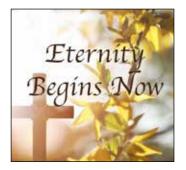


# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 | 9 AM

# WELCOME!



### Our Easter Theme is "Eternity Begins Now"

This Easter season, consider the eternal life that is before us. Not coming with the arrival of our deaths, but with the raising of Christ Jesus. Eternal life with God is not something far-off, as if God is not already present here and now. This is a God whose promise of eternal life does not begin after we go to heaven, but when heaven spills over and breaks into this world. It is when everlasting life becomes eternal life, as God sends the Son to do the work of the one that sent him-to be the cause, effect, and promise of faith in the Living God. The promise of eternity comes to fruition when we proclaim Christ raised from the dead.

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

**All are Welcome to Communion!** Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. 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.



# GATHER

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kid's Choir - As the Grains of Wheat by Marty Haugen

#### WELCOME

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 🕈 one God, the wellspring of grace, our life source and our joy. Amen.

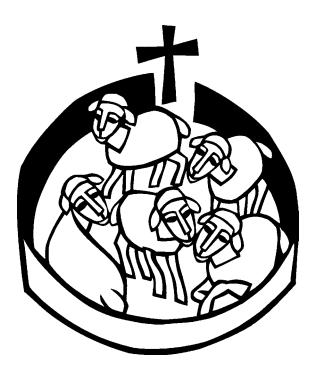
Look, here is water! Here is water of life!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Verdant rivers watered the garden. Through the waters of the flood, you gave your people a new beginning. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom from slavery. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official was baptized into a new life in Christ. Look, here is water! **Here is water of life!** 

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Look, here is water! Here is water of new life!





#### \*GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord, the love of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

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

Let us pray:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,

you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.

Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

# PROCLAIM

#### FIRST READING

1 John 3:16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

#### Our ears and hearts are open.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.** 

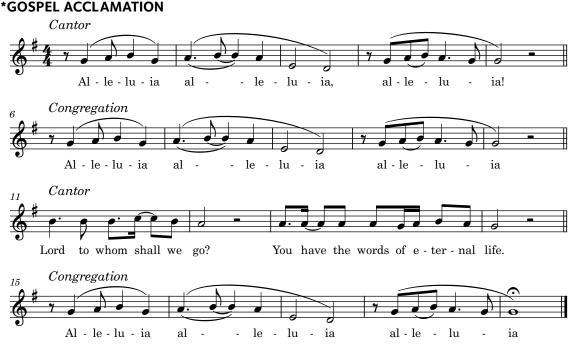
#### SECOND READING

A reading from Psalms.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 



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#### \*GOSPEL READING

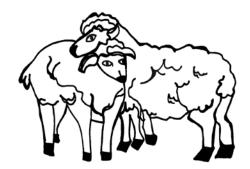
The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### CHILDRENS' MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Paul Sundberg



GOSPEL SONG Lord of All Hopefulness 1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, faith, all ea - ger - ness, 2 Lord of Lord of all kind - li - ness, 3 Lord of all Lord of all grace, 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, child - like, whose trust, cares could de stroy: ev er no whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: hands swift vour to wel-come, your arms to em brace: whose voice is tent - ment, whose pres - ence balm: con is 0 he there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, there la - bors, give be at our and us, we pray, there hom - ing, be at and give our us, we pray, there be at sleep - ing, and give our us, we pray, your bliss hearts, Lord, the break of the day. in our at your strength in hearts, Lord, the noon of the day. our at your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. hearts, Lord, the your peace in our at the end of day.

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#### **\*PROFESSION OF BELIEF**

I believe in God the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the place of the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

#### For what else do the people of God pray?

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.

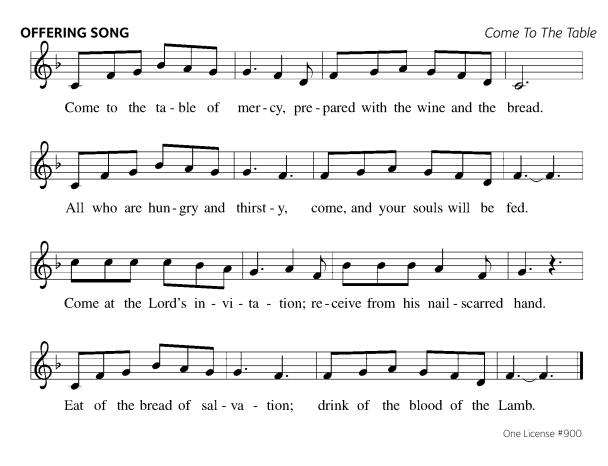
#### Amen.

# COMMUNE

#### \*PEACE

The peace of the risen 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."



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#### **\*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 to us the Risen Christ.
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.

#### **\*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.

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!

