

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023 | 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. We offer pre-packaged gluten-free/juice communion elements for those who prefer them. Our shared communion bread is gluten free, and we provide individual cups and grape juice for the health of everyone gathered. 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. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

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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GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kids' Choir – *Shine on Me* by Rollo Dilworth

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*GATHERING SONG

Baptismal of Remembrance – Mertes/Fund



In the be - gin -
Write ___ my name



- ning was ___ the word. ___
___ on ___ your hand. ___

Mov - ing o - ver the wa -
Go ___ un - der the wa -



- ters.
- ter.

De - li - ver - ance ___ through the flood.
On - ly to come ___ back ___ a - gain.



___ (Fi - nal - ly breath - ing, fi - nal - ly breath - ing.)

Send a spi - rit of...



___ Wis - dom and un - der - stand - ing, coun - sel and ___ might.



Know - ledge and fear ___ of the lord ___ , joy in your pre - sence.

*Please stand, as you are able.

continued

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Listen for the Word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mertes/Fund

Al - le - lu - ia ___ Lord, to whom shall we go? ___

5 It's You. It's you. You have ___ the

11 words of life. It's ___ You. Al - le - lu - ia. ___

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

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.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

*PEACE

May 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

GENEROSITY STORY

OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

Gifts may be made online at www.ourredeemers.net/donate or by scanning this code.



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

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.

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our deepest night

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Creator, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

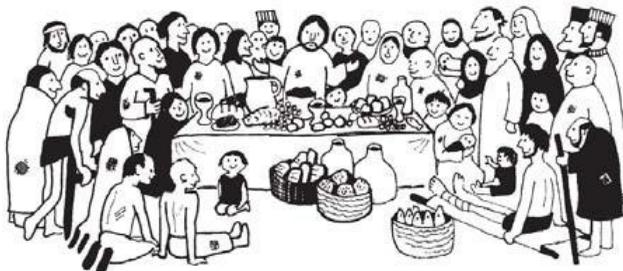
Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version is most prayerful for you:

**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**

Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.

All Are Welcome
to commune, including children (as parents permit).



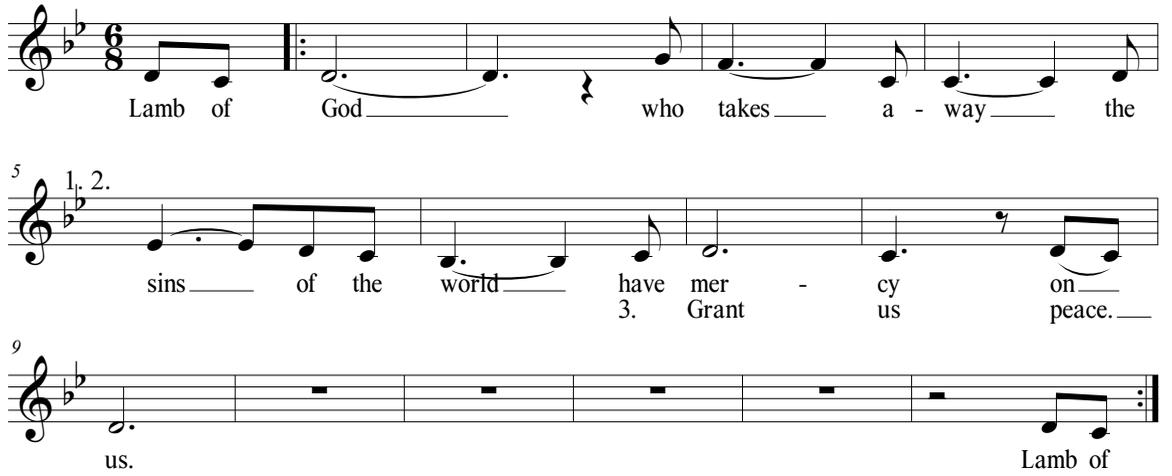
LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God _____ who takes _____ a - way _____ the

5 1. 2. sins _____ of the world _____ have mer - cy on _____

3. Grant us peace. _____

9 us. _____ Lamb of



COMMUNION SONG

You Are the Light of the World - Cathy Pino

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are the light of the world.

