



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 | 9 AM

WELCOME!

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

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

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. 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.



Our Redeemer's is proud to be a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church.

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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GATHER

WELCOME

Silence for Contemplation

*REMEMBERING BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us remember our baptism,
and, in the light of Christ's resurrection, receive new life in God,
our light and our salvation.

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried with him by baptism into death,
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we also walk in newness of life.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed,
so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

Sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

For by grace ✝ you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
look, **new things have come into being!**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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**Please stand, as you are able.*

We proclaim a crucified Christ,
a stumbling block for those who trust in signs and foolishness to those who trust in wisdom,
but to those who are called
Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

And, if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
(*excerpts from the Letters of St. Paul*)

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***GATHERING SONG**

Arise, My Soul, Arise!



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Caring and loving God, gather and transform your people, as a shepherd tends a flock. Let your sheep safely graze; shelter us with your loving hand, nurture us with hope and faith, and drive and lead us into the age when nothing threatens or divides your creation. **Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Form us by your grace, and the power of his love, so that we, members of his living Body, may walk as one. Amen.**

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

"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.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."

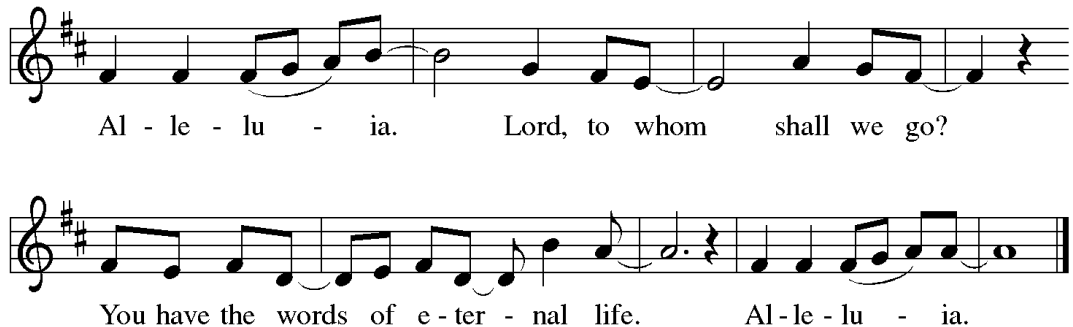
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Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thank God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING**

John 10:22-30

The good news of Jesus Christ, from the Gospel of John.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

"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)

***SONG OF THE DAY**

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

Refrain



God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace



kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.



1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter	soak - ing our dry - ness,
2 Word of pro - claim - ing,	breath on the wa - ter,
3 Oil of a - noint - ing,	fra - grant with pow - er,
4 Bright light of Eas - ter	cleav - ing the dark - ness,



drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—
 plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—



Refrain

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
 "This is my child, my be - loved."
 mark of the life that we gain.
 bea - con of hope on the way.
 love be - come svm - bol and sien.

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***LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Your Giver of life and renewal, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence for contemplation.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. We especially pray for those named in our prayer list this week. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On this day, remind us of the loving care you entrust to those who care for lambs of their own. Comfort with your presence all those who mourn the loss of love or care in strained and broken relationships, give loving family and healing to those children for whom love has been absent or has been withheld, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom and what else do we pray?

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, our true paschal lamb, and your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

COMMUNE

*PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

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."

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Vocal Solo - "Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

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.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 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.

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.**

Amen.

***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

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).



LAMB OF GOD

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

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Nothing Can Trouble

Th - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

The image shows a musical score for a communion song. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has the lyrics 'Th - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.' The second system has the lyrics 'Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,'. The third system has the lyrics 'noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

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*TABLE BLESSING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Living God, 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.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

***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.

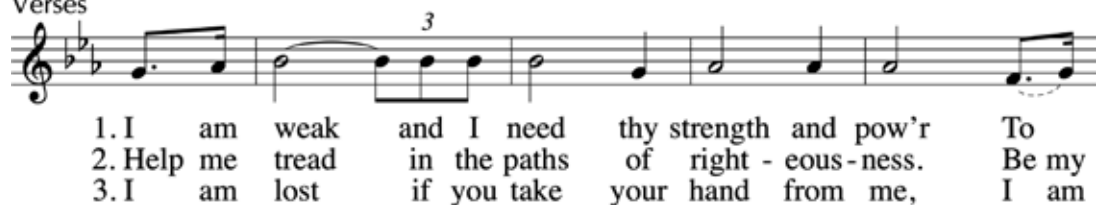
***SENDING SONG**

Lead Me, Guide Me

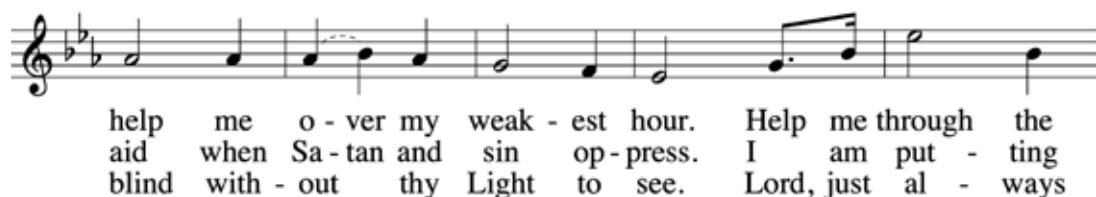


Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

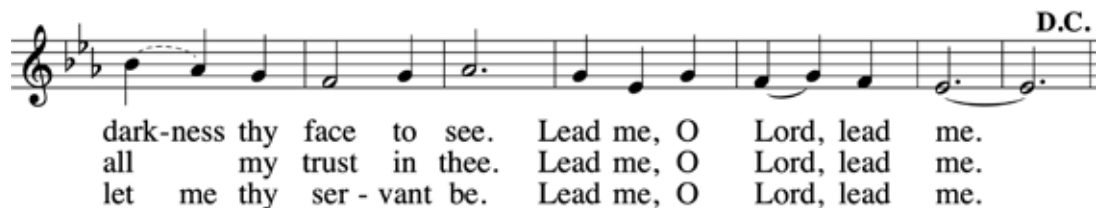
Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways



dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

***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...

Ella Abenth, Matt Anderson, Tom Carlson, Jordan Carroll, Jennifer Carter, Crystal Clark, Cathy Cleveland, Peter D'Amico, Barbara Dougherty, Joe Fritzgerald, Cindy Funai, Laura Hoffenbacker, Shirley Holt and family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Kelsey Lematta Apt, Sharon Longaker, John Lungstrom & family, Roger Mandery, Judy Malmgren, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Mo, Sheri Powers, Iko Rodenberger, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Melanie See, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Krissandra Wood, 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 outside in the elements; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Bill Nelson

*To include someone in the prayers, email the church
(pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)*

*Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the
following week's bulletin.*

IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

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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.

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 (administrator@ourredeemers.net) 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.



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).



community

Breaking Bread Together – Sign Up to Host or Attend!

Sunday, June 8, 6 PM | Various Congregant Homes

Our Breaking Bread Sunday evening dinners are just the ticket for getting to know other members of the congregation! Six people gather at various hosts' houses for a potluck dinner and conversation. Our next Breaking Bread Group is set for Sunday, June 8th (Pentecost Sunday). We are seeking hosts as well as dinner participants. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can sign up by email. Contact: Annie McGrew (annemcgrew@msn.com) or Cindy Anderson (cindyrowanderson@gmail.com) if you have questions or to sign up. Let's celebrate Pentecost together!

Take Your Loved Ones to the Ballgame!

Saturday, August 2, 1:10 PM

Mariners Faith and Family Day is coming up on Saturday, August 2, with a 1:10 pm game against the Texas Rangers and we're excited to offer specially priced tickets for the Our Redeemer's community: \$21 for Main Level seating. After the game, you're invited to stay for an exclusive post-game concert and player panel — a special bonus for those attending Faith and Family Day. To join in **sign up in the Narthex with the number of tickets you'd like**. Please provide a cell phone number so we can transfer your tickets once purchased. Questions? Reach out to Eric Running (ewrunning@earthlink.net).

Be a Community Gardener at Our Redeemer's

Monday, May 19, 9 AM – Noon | Our Redeemer's Gardens

In April, we made some exciting updates to our landscaping! On May 19th, we'll focus on pruning the south garden bed to improve visibility around the church grounds and continue weeding to keep everything looking beautiful. All levels of gardening experience are welcome! Come enjoy the outdoors, connect with others, and help care for the grounds that welcome our community. Questions? Contact Carol Hurlburt, chtd015@gmail.com or Connie Sandstrom, conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting is 6/22

Sunday, June 22 | Our Redeemer's

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday June 22nd after the morning service (there is just one summertime service that day at 10:00 am). At 11:00 am we will vote to approve income/expenditures for 2024–2025 and voting to approve the 6 month budget for 2025. All active members in good standing are eligible to vote.



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

NEW! Saturday Movie Showings

Our Redeemer's is excited to launch a new series of Saturday movie afternoons designed for kids and families. These gatherings offer entertainment, connection, and meaningful conversation around important themes—starting with Mental Health Awareness Month.

Documentary Screening: Mental Health & Resilience

Saturday, May 24, 4 PM | Our Redeemer's

Join us for a thought-provoking documentary exploring mental health, brain resilience, and how we care for ourselves and others in challenging times. A great opportunity for older kids, teens, and adults to engage in meaningful reflection and discussion.

Vacation Bible School

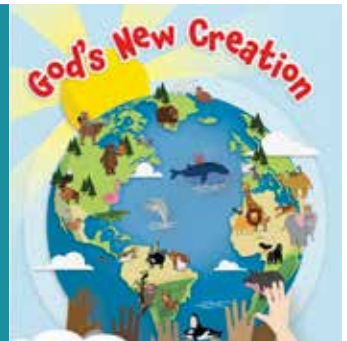
July 28-Aug 1, 2025

9:00 am - Noon Daily

Registration is Open!



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



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Ballard Sunday Dinner Needs You

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 May 18**, 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. Sign up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817> or reach out to Pastor Thomas at pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net.

45th Wedding Anniversary Party-Eric & Stephanie Running

Saturday, May 31, 1 pm | Fellowship Hall

Stephanie and Eric Running invite you to a celebration of their 45th Wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 31st at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, May 11, 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

May 13, Tuesday

- 7 PM - Church Council Meeting

May 14, Wednesday

- 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

May 15, Thursday

- 7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

May 16, Friday

- NWWA Synod Assembly | Everett, WA

May 17, Saturday

- NWWA Synod Assembly | Everett, WA
- Norwegian Constitution Day

May 18, 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**

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