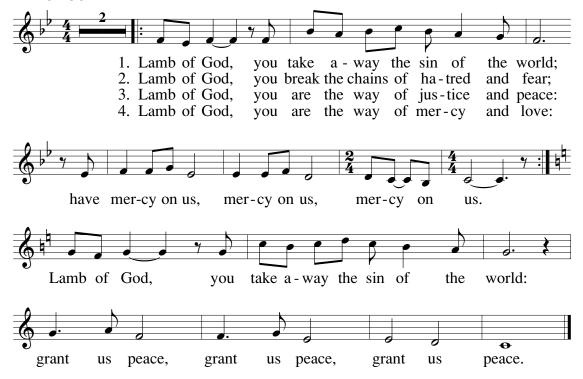
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to participate in communion, including children (as parents permit).

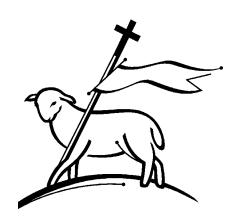
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LAMB OF GOD



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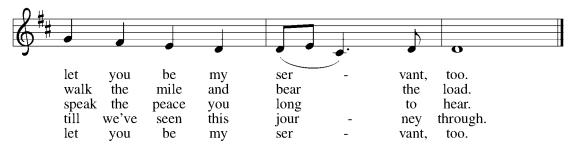




Will You Let Me Be Your Servant







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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
you have united us to Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen.

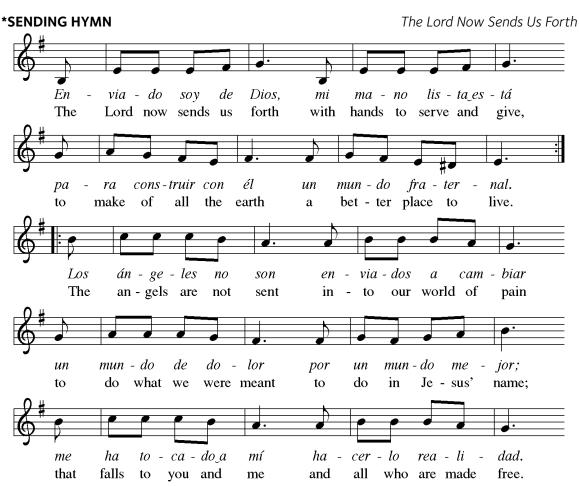
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

Amen.







pray,

to do your will to - day.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

us,

O Lord, we

Thanks be to God.

Help

POSTLUDE

Etude by Henri Bertini

We Pray for....

Harold & Carol Alley, Barbara Brian, John Ellingboe, Anna Freyberg, Gibbs Family, Loretta Gibbs, Ann & George Groetsch, Mary Gross, Vicky Hobbs, John Hofto, Richard & Shirley Holt, Carol Hurlburt, Janice Jacobson, John, Aileen Kelly, Dave Larsen, Doug Lieberg, Julia Morrow, Sebolla Moulster & Family, Barbara Olsen, Linda Ravenhorst, Jennifer Seyler, Deborah Sjoquist, the family of Erik Smith (son-in-law of Harold & Carol Alley), Doug Starup, Kennedy Stearns, Paul Thompson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Wayne, Bob Wickmand, Jon Wright; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing quests.

Grieving the Loss of...

David Larsen; Dan Dugaw; Penny Fox; Erik Smith; Pastor Rick Pribbernow, Patci Mungerson-McNamee, Pastor Jeremy Fuerst

To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please <u>email</u> the church.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor Gretchen Mertes
Presiding: Pastor Kathy Hawks
Assisting Minister: Kari Guddal
Lector: Niels Running
Head Usher: Drew Barowicz
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Coffee Hour: Carolyn Davis

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For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



WOrship Sundays 9am & 11am

In-Person Worship

We are so deighted to be together – even if we can only see half of one another's faces, and need to keep safe distances! Thank you for understanding that while our renovation is finished, it isn't complete. Meaning, the sound system, lighting, organ, and seating have all been affected by shipping issues. Unfortunately, all we can do is be patient, and do our best to learn our way around what is in place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TIMES OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, AND VARIOUS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE, SEE THE INSIDE COVER OF THIS BULLETIN.

In-Person Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7PM at the Church

We rehearse in-person on Wednesdays at 7 PM at the church! Please contact Karen Lee (karen@ourredeemers.net) if you have any questions about joining the choir or logistics for rehearsals.

Join the Informal Ensemble!

Thursdays, 7PM at the Church

Do you sing or play an instrument? The Informal Ensemble needs you! We are looking for drummers, singers, and guitar players. Rehearsal is Thursdays at 7 PM, and we play at the 9 AM service. Contact Pastor Gretchen with questions: pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME, WHO WORKED, WHO WORSHIPED, AND WHO CELEBRATED AND RECONNECTED LAST SUNDAY!

It was a WONDERFUL DAY! GOD DID IT (with a little help from us)!