We give you thanks for Christ's coming into the world. 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.

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.

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 promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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**

Come with your questions, come with your hunger.

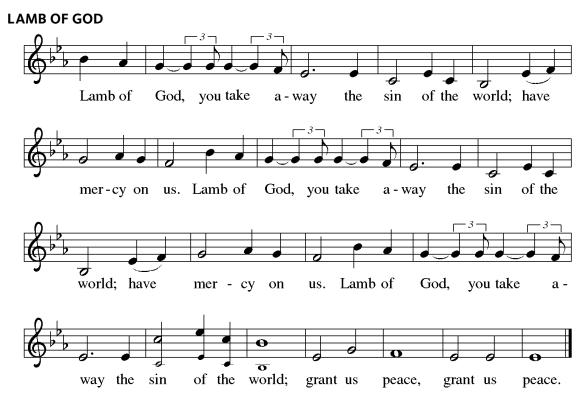
Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

Come, because this simple feast is a reminder that God's table is big enough for all of us. So, come.

### All Are Welcome

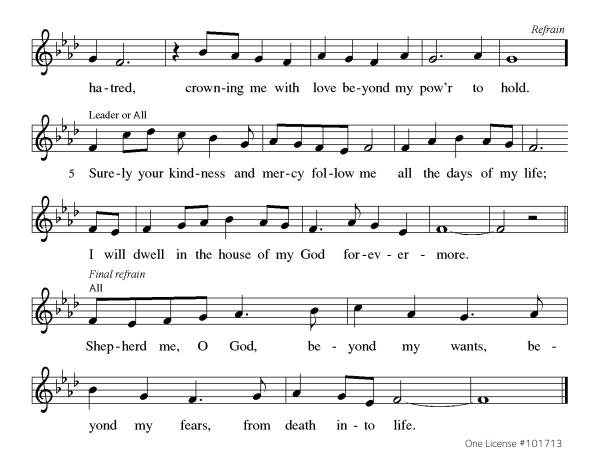
to commune, including children (as parents permit).







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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.  $\mbox{'}$ 

Amen.

# SENDING

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of all, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

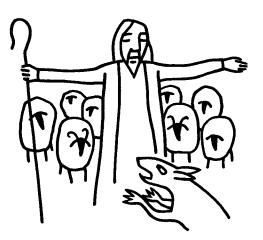
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

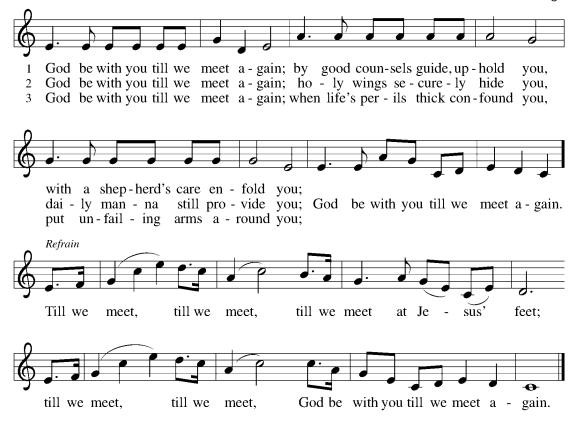
#### \*BLESSING

May the Living God, the risen # Lord, and the life-giving Spirit bless you, strengthen your faith, and inspire you in hope, and empower you in love.

#### Amen.



**\*SENDING SONG** 



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#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### We Pray for...

Yvonne Boon, Jennifer Carter, Tom & Anita Dickerson, Doug Dixon, Barb Dougherty, Cindy Funai, Janice Heinrich, Paula Hovander, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Hali Lambert, Bob McIntyre, Mandy Neill, Julie Osinski, Trina Prisk-Hall, Duaine Rembold, David Schrader, Jennifer Seyler, Pauline & Harold Sigurdson, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Luca Logan Villilli, Charlotte Wallstrom, 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; Road to Housing quests.

#### **Giving Thanks for**

The birth of James Scott Chrisman born March 24, 2024

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: <u>LINK</u>. (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.



# 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.



# faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

### VBS Save the Date

#### July 29-August 2, 2024

Save the date! VBS kid's camp will be July 29-August 2. To make VBS happen this summer, we need help to plan, prepare, and volunteer! A VBS planning meeting is planned for a Saturday in May. If you are interested in helping out please email Pastor Thomas, <u>pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net</u>, to indicate your preference for a meeting on either May 11th or May 25th. We will be developing a theme for this summer offering, and other logistics. Let's collaborate!

### LiVE Project Book Study: Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color

Wednesdays, thru May 8, 6:45-8 PM

Please join us as we discuss how churches can do the work of becoming allies for the leaders they call. The book study meets via Zoom every Wednesday from 6:45pm to 8:00pm through May 8th. You can find the Zoom link <u>HERE</u> (https://bit.ly/4cFEWsf). If interested in participating, please read the first 2 chapters for the first session on April 10th.



