



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 | 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.*

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#### A Note About Worship Recordings

We livestream our 11:00 am service 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 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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*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

# GATHERING

*Epiphany Theme - Behold.*

## WELCOME

ORCA Focus Verse - Matthew 5:16

*No Adult Formation Today - Congregational Budget Meeting (10:15)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### \*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
**and the Word was God.**

This was the one John the Baptist spoke about when he said,  
**“Among you stands one whom you do not know.”**

The Word was in the world, and the world came into being through him,  
**yet the world did not know him. (John 1, excerpts)**

*Water is poured.* We baptize in the name of the Father!

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,  
**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”**

Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him,  
and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

John said, “I baptize you with water for repentance,  
but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I;  
**he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.  
(*Matthew 3, excerpts*)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,  
**“Behold! Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**  
(*John 1:29*)

*Water is poured.* We baptize in the name of the Son!

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from the heavens said,  
**“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”** (*Matthew 3:16-17*)

*Water is poured.* We baptize in the name of the Holy Spirit!

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant us to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ ✝ Jesus,  
so that together we may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen!** (*Romans 15:6*)



## \*OPENING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## \*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.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret is hidden: may we not so much look to justify ourselves as seek to live the faith you have revealed for us in the life of Jesus. Grant us clear senses to witness your life

and ministry in and among us now, for you remain Emmanuel, God with us, one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-13, 16

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.**

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

Yet 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 being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, 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”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human 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. Now 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. And 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.

"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**



**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "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.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For 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. Therefore, 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

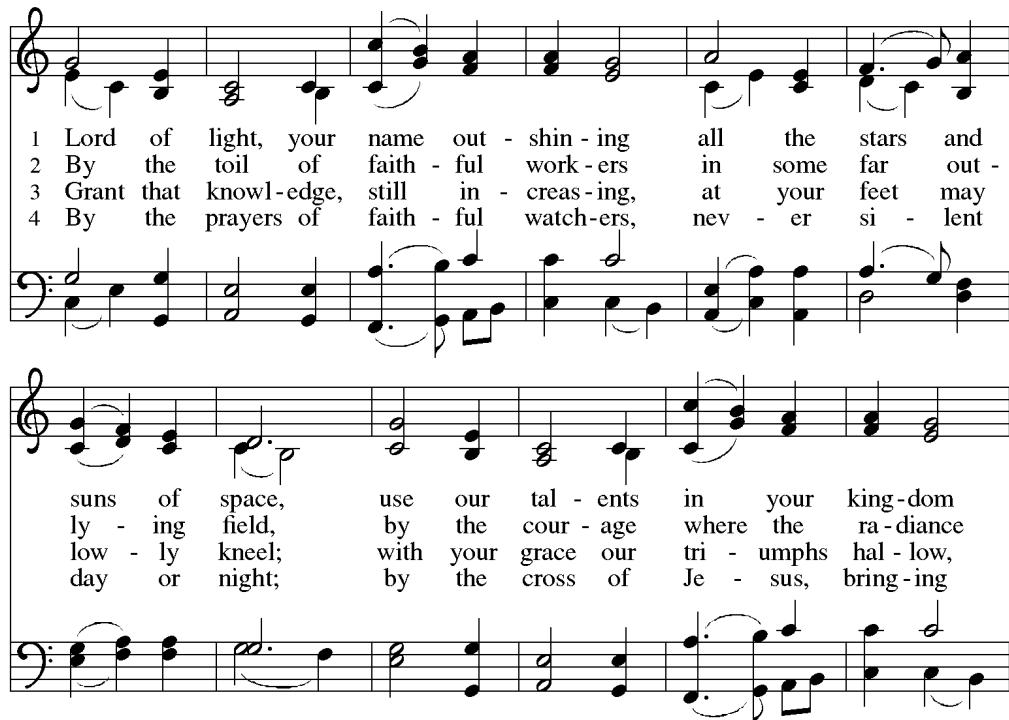
Behold the Lamb of God!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Thomas Voelp

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of Light*



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - crea - sing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
 pass - es knowl-edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav-en, so on earth your will be done.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Beholding God's life among us through the Holy Spirit,  
 we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world.

*Silence for contemplation.*

Equip your church for the ways you have called it to minister to your people. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ in the works of building up the community of the faithful. May we behold, understand, and witness your love at work in our ministries great and small. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Hear the cries of your creation. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. May we behold, understand, and witness the delicate beauty of ecosystems that sustain all life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Guard, and heal people in every nation who suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. May we behold, understand, and witness your gospel in the liberation, accountability, and redemption of bodies, peoples, and powers. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Pour out your blessing on all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. We pray especially for those named in our prayer list, and our neighbors. May we behold, understand, and witness your hand of mercy at work for the vulnerable, powerless, and silenced in our society. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Guide congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Raise leaders among us and give new life to our ministries of hospitality, welcome, and accompaniment. May we behold, understand, and witness your Spirit sustaining, nurturing, and growing us as a community.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*For whom and what else do we pray?*

We give thanks for the rest of the saints in light. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. May we behold, understand, and witness our Lord alive in places of death, mourning, and despair. Merciful God,  
**receive 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

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

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## OFFERING MUSIC

Choir- "The Lord is My Light" by Clarice Swanson

Text: "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. So let us walk in the light of the Lord, oh House of Jacob, walk in the light of the Lord."

