



Easter Sunrise

March 31, 2024 | 6:30 AM

Carkeek Park, Seattle

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.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

On a night 2000 or so years ago, Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead. This morning, we gather to celebrate that event. We thank God for all it reveals about God's power for life for us and for all people. We remember our own baptisms, our ritual way of opening ourselves to God's life in us and accepting God's call to offer our whole lives to proclaiming the wonders of God's grace and to helping God bring the kingdom on earth as in heaven.

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.

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

*WELCOME

We light the New Fire and the great paschal (Easter) candle. The candle has been inscribed with the sign of the cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega (symbolizing the Beginning and the End) – and current calendar year. It reminds us of the fiery pillar God used to lead the people of Israel out of slavery into the promised land. We remember Christ, the light of the world, still leads us: *I am the light of the world. No follower of mine will ever walk in darkness.* (John 8:12)

*GREETING

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

And also with you!

*PRAYER OVER THE FIRE

Eternal God, in Jesus you have given the light of life to the whole world.
Bless this new fire, and as we see its light and feel its warmth,
let us feel urged to shine
and spread the warmth and light of Christ throughout the world.
Through the Sun of Righteousness,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the ending
to Christ belongs all time
and all the ages;
to Christ belongs glory and dominion
now and forever. **Amen.**

*Light from the paschal candle is shared to the people until all candles are lit.
Then, lifting our candles high, we pray together:*

Light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

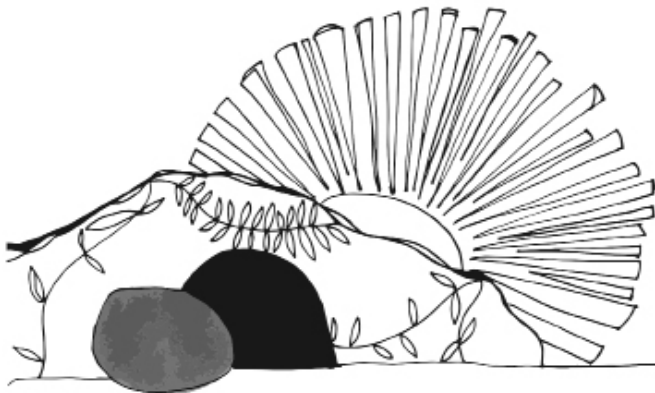
Let us pray:

Christ Jesus, you are risen with the sun;
you are light in darkness, warmth in our cold.
You are peace and hope and joy,
for you went willingly to death.
and turned defeat and failure to resurrection for all.

May we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life
and find our true place in your living body.

May the covenant sealed in your love
**through us bring healing and reconciliation
to this wounded world.**

Alleluia! He is risen!
He is risen indeed alleluia!
We are risen with him!
Praise and glory to the living God!
Alleluia! Amen.



***OPENING SONG**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Listen for the Word of God.

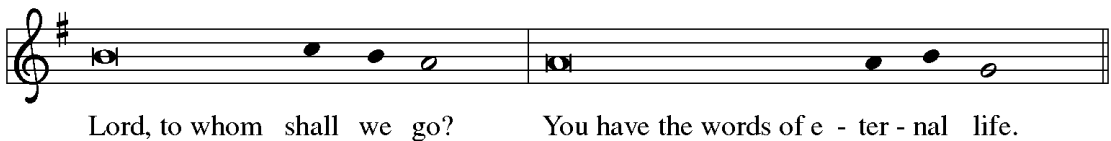
Our ears and hearts are open.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—the one who is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed Jesus to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Jesus after the resurrection from the dead. ⁴²Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that Jesus is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³About this one all the prophets testify that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through Jesus’ name.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

KID'S MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp



SONG OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church faces violence, protect those who gather. Where the church, misguided, walks with the privileged and not the oppressed, grant it humility and transformation. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator of life, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. Transform our communities and habits so we may protect and restore what you have given us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice and empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. Empower those working to free the falsely accused, and enable us to see Christ in the prisoner. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Empower us to reform, and intercede wherever there is a threat of violence, wherever there is racism, and wherever women, trans persons, and those seeking safety and home face oppression. Bring ease and community to those living with mental illness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. Form us in faith and foster in us the mind of Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

continued

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. Bring us all to the time when all the beloved departed shall stand with the living in your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***PASSING OF THE 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."