You are a city on a hill,
You are a city on a hill,
So shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are a city on a hill.

You are a candle in the dark,
You are a candle in the dark,
So shine, shine, shine where you are,
You are a candle in the dark.

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are the light of the world.

*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**

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

May the Lord, who created the heavens
And spread out the earth,
Bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face, whose delight it was
To be revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord, who guided seekers
By the fire of a star,
Look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

Transfiguration Song - Mertes/Fund



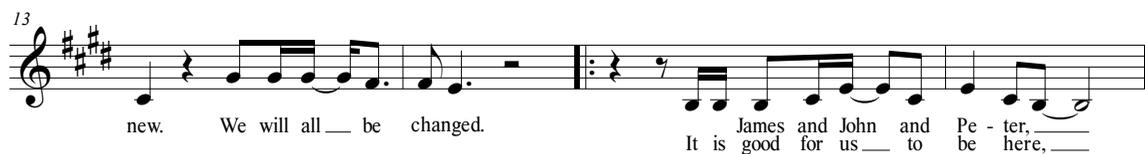
As we climb up high - er, break our hearts wi - der.
Make my hands kind - er, make my words wi - ser.



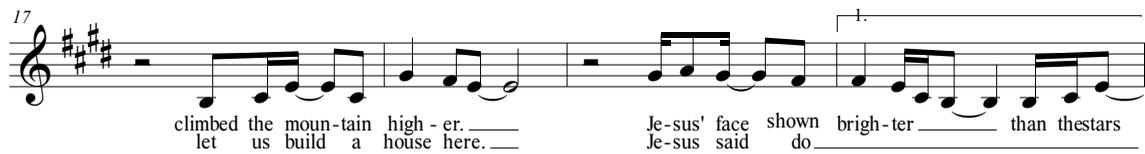
1.
Your love grows grea - ter make a change in me, change in me.
Make my feet fas - ter call me I'm



2. x3
rea - dy I'm rea - dy. (new.) We will all be changed, our hearts and minds made



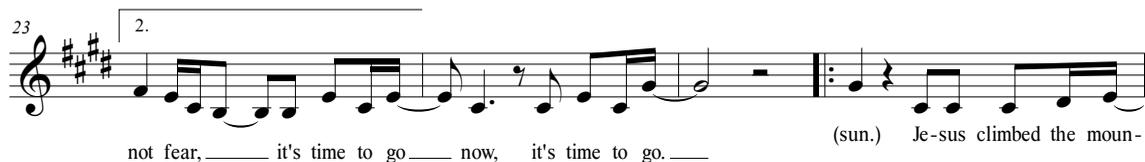
13
new. We will all be changed. James and John and Pe - ter,
It is good for us to be here,



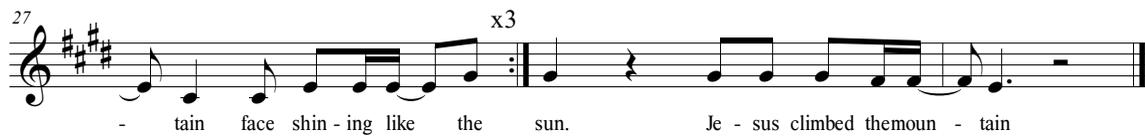
17
climbed the moun - tain high - er. Je - sus' face shown bright - er than the stars
let us build a house here. Je - sus said do



21
than the sun. They said:



23
not fear, it's time to go now, it's time to go. (sun.) Je - sus climbed the moun -



27 x3
tain face shin - ing like the sun. Je - sus climbed the moun - tain

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine before others!

Thanks be to God



We Pray for...

Jennifer Carter, Joan Emerson, Giana, Bob McIntyre, Chuck & Marilyn McKenzie, Jackson Miller, Timothy Nygard, Barbara Olsen, Frank Peters, Jennifer Seyler, Deborah Sjoquist, Jacob Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Bill Ziebert; immigrant families remaining separated, Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Harold Alley, Ann McIntyre

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor David Hahn

Reader: Matt Grover

Communion Assistant: Tom Bernard

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Usher: Paul Grigsby

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For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

In this hour-long service, an ensemble leads us in a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.

