



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
*Peace*

December 7, 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

*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

## \*WREATH LIGHTING

4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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*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 while "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is sung.*

*Lighters:* The light shines in the darkness,

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

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## **\*OPENING SONG**

*In These Darkest Days - Mertes*

In these darkest days,  
Bring your light to our lives.  
Like the moon on the snow,  
In your hope we will glow.

## **\*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)*

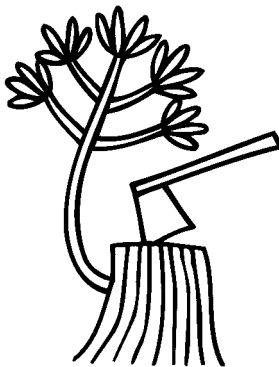
**And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER**

We turn to God in prayer.

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.

**Amen.**



# PROCLAIM

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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.**

- <sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> 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,  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

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

*continued*

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

**Thank God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Send Us a Sign - Mertes*

Send us a sign, your people look up, your people look east.  
Send us your Word, your people need peace.  
Allelu-ia, Allelu-ia -a- a.  
Send us a sign.

**\*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 good news of Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> 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.’ ”

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

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> “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. <sup>12</sup> 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 we may have life in his name.** (*John 20:31*)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp



# SONG OF THE DAY

All Earth is Hopeful



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y\_el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

*Please close your prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and request with  
God, in faith and peace,  
and we will all respond*  
**hear us as we pray.**

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, in faith and peace,  
**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. God, in faith and peace,  
**hear us as we pray.**

*For whom and what else do we pray?*

*(at the close of the Prayers)*

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*)

# COMMUNE

## \*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*)

At this time, we offer gifts in good faith and hope out of love for his Son and one another.

Gifts may be made online at  
[www.ourredeemers.net/donate](http://www.ourredeemers.net/donate) or by scanning this code.



## OFFERING MUSIC

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

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*)

## **\*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, 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,  
is disclosed through the faith for all who believe.**

*(Romans 5:6, 21, 3:21-23)*

*continued*

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)

By your grace and presence with us  
May we 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  
through faith in your Son. **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 in heaven,  
holy 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 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.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*We Wait – Mertes*

We wait for the Son to come again  
We wait for hope to rise  
We wait, prepared to serve again  
We wait for the dawn on high

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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## TABLE 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 us in everlasting grace  
 and in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

With the eyes of our heart enlightened,

**may we perceive what is the hope to which God has called us  
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. Amen.**

*(Ephesians 1:15-19)*

**SEND**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luciafest – December 14, 5:00 pm

Blue Christmas Service and Reception – December 16, 7:00 pm

## \*BLESSING

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 SONG

*Just One Light - Mertes*

Just one light fills the world with love  
Just one light dispels the shadows  
Just one light can bring hope through the night  
Oh lord let us be just one light

Love will be our song  
Peace on earth will be realized  
Joy will come along out of the wilderness

Hope keeps us coming back. (stoke our fires)  
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Oh lord let us be just one light

## \*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*)  
**Thank God!**



### 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](mailto: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

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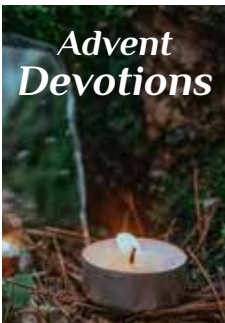
## worship

### **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](mailto: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



2400 NW 85th Street, Seattle

### **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**—scan the QR code to fill out and submit a digital version of the form.





# faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

## Today! Youth Christmas Party

All Middle and High School youth are invited to join us for our Youth Christmas Party at 10am in the youth room downstairs!

## 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](mailto: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.ηολδενπιλλαγε.οργ](http://www.ηολδενπιλλαγε.οργ)



# 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](mailto:volunteer@ourredeemers.net). You may email Lake, Holly Gundaker, [hgundack@live.com](mailto:hgundack@live.com), or Linda Carbone, [lindac19@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:annemcgrew@msn.com)) or Cindy Anderson ([cindyrowanderson@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrowanderson@gmail.com)).



# 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](mailto: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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