



Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

December 7, 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

Advent and Christmas Theme – Believe. Behold.

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

Youth (6 grade+) Holiday party today!
Otters and Harbor Seals Downstairs
ORCA Verse: Romans 15:4

CENTERING MUSIC

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed ☩ be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
(1 Peter 1:3)

Through Christ we have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that our trust and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:21)

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

The prayer of faith will save...and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore we confess our sins to one another and pray for one another, so that we may be healed. (James 5:15-16)

Silence for contemplation.

The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay. (Romans 8:18-21)

In hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:24-25)

[Belief] is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. (Hebrews 11:1-4)

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Although we have not seen Jesus, we love him, and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for we are receiving the outcome of our faith, our salvation. (1 Peter 1:8-9)

To all who receive Christ, who have belief in his name, he gives power to become children of God. (John 1:12) Behold ☩ what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. (1 John 3:1)

***OPENING HYMN**

Hark, The Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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*APOSTOLIC 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.

*WREATH LIGHTING

Wreath Lighters come forward.

[God sent John] as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (John 1:7-9)

What has come into being in him is life, and the life is the light of all people.

(John 1:3-4)

The Hope and Peace Candles are lit.

Lighters: The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overtaken it. (John 1:3-5)



2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for



hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone



has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

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Refrain

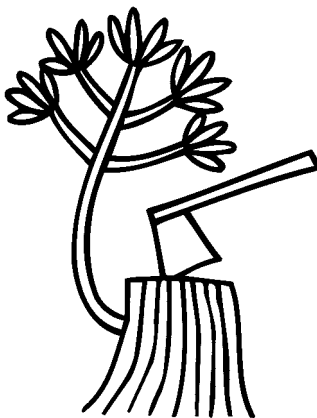
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. (*Romans 15:4*)

Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.
(*Romans 10:17*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

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⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

***SECOND READING**

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Romans.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹ and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹² and again Isaiah says,

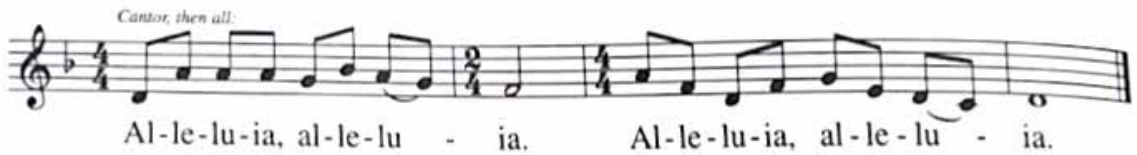
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Emmanuel. (*Isaiah 7:14*)

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.' "

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

These [signs] are written so that you may continue to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. (*John 20:31, 29*)

***INTERLUDE**

Wait For the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp




***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Jesus said, “whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours,” and “all things can be done for the one who believes.” (*Mark 11:24, 9:23*)

Silence for contemplation.

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of faith and peace,
hear our prayer.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of faith and peace,
hear our prayer.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of faith and peace
hear our prayer.

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. We pray for our neighbors, and especially for those named in our prayer list. God of faith and peace,
hear our prayer.

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. With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of faith and peace,
hear our prayer.

For whom and what else do we pray?

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of faith and peace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God,
believing your love for us and grace give us eternal comfort,
and in good hope may be strengthened in heart by every good work and word,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

MEAL

*PEACE

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." (John 14:1)

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Let us make our offerings to God in good faith and hope out of love for his Son and one another.

Gifts may be made online at
www.ourredeemers.net/donate or use this QR code.



OFFERING MUSIC

Choir and Joanna Elizondo, Flute – *When Will He Come?* by Don Besig

Text: "Amid the cold of wintertime the world awaits a King; and true believers long to know the peace that He will bring. With restless hearts we watch each day and faithfully prepare the way."

Refrain: "When will our Savior come, when will He come? When will our Messiah come? As prophets have foretold, our God will send a Son. Soon we will behold the Chosen, Promised One. We will see a sign; the earth and heav'n will ring. The world will know His name, and proclaim Him Lord and King! Amid these dark and troubled times we live with doubts and fear, but God will send Emmanuel to dwell among us here. And He will come to make things right, to fill our lives with hope and light."