Lent



Lent: Seeking Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

This Lent, you're invited to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. **We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.**

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 7 PM

Ash Wednesday is the first day of our journey to the cross with Jesus in the season of penitence. We will practice confession and forgiveness, and receive ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality, and a call to remember that each breath of life is a gift from our Creator.

Ashes to Go

February 22, 7-9 AM, 4-6 PM | Corner of NW 85th & 25th NW

Pastor Gretchen will be on the corner of 85th and 25th (by our parking lot) offering ashes and blessings from 7-9 am and 4-6 pm on Ash Wednesday. This is a chance to share the grace of our community with folks who just happen to be walking by. Make sure you come by and say hello!



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Youth Faith Formation Classes

Sprouts: Sundays, Ages 3-5 during 9 AM service and online at 10 AM on Zoom. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum. Contact Pastor Gretchen for Zoom information.

O-ROCK: After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

Middle School Hang Out: A time for 6th and 7th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world.

Youth Confirmation: For 7, 8, and 9th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.

Adult Forums

Today, February 5, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

The Transition Team will offer updates and receive feedback on the transition process. All are invited to come and be a part of the conversation.

February 12 & 19 - Deepening Our Callings: Listening for an Ear Toward God

For the next two Sundays, Feb. 12 and 19, we will explore together how we attune our ears and hearts to listening to God. We will delve into Scripture, and explore through the lens of our experiences to seek God's presence and movement among us.

February 25 & 26 - The Racial Justice Team presents Palestinian Pilgrimage: Encounters with Palestinian Places and People Suffering under Occupation. This event will feature a pictorial tour of Israel and the West Bank from Dana and Judy Wright's recent pilgrimage there. Learn what Palestinians say about their lives under the punitive occupation of Israel, and how they are seeking reconciliation and healing with Israel. This "tour" will give you a chance to hear voices from people whose concerns don't often get publicized accurately in the United States.

Saturday, February 25, 9:00 am to 12 noon: A pictorial tour of Israel/Palestine/West Bank, featuring commentary by Rev. Charlie Lewis, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Snohomish. Charlie is a long-time student of the plight of Palestinians and has developed many personal relationships with the people featured in the pictorial pilgrimage.

Sunday, February 26: Both services, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sermons by Rev. Charlie Lewis. A short film will be shown at 10:00 am.

LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege

Class meets weekly 6:30pm - 8pm on Zoom

Wednesday - February 8, Thursdays - February 23, March 2, 9, 16

This 8-week mini-course is designed specifically for lay leaders to open up transparent, and honest conversations around the ways privilege shapes and impacts our lives and communities of faith. Participants will also have an option to explore their own bias through the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). Participants must register through the following link to receive zoom access: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-Cupj4uGNlOk1c9c9G4fEd4DO1k0a_N

Winter Retreat

Saturday, February 11, 9 AM - 3 PM | St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Collectively disruptions shape the human experience. As people of faith, we are also experiencing a disruption as the people of God within our local churches. This winter retreat invites us into how we think about and engage in the discernment of the spirits, Creator and created, and how God calls us to faithful and focused witness as God's people. Lunch will be provided. Registration Sign Up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0NziORxm2vjPIEn_RvyyTviT_jTXSrICTCWs9hu5tsa97Hw/viewform?usp=pp_url.

Synod-Wide Bible Study on the Book of Acts

Tuesdays, 7 PM | Zoom

Various rostered ministers in our synod will co-facilitate a weekly study of Willie James Jennings' book, **Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible**. Purchase of the book is encouraged, although not a necessary requirement to fully participate. Drop in any time! Join any or all using Zoom Meeting ID: 822 0985 0836 Passcode: Acts.



