

## The Resurrection of Our Lord Sunrise Service

April 20, 2025 | 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.

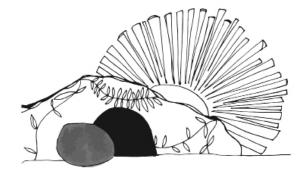
We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive 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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## PROCLAIM

The lighting of a new fire is a carry-over from the Vigil of Easter, an Easter tradition that begins in the darkness of the early morning. It hearkens back to the lighting of watch fires and signal beacons, and has often enveloped the imagery of a light in the darkness. It also incorporates imagery of the pheonix, from whose fire it is reborn from the ashes. Fire and Light can symbolize life, just as darkness and shadows can symbolize death, and the tomb. The fire of the sun, and the light and warmth of daylight are expected, anticipated, and even promised. The refiner's fire that the messiah is compared to is brought to light in these flames, and alert us to the age of justice and great transformation on the horizon. We are watching for the beginning of the new day, awaiting the promised day, when we will see Jesus again, along with the women who went to his tomb, that early morning on the first day of the week. We remember the resurrection of Jesus—a fire of warmth and life is awakened in the darkness and cold of his grave. We light this beacon of hope, this beacon of new life, and share the light of Christ on this, the day of renewed covenant—the "eighth day"—and we share the good news of Jesus' resurrection over all the world, as the sun shines over the earth. A flame will be carried from the new fire to light the new Paschal (Christ-our-Passover) Candle, signifying the new creation in Christ and new year of resurrection light. The Pachal Candle is lit on days commemorating the dead, special occasions when the Holy Spirit and Light of Christ are celebrated, and at baptisms.

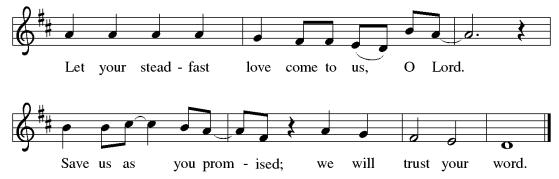
A bell is rung 8 times, signifying the "eighth day" and the start of service.



#### \*BLESSING THE FIRE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. 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.** We pray this, through the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.** 



#### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### EASTER GOSPEL

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

"To God, who by the power at work within us accomplishes abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)



#### **\*THE LIGHT OF EASTER**

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

A flame is captured from the fire, to light the Paschal Candle (in the sanctuary).

Let us pray.

Light of Christ, rising in glory, **Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds** 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. Amen.

#### **\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Mark 5:16)

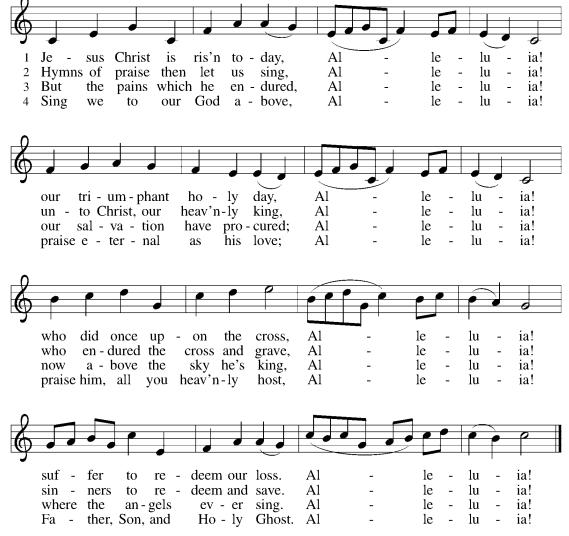
Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Let us share the light of Christ's resurrection; remember our baptism, and be raised to new life by God,

#### our light and our salvation.

Candles are iit while the Easter Hymn is sung.

#### \*EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today



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#### \*GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus, the love of Living God, and the communion of the breath of life be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God of all, may we look for the risen Jesus in our present life. May his life, death, and resurrection give us hope that this world will be transformed, and we will see a new heaven and new earth. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Form us by your grace, and the power of his love, so that we, members of his living Body, may walk as one. Amen.

#### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 65:17-25

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (*Ephesians 3:18-19*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying: Our ears and hearts are open.

<sup>17</sup> I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

- <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

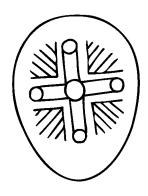
<sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain,

or bear children for calamity;

- for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well.
- <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
- They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,

says the LORD.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thank God!



#### SECOND READING

#### A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

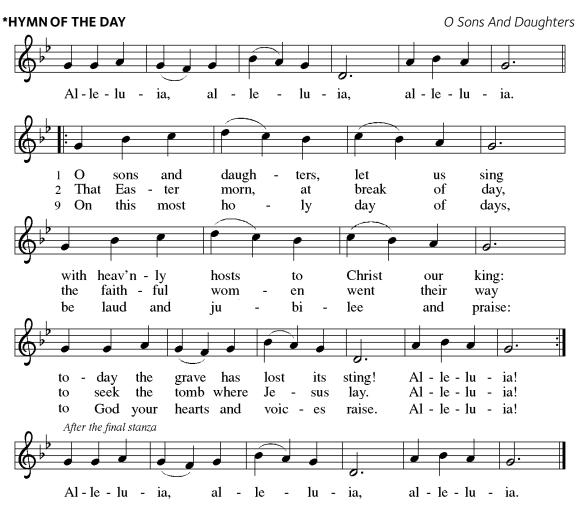
<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thank God!

#### EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Thomas Voelp





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#### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed, 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 and queer 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?

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.** 

# COMMUNE

#### \*PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **OFFERING SONG**

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

#### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. In the breaking of this bread **reveal for us the face of Jesus.** In the pouring of this wine **pour out upon us your loving Spirit.** Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 



Come to the Table

#### **\*AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

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.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be bound by the power of your love, and that by faith we may know ourselves to be the Body of Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, 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 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, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

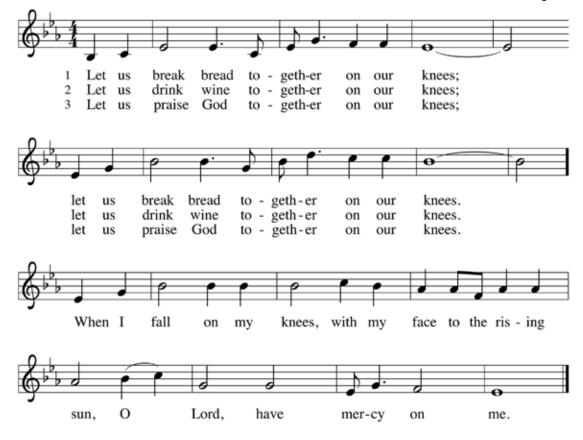
Come, because this simple feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us. And thanks be to God, all have a place at this table.

#### All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



**COMMUNION SONG** 



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#### **\*TABLE BLESSING**



#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living 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**

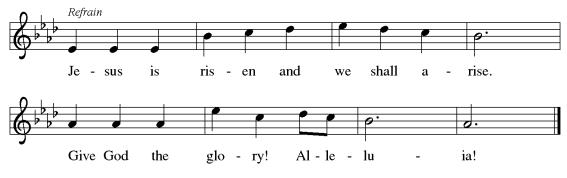
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for breakfast! Easter Egg Hunt between 9:00 am and 11:00 am services!

#### \*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, our Lord. Amen. **\*SENDING SONG** 





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#### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.



#### We Pray for...

Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Cathy Cleveland, Pat D'Amico, Peter D'Amico, Barbara Dougherty, Chris Lee Floyd, Joe Fritzgerald, Cindy Funai, Laura Hoffenbacker, Shirley Holt and family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Carol Kennedy, Kelsey Lematta Apt, Sharon Longaker, John Lungstrom & family, Roger Mandery, MJ McDermott, Bob McIntyre, Bill Nelson, Sheri Powers, Iko Rodenberger, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Melanie See, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Eliot Wright & family, Jon Wright, Kelly Wright, Nickolas Zardis and family; 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 impacted by wild fires; those outside in the cold; Road to Housing quests.