# social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

## Ballard Sunday Dinner Needs Your Help Every Month

Ballard Sunday Dinner needs a team of 5–10 people each month to feed our neighbors who may be struggling with a hot meal on Sunday nights. If you have any of the following skills (planning, cooking, serving, greeting, opening doors, cleaning), we want you to come join us – sign up here and come have some fun! **SIGN UP** (https://rb.gy/dkvefb).

### City Nature Challenge at North Beach Park

### Saturday, April 27, 12-2PM | North Beach Park, 8999 24th Ave.

Join fellow congregants Tad Anderson and Brianna Widner in connecting with God's beautiful creation! Right up the street from the church is the lovely North Beach Park. Tad will tell us the park's ongoing restoration story and introduce us to some key plants that call it home. Brianna will teach folks how to use iNaturalist to share the neat nature encountered that will contribute to that weekend's City Nature Challenge efforts. The Challenge is a global bioblitz! Participants will then explore the park and bask in God's creativity. This event is open to all! Join us and gather some great stories and photos to share at the church auction that night, showcasing all the creation you had the opportunity to watch "Bloom & Grow"! Questions? Email <u>brianna.widner@zoo.org</u> or ask Tad & Brianna.

### LWR In-Gathering Needs Volunteers

#### Friday & Saturday, May 3-4 | Our Redeemer's

Thank you to everyone who has donated Personal Care Kits. We've met and exceeded our goal (50) having collected 74 kits to date for those in need around the world!

We now look forward to the LWR In-Gathering the first weekend of May when churches from all over come to our parking lot to drop off kits and other items that are loaded into trucks. If you can help out that weekend or have questions, contact Sharon Longaker, <u>slongaker@msn.com</u>.







# community

### Seeking: Council Nominations

Are you interested in church governance and leadership? Church council may be the thing for you! The Nominating Committee is looking for at least one member to join the council starting in June. If you have an interest or have questions please reach out to Emilie Purvine (<u>emiliepurvine@</u> <u>gmail com</u>), Jana Brady (<u>janaledavis@hotmail.com</u>), or Steve Cromwell (<u>steveaalesund@gmail.com</u>).

### Grounds Maintenance Conversation and Beautify Event

Monday, April 29, 10AM - Noon | Our Redeemer's Grounds All are welcome to a Grounds Maintenance Conversation and Beautify Event at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to join in for a short time any time between 10:00 am and noon. View Auction Items and Pre-Register to Bid using this QR Code.





Join us for a magical evening of bidding and blooming at our **"Bloom and Grow Together" Auction on Saturday, April 27th.** Bring your friends and family to an extravaganza of bidding and entertainment! There will be fun for all ages, music, a craft room and movie for kids, and, of course, a lively auction to support the ministry and mission of our church.

Code

Donate an Item, Experience, or Service to the Auction using this QR code.



Procurement forms are also available to pick up at the church **1) PRE-REGISTER and PREVIEW ITEMS.** It's easy to pre-register for the auction and get your information into our auction system early. The Bloom & Grow Auction is free to attend with a suggested \$25 donation to become a bidder. If you can't attend you can donate at the link to help support the daily operation of our church. Thank you!

**2) PRE-ORDER FOOD** Using the Registration Link. Food will not be available to purchase on the night of the auction, so please pre-order delicious Bahn Mi sandwiches or satisfying Rice Bowls provided by MoMo Express. *Yum*!!

**3)** DONATE items or services to our live and silent auctions! If you have a vacation home, gift baskets, gift cards, or other experiences, services, or items to donate, please email us at auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com or <u>DOWNLOAD A</u> <u>PROCUREMENT FORM (https://bit.ly/3TcEdpq</u>) to use yourself or to share with businesses or individuals who might want to give. *Thanks for what you can do*!

**<u>4)</u> DONATE WINE for our WINE GRAB.** Donate a bottle or two to stock our WINE GRAB table! Drop wine at the church office by Sunday, April 21st! *Cheers to you!* 

**5) BAKE OR BRING A DESSERT for the DESSERT DASH:** Consider baking or bringing a delectable dessert for our popular Dessert Dash. There is a signup sheet at church (narthex). Scrumptious!

Auction questions can be emailed to <u>auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com</u>.

Pre-Order Food by using this QR Code



### This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, April 21 **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 10 AM - Women's Retreat Pre-Meeting | Sanctuary Meeting Room **11 AM - Traditional Worship** 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran

Tuesday, April 23 1:30 PM – Staff Meeting 7 PM – LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom Wednesday, April 24 6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 27 AUCTION 5 - 8 PM - "Bloom & Grow Together" Auction | Our Redeemer's

Sunday, April 28 **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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