



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 | 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.

WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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- By Facebook Live: Go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom: Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free! Click this link: [https:// Zoom.us/j/822691346](https://Zoom.us/j/822691346).
(Make sure that your Zoom is upgraded to the current version.)

Blessing of Prayer Shawls: Please note that there are two prayers shawls by the font, one for Jean Hall, and one for Ruby Branter. You are invited to touch the shawl and leave a prayer of comfort for them.

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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*Today our worship includes a focus on Christ's ministry of healing and wholeness.
God's will for all is wholeness and health in body, mind and spirit.*

*So we pray for healing of physical ailments, as well as for healing in the midst of conflicts,
emotional stress and struggle.*

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF OUR REDEEMER'S
is based on the following convictions:

*God's intentional will for all persons is wholeness
and health in body, mind and spirit.*

*The total life of the congregation—in all of its
functions—is to be health-producing.*

*As Christians, we have a responsibility for a
lifestyle of health in body, mind and spirit.*

*The Service of the Word for Healing symbolizes the
fact that all worship events of the Church
should be experiences of healing in some form.*

*Prayers and concerns for cure from illness is always
consistent with the will of God.*

*We pray for the cure of illness without reservation,
qualification or condition, at the same time
knowing that not all illness is cured.*

*All persons may be healed (made whole),
but not all may be cured.*

*We cannot explain in rational terms why there is
illness other than to recognize that
we are imperfect persons in an imperfect world.*

*God expects us to be faithful at all times and in
prayer for body/mind/spirit health
and to use those health-care methodologies
we feel appropriate for our needs.*

GATHER

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*GATHERING SONG

Come as You Are – David Crowder Band

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

CHORUS

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

CHORUS

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

**Please stand, as you are able.*

***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 OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 16:16–34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hallelujah is Our Song – Kroger

What hope we have,
Even in the longest night
For the light will overcome.
We will not fear,
For we know the sun will rise.
Hallelujah is our song.

Chorus:

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Christ is risen over all.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Hallelujah is our song.

***THE GOSPEL**

John 17:20-26

The holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

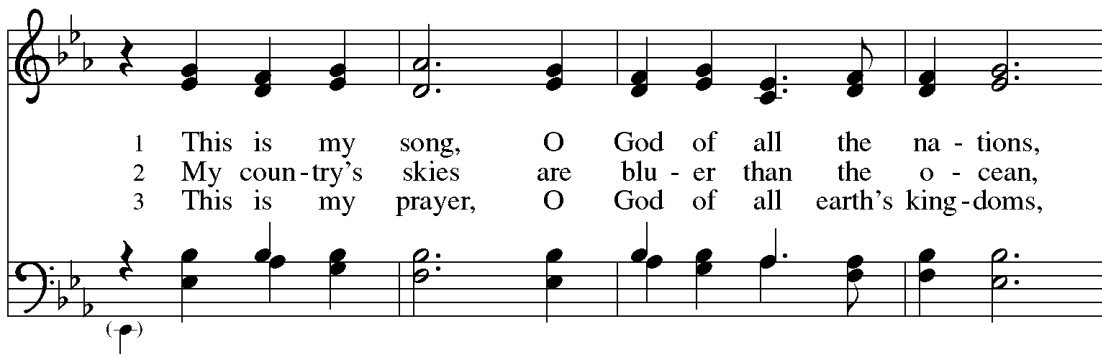
Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

HYMN OF THE DAY

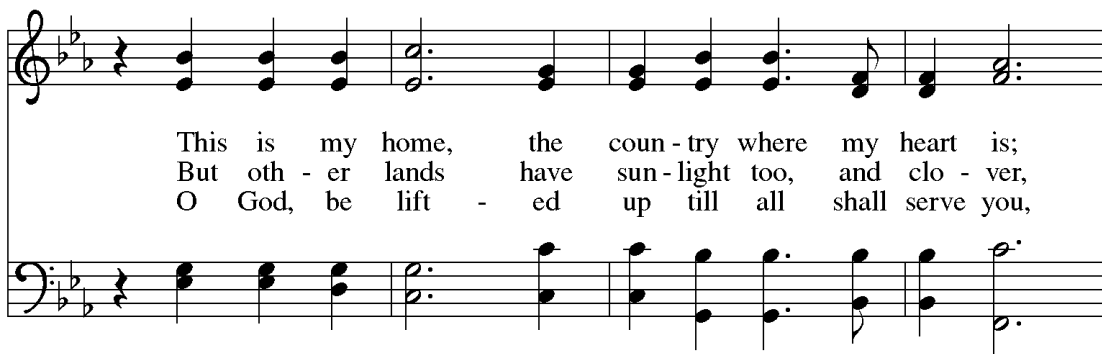
This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams for on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

continued



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of 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."