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

In the Bleak Midwinter

2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Gracious God, give us confidence in your faithfulness
That we may hold fast to hope in your promises
and be encouraged for your coming day. *(Adapted Hebrews 10:23-25)*

**Come to meet us today at your table,
and strengthen us as we await to see
with the whole creation
the redemption and freedom
that comes with your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** *(Adapted Romans 8:19-25)*

***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, Lord God!

Behold, it is you
who made the heavens and the earth
by your great power
and by your outstretched arm!
**Nothing is too difficult for you.
You show steadfast love to the thousandth generation.**
(Jeremiah 32:17-18)

Fulfilling the word of your prophets,
you sent your messenger to announce your grace
to Mary, the mother of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who believed "nothing is impossible" for you, saying,
"Behold, here I am, a servant of the Lord."
(Luke 1:37-38)

We praise you that, at the right time,
your Son died for us, (*Romans 5:6*)
reconciling us through your love;
the reign of sin is ended (*5:21*)
**and your righteousness,
attested by the Law and the Prophets,
is disclosed through the faith for all who believe.**
(*Romans 5:6, 21, 3:21-23*)

Behold! 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.
(*1 Corinthians 11:23-24*)

**For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now
we know only in part; then we will know fully, even as we are fully known.**
(*1 Corinthians 13:12*)

May we have assurance and steadfastness of faith
That by your grace and presence with us we will be
restored, supported, and strengthened
to endure with hope
believing your love has been poured into our hearts
by the power of your Holy Spirit
and for the eternal glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(*Adapted, Romans 5:3-5, 1 Peter 5:9-11*)

***LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has taught us.

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Many of us have experienced
rejection, exclusion, and marginalization
at different times in our lives,
but we come 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).

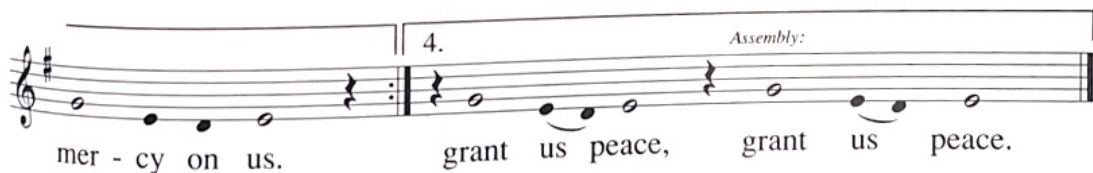
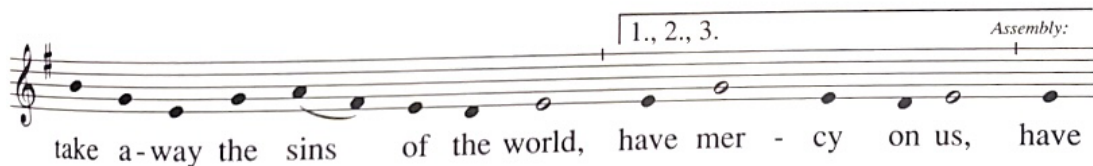


*After communing, please feel moved to light candles in witness
of Christ's light in your life by prayer and inspiration.*

AGNUS DEI



1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you
3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:



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COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The lyrics are: "1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love; 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers; 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear, 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove. our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares. and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty."

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***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Jesus said, "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." (*John 6:33, 29*)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ
keep you in everlasting grace
and in eternal life.

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

With the eyes of our heart enlightened,
**may we perceive what is the hope to which God has called us
what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. Amen. (Ephesians 1:15-19)**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luciafest - December 14, 5:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service and Reception - December 16, 7:00 pm

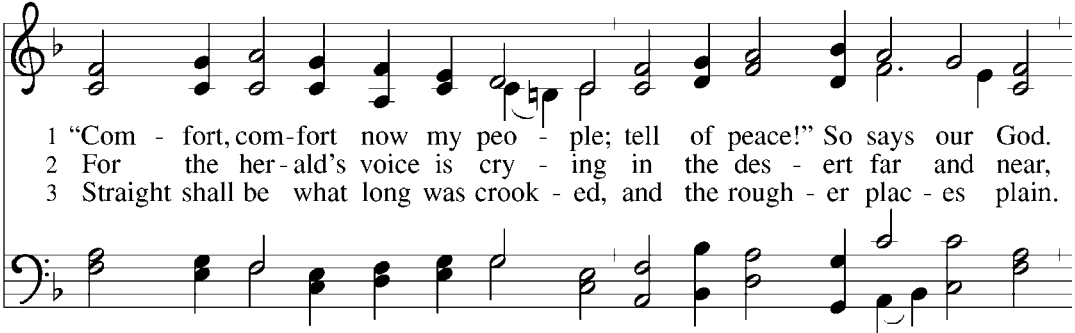
*BENEDICTION

It is already the moment for us to wake from sleep.
Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
the night is far gone; the day is near. (Romans 13:11-13)