#### Grieving the Loss of Naomi Lungstrom

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net) Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

#### IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp Lector: Dave Eicke Gospel Reader: Brianna Widner Communion Assistant: Rachel Stenberg Coffee Setup: Lisa Thompson Musician: Gian Foddai

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



# community

#### Easter Breakfast - Please Contribute

Easter Sunday, 8:30 – 10:30 AM Enjoy Our Redeemer's Easter breakfast today! All are welcome. Suggested donation to cover breakfast costs is \$15 payable using this QR code or visiting

the website giving page. Thank you!



#### Are You Curious about Church Leadership?

Every year, members have an opportunity to participate in church leadership. If you have any curiosity or interest in serving on Church Council please contact the nominating team: Emilie Purvine, Jana Davis, and Steve Cromwell. If you don't reach them personally at church, please send an email to the Parish Administrator Karie Stearns (<u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u>) with "Nominating Team" in the subject line and she will forward it to us. One of the team will gladly give you information or answer any questions you have about the rewarding Council ministry. Thank you in advance for your inquiries.



# faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

#### Youth Meetup

#### Monday, April 28, 5 PM | Ballard Coffee Works

Youth grades 7-12 are invited for our first youth group meetup with Pastor Thomas and a volunteer from Our Redeemer's (Kenna cannot make this time). Come, grab a bevvy, a bite, and share in some meaningful conversation for about an hour or so. We can discuss what we might do for future meet ups. We'll also share how we can build up and hold each other in prayer. Friends are welcome! Message Kenna (<u>faithformation@</u> <u>ourredeemers.net</u>) or Pastor Thomas (<u>pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net</u>) for further details."

## Youth Faith Formation Classes on Sundays

#### Youth are invited to be involved in church each Sunday!

**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.

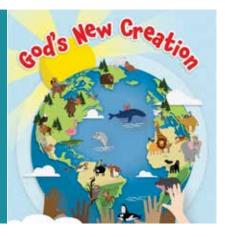
## Vacation Bible School July 28-Aug 1, 2025 9:00 am - Noon Daily

# **Registration is Open!**





Cost: \$75 thru May 31 \$90 after





# social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

#### Be of Service to our Neighbors at Ballard Sunday Dinner

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. **Our next dinner is this Sunday April 20th**, and there are roles for you! No experience is necessary—our team will guide you every step of the way to ensure you feel comfortable and supported.

We'd love to have you join us in making a difference! Sign up here: <u>https://rb.gy/ea817</u> or reach out to Pastor Thomas at <u>pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net</u>. Thank you for helping us spread kindness in our community!

#### Lutheran World Relief: Spring Collection Needs

Thanks everyone for their support of our collection of items for the Personal Care Kits. There still is a need for items, especially soap and towelss. Please drop donations off at the church.

- \*Lightweight, dark-colored bath towels (Target recommended)
- Sturdy toothbrushes
- \*4oz. bars of Ivory or other non-scented soap
- Sturdy nail clippers
- Large-size combs

The LWR loading event takes place on May 2 and 3 in the parking lot. Volunteers to load the containers are needed, and food donations to feed the workers are always welcome as well!

To help out, please contact Sharon Longaker at (206) 393–2881. Thank you!



Join Our Redeemer's for a special week at Holden Village, July 13-20. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and learn in the beauty of the Cascades.

Self-register directly through Holden Village: https://www.holdenvillage.org.

#### Rooms are still available, but sign up soon to be sure you get a spot!

Questions? Contact Tad Anderson – tadand99@ gmail.com | (206-445-5052) or Cindy Anderson – cindyrowanderson@gmail.com | (206-351-4098).

#### This Week at Our Redeemer's

Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service | Carkeek Park 8:30 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 21 Church Office Closed

April 22, Tuesday Bishop's Convocation Begins

April 23, Wednesday 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal April 24, Thursday 7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

April 26, Saturday 11 AM - Caring Community Team

April 27, Sunday

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 <u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u> if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's <u>website calendar</u>.



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