## \*OFFERING RESPONSE

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.

*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

**Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up 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 John  
to announce the coming of the Messiah, your Son, Jesus Christ, saying

**“Behold! Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**

*(John 1:29)*

We praise you that, at the right time,  
your Son died for us  
reconciling us through your love:

*(Romans 5:6, 21)*

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)*

Believing your love has been poured into our hearts  
by water and your Word,  
may we have assurance and steadfastness of faith  
that joined to you in this meal,  
your grace and presence is with us  
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).*



**AGNUS DEI**

*O Lamb of God*



O Lamb . . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the



world; . . . have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



O Lamb of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the world; . . .



grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

Leader D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!  
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

*Refrain*

G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Em A D G D/F# G A D

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - - ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter-nal life.

## Verse 3

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-

soled as to con - sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-

stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

D.C.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**“The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)**

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

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

In the breaking of bread, O God,  
you have drawn us to your heart  
and we have seen the face of Christ.  
**Now, send us from this table**  
**to reflect the face of your love,**  
**and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Holy Grieving - February 11th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Transfiguration Celebration Next Sunday*

## \*BENEDICTION

“See 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)

“May the God of our Lord Jesus <sup>†</sup> Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know him.” **Amen.** (Ephesians 1:17)

## \*SENDING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh,

1. this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Behold, the home of God is among us! (*Revelation 21:3*)  
Go in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Rise, Shine, You People! One Licence #01597  
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Light Dawns on a Weary World One Licence #101806  
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## We Pray for...

Benjamin Argento, Barton Bjugstad, Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter, Christenson family, Davis family, Barb Dougherty, Megan Ellingboe, Gerry & Bob Faley, Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai, Mary Gross, Don Hansen and family,

Donnaly Hansen, Paula Hlastala and family, Shirley Holt and family, Julie Johnson and family, Helen Jones, Bud Knapp, Leander family, Jon Lungstrom, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Wendy Manion, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen and family, Alan Murray, Herb Myers, Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family, Kjersti Sangrey, Michael Schieffer, David Schrader, Carol Lee Smith, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Gary T., Eliot Wright and family, Jon 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; University Lutheran Church; Road to Housing guests.

## Grieving the Loss of

Ron Burkhart, Carl Christenson, Richard Johnson, Julie Rosing, Lana Tapken

*To include someone in the prayers, email the church ([pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net))  
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## IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

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Lector: Connie Sandstrom

Communion Server: Linda Carbone

Usher: Kris Rogness

Online Host: Erica Lee

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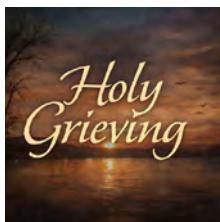
### 9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

During informal worship the neighbor to your left or right might be a young child, a grandparent or maybe the pastor. Your bulletin, containing songs, prayers and event information, gives you everything you need to know. In this hour-long service, we are lead in singing 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, and hear a thoughtful message from Pastor Thomas that you can carry into your week. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.

- The Nursery is available Sunday mornings, newborn to age 4.
- The "Prayground" in the sanctuary is available to families with little ones. This intentional space helps them participate fully in worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate.



### Holy Grieving

Wednesday, February 11, 6 PM | Sanctuary

As we come into this year, much has happened in our public life and private lives that is cause for grief. Grief can present itself in many forms, and grief can grow smaller or heal, but it is nearly always present at different times in our lives. We are not whole in grief until it has become part of our living—something that angers us, challenges us to find values, boundaries, or beliefs that have been transgressed or affronted, or something that brings sadness or loneliness carries with it the wrestling with loss, and sense of identity and community.

**Wherever you may be in the scheme of grief, please come share a moment of mutual support and care.** This will not be a service, per se, but a moment of guided meditation, to coalesce around our thoughts and feelings in dealing with loss, anger, sadness, fear, pain, lament and loneliness.

# Ash Wednesday

## February 18

### 7 PM Worship

The service of Ash Wednesday reminds us to practice humility and recognize our place within and for creation. The invitation to bear ashes in the form of the cross is a reminder of the way of the cross is our way of life, and the way of grace, as we trust and walk in the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Christ Jesus, our Lord.

### Ashes to Go

Corner of NW 85th & 25th NW

Pastor Thomas will be on the corner by our parking lot offering ashes and blessings from before work hours 6:30-8:30 am, during lunch break 11:30 am-1:30 pm, and before dinner 4:30-5:30 pm. Come by, whether you plan to attend the 7pm service or not!