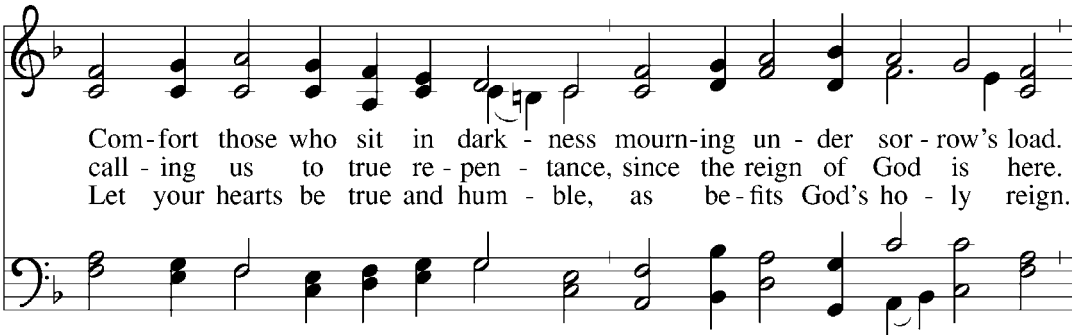
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and ☩ peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
(Romans 15:13)

***SENDING HYMN**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People




1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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*DISMISSAL

Jesus said, "I am going away, and I am coming to you.

I have told you this before it occurs,

so that when it does occur you may believe."

Let us be on our way. (*John 14:28-29, 31*)

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Poinsettias

Donate by December 17th



Donations are being collected for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas. Your donation may be given in memory of or to honor a loved one in your life and be acknowledged in our Christmas bulletins. Donate any amount you wish in a flower envelope available at church or use the QR code.

We Pray for...

Barton Bjugstad, Faye Buckalew, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Pat D'Amico, Pete D'Amico, Davis family, Meggan Ellingboe, 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, Richard Johnson and family, Gary T., Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright, Kelly Wright; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; those outside in the elements; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

S. Culver, Kenneth Leander, Benton Osinki

*To include someone in the prayers, email the church
(pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)*

*Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the
following week's bulletin.*

IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp

Worship Assistant: Annie McGrew

Lector: Tamara Anderson

Communion Setup: Marie Nordquist

Communion Server: Linda Carbone

Usher: Kris Rogness

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Musicians: Karen Lee, Our Redeemer's Choir,

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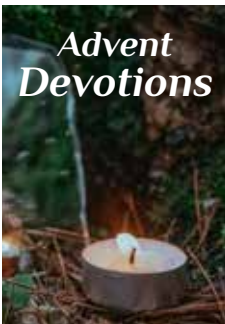
worship

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 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, karen@ourredeemers.net. Let Karen know you're participating, and she'll have a part ready for you!



LUCIAFEST

*The Light of Hope
is a Crown of Joy.*

SUNDAY DEC 14 5PM

Blue Christmas

While for some the holidays can be joyful,
many of us struggle with grief and sadness.

If this resonates with you, know you are
invited to Blue Christmas. We gather just as
we are to pray, ask God for consolation, and
lay our burdens down.

You are welcome to participate as fully or as
passively as you like. Peace to you.



When the holidays are difficult.

**Tuesday, 7 PM
December 16**

Refreshments following the service
provided by the Caring Committee Team.
Childcare provided.

Don't hesitate to call the church
office for more information.
(206)783-7900



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faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

It's Christmas Pageant Time!

**Sunday, December 21
11 AM (2nd Service)**

Get ready for a heartwarming tradition! Our annual Christmas pageant will take center stage during the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 21st—and we want your kids to join the fun!

Children of all ages are welcome to participate. We'll gather for a single rehearsal to assign roles, distribute costumes (date TBD), and bring this simple yet magical pageant to life.

Contact
Kenna Hight
(faithformation@ourredeemers.net)
if your family wants
to be a part of this
Christmas tradition!

Come to Holden Village | Summer 2026 July 5–10 | Registration Opens January 2nd

Our Redeemer's Week at Holden Village is set for July 5–10, 2026! It's a special time for connection, reflection, and learning amidst the beautiful surroundings of Holden Village.

Our Redeemer's Week at Holden Village is scheduled for Sunday–Friday, July 5–10. These dates include the two travel days, giving you the full Monday–Thursday program in the village. Want more unhurried time for rest and exploration? You're welcome to add the weekend before or after your stay.

This week offers a special opportunity for connection, reflection, and learning in the stunning surroundings of Holden Village. Everyone will register directly through Holden Village, as we did last year.

Registration opens at 10 AM on January 2, 2026, and spots may fill quickly—so plan to sign up early.