MEAL

GENEROSITY STORY

Pastor Gretchen

OFFERING

Hide – Joy Williams

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

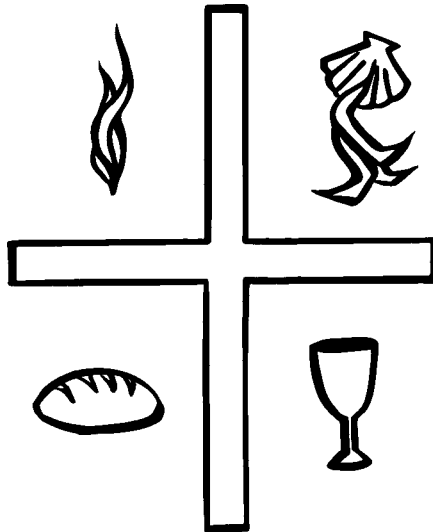
Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.**



HEALING

BLESSING OF THE OIL

God, Word made flesh,
you know the depth of human suffering.
Bless this oil that all who are anointed with it
may be healed, strengthened, and reconciled
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INVITATION

Jesus says,
'Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest.'

So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties,
you who are broken in body or in spirit,
you who are torn by relationships
and by doubt,
you who feel deeply within yourselves
the divisions and injustices of our world.
Come, for Jesus invites us.

We now enter a time of healing prayer. Come forward as you are comfortable.

To receive prayer and/or anointing with oil, please proceed up the ramp to the chancel, and find a place to sit as one becomes available. When you are ready to return to your seat, please return via the stairs unless mobility prevents it.

HYMNS DURING HEALING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 near; When my life is al - most gone;
 near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



1 O God, to you I cry in pain when
2 Give me the strength to face my ill, to
3 With - in the com - fort and the love that
4 Al - low my mind to rest in you, and

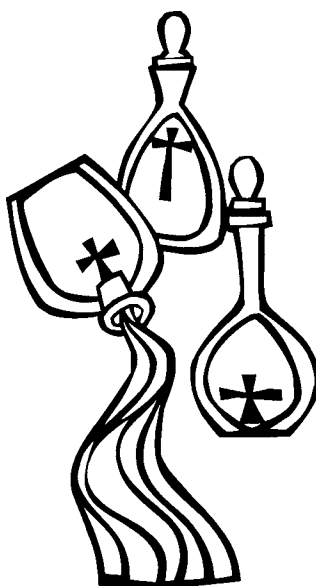


sick - ness makes me weak, when mind and bod - y
trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that
hu - man touch can give, re - store in me a
let your peace per - vade to hold me in your



out of tune bring fears I can - not speak.
help me heal and find your spir - it there.
larg - er sense of what it is to live.
great - er pow'r and not to be a - fraid.

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Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in

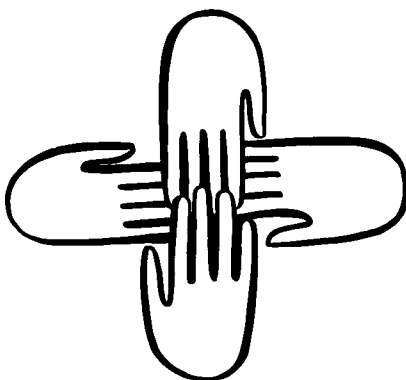


me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
it is well with my soul,



SENDING

*BLESSING

Leader

May the God of hope o - pen your fu-ture.

Response

May the God of hope o - pen your fu-ture.

May the God of peace teach you to pray.

May the God of peace teach you to pray.

May the God of peace teach you to pray.

May the God of peace teach you to pray.

9

May the God of joy lift up your hearts.

May the God of joy lift up your hearts.

13

May the God of love go with you each day. A - men.

May the God of love go with you each day. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING SONG

When you're down and you're out
And you don't think you have a friend
When you're lost in the doubt
And you can't see what's around the bend

Just hold on, don't turn around
Keep on walking, don't lose heart
'Cause I am here, I am here
Wherever you are, wherever you are

CHORUS

When the rain is falling, and there's no
silver lining
And you just can't seem to find the light
When you need a reason to help you keep
believing
Let my love be your blue sky (your blue sky)
Your blue sky (your blue sky)
Your blue sky (your blue sky)
Your blue sky (your blue sky)

Don't you know that I know, life can be
So hard it makes you wanna give up (wanna give
up wanna give up)

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Blue Sky - Fran Battestelli

But don't you know over the horizon
The sunny day you're looking for is waiting
right
here in my love

Just hold on, don't turn around
Keep on walking, don't lose heart
'Cause I am here, I am here
Wherever you are, wherever you are

CHORUS

Come on come on, don't you be afraid
Whatever comes tomorrow, my love is here
to stay
(Repeat 3 times)

CHORUS

Come on come on, don't you be afraid
Whatever comes tomorrow, my love is here
to stay

We Pray for...