Want to come back to see more? Have questions? The church is open weekdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.



faith formation cont.

Fall Bible Study

Wednesdays starting September 22, 10:30 AM | Zoom

This fall the group will be studying heroic figures in the Bible like Moses, Jeremiah, Jacob, and others not so well defined using movies, YouTube, videos and, of course, the written Word. The fall session begins this Wednesday, September 22. The time is 10:30 AM until noon on Zoom. Interested in joining in? Contact Carolyn Swanson, cdkswan@gmail.com or 206-390-7732.

Faith Formation Fall Offerings for Kids

Starting Sunday, September 26th

O-Rock! = Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids...is what we're calling this new offering. O-Rock classes will be presented in the following age groups starting Sunday, September 26th:

9 AM 3 years old - Kindergarten (in person and Zoom)

10 AM Grades 1-5 - Elementary (in person and Zoom)

10 AM Grades 6-7 - Middle School "Hang Out" (in person)

10 AM Grades 8-9 - Confirmation Class (in person)

(Masks will be required for all kids, teachers, and teacher assistants.)





community

Congregational Meeting and Conversation

Next Sunday, September 26, 10 AM
Gather for conversation at a congregational meet

Gather for conversation at a congregational meeting next Sunday, September 26th. We'll focus on many topics, including:

- Updates on finances and our renovation completion
- Council updates on "Open Questions" for congregational engagement in 2021-2022 and what's in process
- Your questions & input!

Madonna's Book Group Today, September 19, 4 PM

Madonna's Book Group continues to meet monthly again, hopefully in person, if not, definitely online. We hope you can join us today at 4 PM. The book we are reading is <u>The Royal Nanny</u>, by Karen Harper. Contact Lynne McNeill (<u>buckomcneill@yahoo.com</u>) if you want to join in!

Provide Dinners for the Wallstrom's

Now and then, being community allows us the gift of supporting one another. Charlotte Walstrom has been very ill. A sign-up for folks to bring dinner to the Wallstrom family through the month of September has been created. You can deliver the food to their home, order it on Grubhub, or order from your favorite restaurant. They like most everything, but if you want to ask Paul for suggestions, email him (wallstrom@paulwallstrom.com). This sign-up also shows their address: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E49A5AD2FA3F58-meals. Thank you!

Celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 3, 12:15 PM | On the Church's Front Lawn

Thanks be to God for our furry and feathered companions on this earth! In the tradition of honoring St. Francis, who was a lover of all creatures great and small, we bless our pets on October 3rd. Join us after the 11 AM service for a blessing of your pet! All dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, lizards, snakes, fish and critters are welcome to participate. Bring in a photo if your pet can't be here in person. There will be medals for all pets, and treats for the cats and dogs in your life.



social justice

Ballard Sunday Dinner

A big thank-you to our Ballard Sunday Dinner team for today: Sue Schoolcraft, Aidyn Wagner, Dinah Coble, Marco Cerrato, Pamela Altman, Ross Coble, Stephanie Running and Tom Bernard! And to Jerri Harden for donating the burgers for us to cook! Interested in helping out at future dinners? Contact Elizabeth, our social justice coordinator (outreach@ourredeemers.net).

Book Read - Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents Sunday, October 10, 2 PM Discussion | Zoom

Racial Justice Advocates invites you to read or listen to the "brilliant" book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. This book examines "caste" systems in India, Nazi Germany, and the United States, and how they hurt the lives of everyone involved. Then join us for discussion, however far you have gotten on October 10 @ 2 PM. (Tip: The Secret Garden bookstore has copies discounted if you mention you are with Our Redeemer's.) RSVP soon at https://forms.gle/VyqUxt8xLJ1Yw5eGA or by emailing Marie at liebergm@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Coming in October

Opening Doors is a month for us to lean into the joy of generosity for the sake of God's mission of grace, justice and hope. Each week of October will have a special focus:

Week 1: "Making a Way for the Spirit's Dance"

Week 2: "Making a Way for Justice to Grow"

Week 3: "Making a Way for Future Generations"

Week 4: "Making a Way for Whole-Hearted Generosity"

Details about when different groups will meet and when will be published in the next week. Stay tuned, and please join in!





This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, September 19

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Backpack Blessing & Bible Exchange | Outside 10 AM - School Kit Packing | Our Redeemer's Narthex 10:15 AM - Faith Formation Orientation for Parents | TBA

11 AM - Traditional Worship

2:30 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran 4 PM - Madonna's Book Group

Tuesday, September 21
7 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 22 10:30 - Bible Study | Zoom 1 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Adult and Youth Choir | Our Redeemer's

Thursday, September 23
3 PM - Community Engagement Task Force
7 PM - Informal Ensemble Rehearsal | Our Redeemer's

Sunday, September 26

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Congregational Meeting | Our Redeemer's 10 AM - O-Rock: Middle School Hang, Confirmation, and Sprouts | Zoom

11 AM - Traditional Worship

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