Register at: www.ηολδεντωιλλαγε.org



community

Volunteer Grounds Crew

Friday, December 12, 10 AM - 12 PM | Our Redeemer's Gardens

With the soil nice and damp, we'll focus on removing ivy and blackberry vines in the parking lot and along 24th Ave NW. Join us to clip back the growth, load up the yard-waste bins, or take on the satisfying challenge of digging out roots!

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, Holly Gundaker, hgrundack@live.com, or Linda Carbone, lindac19@comcast.net with any questions.



Help make the Christmas Eve Services 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.



December Drive for the Ballard Food Bank

Food | Socks | Personal Hygiene Items - through December 17

As winter approaches, the need at the Ballard Food Bank is growing. This December, we're collecting non-perishable food, new socks, and personal hygiene items to support our neighbors.

Please place socks in the designated container; all items will be delivered together.

Our collection runs through December 17, with delivery on December 18. Help is needed! If you can assist with transporting donations to , please contact Stephanie Running.

Thank you for offering comfort, dignity, and nourishment to our neighbors this season.

Let's Go Caroling December 21st

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 21st, at 12:30 pm! Join us in the narthex as we bring holiday cheer to members of Our Redeemer's community who can't make it to church.

We'll grab our caroling books and head out to nearby nursing homes and assisted living facilities to share the spirit of the season with heartfelt and festive Christmas carols.

Don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweaters, scarves, hats—and, most importantly, your smile! Let's make this season merry and bright together! RSVP to Karen Lee: karen@ourredeemers.net. All are invited to participate in this special experience!

CPR/AED Training with the Seattle Fire Department

Friday, January 10, 1 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Seattle Fire Department will offer an Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED training here at Our Redeemer's. Participants who wish to receive official certification may do so for a \$30 fee (cash or check made payable to Medic 2). This is a great opportunity to learn lifesaving skills—consider signing up!

To register, contact Justine at office@ourredeemers.net or call (206) 783-7900.

Coming to a Table Near You!

Sunday, January 11, 6 PM | Various Homes

Friendship – Connection – Good Food! All this and more can be yours if you sign up to attend and/or host one of the Breaking Bread Dinners on January 11, 2026. These potlucks in various homes give us a chance to spend time together, learning about each other's joys and struggles and forming deeper connections. Also, there's really good food!

Sign-ups will start in mid-December. Mark your calendar now. Questions? Contact Annie McGrew (annemcgrew@msn.com) or Cindy Anderson (cindyrowanderson@gmail.com).

Before the Year Ends... Make Your 2026 Commitment!

Thank you to all who have made their commitment to help cultivate a future rooted in faith, abundance, and hope and strengthens the ministries and mission we share.



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

2025 Commitment Card

Your Estimated Total Amount of Giving for Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2026 \$_____

☐ I already give automatically with Simple Giving online

___ Please update my giving to \$_____ per: week | month | yearly (circle one)

___ I would like to increase my current automatic giving by _____%

☐ Sign me up for Automatic Simple Giving online

I would like to automatically give the following:

\$_____ per: week | month | yearly (circle your giving frequency)

☐ I would like a percentage of my giving to be directed towards Faith Formation: ___1% ___3% ___5%

Print Name _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Christmas Season Events

In our Narthex

Our Redeemer's Giving Tree

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

Today, 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 and her attendants, 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.

The Giving Christmas Tree

Take an ornament from Our Redeemer's giving tree and return the gift listed there by the due date in order to help local families this Christmas!

Gifts will be distributed through Mary's Place, Broadview-Thompson K-8, and our Road to Housing guests.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, December 7, Sunday

ADVENT 2

✚9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o);

10 AM - **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** |

Youth Room Downstairs

10:15 AM Otters (3-5 y/o)

✚11 AM - Traditional Worship

3 PM - Norwegian Ladies Chorus Concert
| Our Redeemer's

December 9, Tuesday

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

December 10, Wednesday

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal

December 12, Friday

10 AM - Volunteer Grounds Crew | Our
Redeemer's Gardens

December 13, Saturday

9 AM - Luciafest Practice | Our Redeemer's

2 PM - Hand Bells Rehearsal | Our
Redeemer's

December 14, Sunday

ADVENT 3

✚9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Embodied Church | Fellowship
Hall

10 AM - ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o);
Sea Lions (6th grade)

10:15 AM Otters (3-5 y/o)

✚11 AM - Traditional Worship

3-6 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner

5 PM - **LUCIAFEST** | Our Redeemer's

Email administrator@ourredeemers.net if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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