### Lenten Devotions: Cycle of Holy Week

Like our journey through Advent, this year's Lenten devotional calendar recognizes the cycles that shape our lives of faith through prayer, season, and liturgy. From Transfiguration Sunday and Mardi Gras through Holy Week and Easter Monday, we will follow a series of actions inspired by the imitation of Jesus, guided by daily verses from the Psalms. How to Participate:

- The devotional calendar is updated weekly by Pastor Thomas and is available in the following formats:
- Digital: Download the latest PDF via the link in our weekly email or on the church website.
- In-Person: Pick up a printed hard copy in the narthex every Sunday.
- By Mail: If you cannot make it to service and would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the office at [office@ourredeemers.net](mailto:office@ourredeemers.net).

# Vacation Bible School

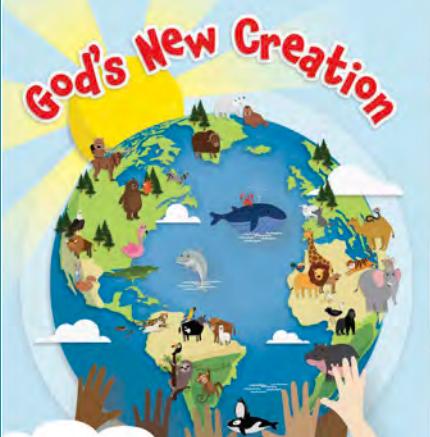
Aug 3 - 7, 2026

9:00 am - Noon Daily

## Registration is Open!



Cost: \$75



## faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

### Ballard Sunday Dinner Needs You! Next Dinner: 2/15

Every third Sunday, Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) partners with local churches at Ballard First Lutheran to serve a warm, nourishing meal to our neighbors in need. It's a simple act of kindness that can have a big impact, especially during the colder months. No experience is necessary—our team will guide you every step of the way to ensure you feel comfortable and supported. Help out for an hour or two by signing up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817>. Thank you for helping us spread warmth to our community!

### Social Justice 3% Disbursement Meeting & Check-in

Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 PM | Zoom

We are planning to meet via Zoom, (<https://bit.ly/4rilg4e>), on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm to decide on the disbursement of social justice funds. Additionally, we'd like to check in with folks regarding social justice issues—where you are being called to focus your attention and energy, along with sharing various resources that are available to plug in to. This is a group effort; if you have resources to share, please bring them!

### Ballard Food Bank Donations Needed - Drop Off at Church

This February, we invite you to support the Ballard Food Bank by donating food and personal care items. With the cold weather, **mittens and gloves are especially needed**, along with socks. Please donate clean, good-condition gloves and/or mittens in all sizes and colors. The following items are also needed: ramen noodles, crackers, snack bars, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, dried fruit, and fruit cups. Nonperishable foods needed include tuna, canned meats, chili, soup, white, red, and black beans, cornmeal, masa harina, muffin mixes, crackers, and peanut butter. Personal hygiene items are also needed. Thank you for your generosity!



# community

## Volunteer Grounds Crew

Fridays, February 13 and 27, 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us on a Friday morning (two February dates available: 2/13 and 2/27) as we build community, reduce unwanted parking lot activity, eliminate a noxious weed, and help maintain our grounds. Tasks include clipping ivy vines and trunks, filling yard waste bins, and sweeping or raking. Tools will be available to share, but please bring work gloves, clippers, or loppers if you have them. Questions? Contact: Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com).

## F(e)asts Together: Food, Fellowship, Formation

6:30 PM | February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 | Cafe Munir, 2408 NW 80th St. (and other locations TBD)

During Lent, we are invited to practice not only fasting, but community. Join us for Friday evening dinners throughout the Lenten season as we gather around shared meals for meaningful conversation, mindful eating, and reflection on food, family, and faith. Our first gathering will be at Cafe Munir; future locations will be decided together. RSVP to Pastor Thomas by February 12 at [pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net) so seating can be reserved. If cost is a concern, assistance is available.

## Join Our Monthly Youth Meetup in February

Thursday, February 19, 6:15-7:30 PM | Next Level Burger

Our Youth Meetups happen every third Thursday of the month! It's a great chance to hang out, grab a burger, and catch up. Join Pastor Thomas in Ballard for our February gathering—and feel free to bring a friend along! The Details:

- Friends are always welcome!
- No one will go hungry. We can cover meals as needed.
- Questions? If you have any questions or want to check in, feel free to contact Pastor Thomas.



### **LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!**

**Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun, food, and fundraising!**

This lively event features entertainment for all ages, music, a craft room for kids, and an exciting auction emceed by Tim Hunter and Pastor Thomas.

**Register and Donate Online!** We encourage you to register before the event. Can't attend in person? You can still register or donate online to support our church's ministry and mission by using the QR code below. Thank you.



## This Week at Our Redeemer's

*Today, February 8, Sunday*

**⊕9 AM - Informal Worship**

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

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

**10:15 AM - Congregational Budget Meeting**

**⊕11 AM - Traditional Worship**

*February 10, Tuesday*

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

*February 11, Wednesday*

12 PM - Staff Meeting

**⊕6 PM - Holy Grieving Service | Sanctuary**

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

*February 13, Friday*

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

*February 15, Sunday*

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**⊕9 AM - Informal Worship**

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 | Ballard  
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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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