Epiphany Psalms

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 1 PM

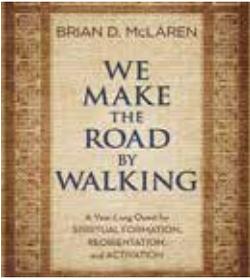
On Tuesday afternoons meet at the church to read and discuss—using the LECTIO DIVINA style—a Psalm each week. Class will meet at 1:00 pm on January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7 and 14, 2023. We will teach each other, as the Holy Spirit guides us. This is an in-person class that will meet at the church. Just show up, or if you have a question, contact [Stephanie Running](mailto:StephanieRunning@earthlink.net) (ewrunning@earthlink.net).



SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES

July 23-28 Confirmation Camp @Lutherhaven in Coeur D'Alene Idaho!
(Programming is available at camp for kids of other ages as well!)

August 7-11 VBS 9AM-noon: "Stellar" - an outer space adventure!
For kids ages 4-5th grade, with helpers in 7-12 grade.



Adult Faith Formation Book Study

Mondays, 7-7:45 PM | Zoom

We'll be studying **Brian McLaren's** book "We Make the Road by Walking. McLaren's book provides a generous overview of the whole Bible, as well as teaching us new and surprising details found in the common Bible stories we think we've heard a hundred times, all in McLaren's very accessible writing style. We'll meet via Zoom 7:00 pm in a discussion of that week's short chapter, **facilitated by Mandy Neill**. Contact Mandy (welcome@ourredeemers.net) for the Zoom link.



You're Invited to the Journey

Many families and folks have been exploring Our Redeemer's as a faith community. If you are one of those new people, or if you've been here for years but never attended, we encourage you to be a part of The Journey, a class and a conversation, prayer and information, and a chance to ask questions and learn more about what being Lutheran means. Participants meet in large and small group settings during the season of Lent (Mid-February through early April). At Easter, folks are invited to become official members of Our Redeemer's, if it seems like God is calling them to do so. To participate, contact Mandy Neill, welcome@ourredeemers.net.



social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

LWR Spring Health Care Kit Needs

Health care kits will be collected and assembled for LWR Spring loading and distributing to those in need globally. Drop items off at the church.

- Lightweight, dark colored bath towels.
- Target has a great one, Everyday Living brand for only \$3.00 each.
- 4oz size bath bar soaps
- Ivory is preferred, or other brands with light scent
- Nail clippers -sturdy
- Amazon has bulk for a good price
- Sturdy combs
- Again, Amazon has good bulk price. Sturdy is key
- Toothbrushes- individually wrapped.
- No toothpaste is accepted.



community

Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, February 12, 4 PM | Our Redeemer's

The book to be discussed is THE HIGHEST TIDE by Jim Lynch.

All are welcome to join in! Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. Contact Lynne for more information: buckomcneill@yahoo.com.



"One Love" Auction

Saturday, February 11, 5-8 PM

We're getting ready for our 2023 Festival and Auction: One Love on February 11th from 5-8pm. Each year this event is more and more fun, with live music, activities for kids, food trucks, and a live auction. **Here's how you can help:**

1) Donate an item or experience to the auction. The best things are classes, event tickets, boat rides, vacation getaways, group dinners, or anything that builds relationships. **Donate at this link:** <https://rb.gy/vosirb>.

Do you have wine that you can donate for the "Wine Grab"? If so, drop bottles off at the church office by February 8th.

2) Volunteer to help with setup, decorations, or cleanup. We always need more hands. Let [Pastor Gretchen](#) know if you can help out.

3) Pre-register for the event so we know how many people might attend. **Every dollar raised goes to support the ministry and mission of our congregation**, so be sure to invite your neighbors and bring your friends to this celebration!

Pre-Register at this link: <https://rb.gy/9uom2k>.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, February 5

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation |
Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Monday, February 6

7 PM - Adult Faith Formation Book Study | Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

1 PM - Epiphany Psalms | Our Redeemer's

Wednesday, February 8

6 PM - Facilities Team Meeting

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege
| Zoom

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday, February 11

9 AM-3 PM - LiVE Winter Retreat: The
Spirituality of Disruption | St. Andrews
Bellevue

5-8 PM - One Love Festival & Auction | Our
Redeemer's

Sunday, February 12

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes &
Confirmation | Upstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

4 PM - Madonna's Book Group | 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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