COMMUNE

OFFERING SONG

Come to the Table

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



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.

**Nourish us to follow you,
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love's sake.**

Amen.

***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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself for freedom from sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Hosanna in the highest!

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Christ's coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
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 COMMUNION**

If you have ever thought or been told this table is not for you, may the truth of this day remind you otherwise. Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we come forward here knowing that we will not be turned away.

So, come.

Come with your questions. Come with your hunger.

Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

Come, because this feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us. Jesus Christ is risen today, for us.

So, come. All are welcome.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



COMMUNION SONGS

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



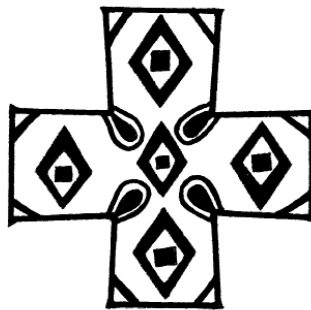
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in eternal and everlasting grace.

Amen.



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer shadows,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus ✝ Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.



We Pray for...

Yvonne Boon, Jennifer Carter, Tom & Anita Dickerson, Barb Dougherty, Cindy Funai, Paula Hovander, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Bob McIntyre, Chuck McKenzie, Mandy Neill, Trina Prisk-Hall, Duaine Rembold, Mischa Rood, David Schrader, Pauline & Harold Sigurdson, Sharon Stearns, Andy Taylor, Arlene Templin, Carolyn Swanson, Luca Logan Villilli, Charlotte Wallstrom, Jon Wright; all married couples struggling with conflict and separation, immigrant families remaining separated, Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Diane Bains, Mina Bast, Barbara Olsen

To include someone in the prayers, [email](#) the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: [LINK](#). (Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.

Retreats

Register by tomorrow, April 1st



Earth Care Beach Cleanup Retreat

April 19-21, 2024 | Pacific Dunes Resort **REGISTER BY APRIL 1st**

All Members and Friends that have expressed interest In this year's Cleanup Event and others newly interested: Washington Coast Savers has provided us the opportunity to help with beach cleanup at Point Grenville on Quinault Indian Nation land. This is a beautiful beach located 18 miles north of Pacific Dunes Resort that is not typically open to the general public! We will assist the Quinault Indian Nation with Point Grenville cleanup on Earth Day (April 20) this year.

It's very important that you contact the resort to reserve the type of lodging that works best for you directly. Non-reserved rooms will be released to the general public on April 1. Lodging information and event registration is available at this link:

2024 BEACH CLEAN UP WEEKEND (<https://bit.ly/3TN5Irlj>)

Please contact Paul and Maria Kalina (paulkalina@hotmail.com, maria_damico@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Women's Retreat - "Finding Hope"

May 3-5 | Seabeck Conference Center

Register: <https://rebrand.ly/pytax06> by April 1st

Isn't it time for you to build new relationships and deepen existing ones within your community of women? Anyone identifying as female is invited to the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal May 3-5. The theme is Finding Hope. Our guest speaker is Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, an engaging and creative retired Lutheran pastor. The cost is \$270 for the entire weekend (full or partial scholarships available by request). Single rooms are available for an additional \$50 per night.

To reserve your place go to: <https://rebrand.ly/pytax06>. Paper registration forms are also available in the church office.

Full payment due at registration, on or before April 1st. Thank you!

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today - Sunday, March 31

EASTER

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service | Carkeek Park

8 AM - Easter Breakfast | Our Redeemer's

9 AM - Easter Festival Worship

10:10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt | Front Yard

11 AM - Easter Festival Worship

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

5 PM - A Women's Gathering | Obec Brewing

Tuesday, April 2

1:30 PM - Staff Meeting

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 7

9 AM - Informal Worship

9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Library

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

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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