Ruby Brantner, Rick Carbone, Pete D'Amico,
Carol Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, John
Ellingboe, Darlynn Gendreau, Wendy Haber,
MJ McDermott, Ann McIntyre, Bob McIntyre,
Miriam Myers, Barbara Olsen, Matthew
Peters, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom,
immigrant families remaining separated; Road
to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of...

Mau Lao

*To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks,
email the church -or- fill out our new online prayer
request form: [LINK](#). (Requests received after each
Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.)*

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

Summer Worship Schedule – 10 AM Service on Sundays

Starting June 26

Mark your calendar! Starting June 26th we will shift to one service on Sunday mornings at 10 am for the summer months. Services will feature special music from various musicians in the congregation, and encourage family participation. We will resume two services in September on “Kickoff Sunday” on September 11th.

Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM Service on Sundays

Starting June 26

At 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings this summer we will gather in the sanctuary informally to **sing and pray Holden Evening Prayer together**. This brief service (20 minutes) is wonderfully singable, peaceful, and transcendent. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Young families, put your kids in their pajamas and let Pastor Gretchen and Karen Lee sing them a lullaby of prayer and blessing.



community

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 19, 10:00 AM | Our Redeemer's (*between services*)
or on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/822691346>)

We will celebrate and review the ministries and fiscal year coming to a close and vote on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget and vote to confirm new Council Members Sunday 6/26. A **Budget Review Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 12, 12:30 PM on [Zoom](#).

QUESTIONS? Please contact a Council member, Pastor Gretchen, or Parish Administrator Karie Stearns.

Lend a Hand by Volunteering!

Information about all volunteer opportunities at Our Redeemer's can be found by using this [LINK](#). When there, use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate.

Contact volunteer@ourredeemer.net with any questions about how you can get involved.



faith formation

NEW: Adult Forum – Transitions as People of Faith

Sunday, June 5 & 12, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

How does our faith inform how we handle the transitions in our lives?

The first two Sundays in June, Dana Wright and members of the adult forum team will lead us in discussion, and a new process during our Adult Forum at 10:00 am. Using the book "Baptized We Live" by Dan Erlander as a guide, as well as scripture and each other's wisdom, we will learn together about the gift of our ability to begin each day anew in these uncertain days. All are welcome, and childcare is provided in the nursery.

"O-ROCK!" Sunday Youth Faith Formation

Sprouts – Ages 3-5. Mr. Dana and Ms. Kari continue to teach our littlest members both in person and on Zoom. In person Sprouts is with Mr. Dana and Lake at the 9 AM service. And Ms. Kari holds Zoom Sprouts at 10 AM. Email Betsy McGregor at bemac7309@gmail.com if you want to be added to the email list for this age group.



Elementary O-ROCK. These O-ROCK classes are for those 6 to 10-year-old kids who join us in person between services. The class includes snacks, stories, and crafts all to help our youngest understand why we do what we do during worship. Our weekly Children's Bulletin is available for download and printing each week (<https://ourredeemers.net/o-rock-programs>). Each bulletin provides easy to understand bible stories and activities to help children learn about Lent and Easter, and mirrors what we are learning in person.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM – 12 PM | Zoom

There are 5 lessons left in the Triumph of Christianity course before a summer break. If one doesn't know about Constantine's influence on the church right up until this very day, then, this is an interesting bit of history! Ask Carolyn about the Fall Sessions! If interested email Carolyn at cdkswan@gmail.com. Carolyn will send you the Zoom link each week.



Register for VBS!

July 11–15, 9 AM – 12 PM

at Our Redeemer's [REGISTER](#)

Got kids? Then register now for Vacation Bible School! Over the course of the week of VBS, we will explore the themes of healing and wholeness through the window of God's creation. VBS registration is \$30 to cover materials and snacks. All kids age 4–11 are invited! [LEARN MORE](#)



social justice

Show Hospitality thru Food with Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, June 19, 2–6 PM | Ballard First Lutheran Church [SIGN UP](#)

Sign up to co-lead, cook and serve, or clean up! Work with experienced volunteers – this is a great month if you want to try this out but have been uncertain about what it all entails. We are still serving take-out at the exterior doors, so it is pretty safe. And we need your help! If you have questions about how you can contribute, contact Elizabeth: outreach@ourredeemers.net.

Pride Month Begins June 1 – Help with the Pride Parade!

We celebrate Pride Month in June, and we look forward to the Pride Parade on June 26!

Can you help with Our Redeemer's participation in the parade? We need one or two point people to CHAMPION and coordinate our congregation's participation in this inspiring parade. Responsibilities are varied and we really need your help! If you can help out, please contact Phillipa (volunteer@ourredeemers.net) and/or Elizabeth (outreach@ourredeemers.net) or call 206-783-7900, ext. 105.

Participate in the Parade! If you want to go to the parade as part of the Our Redeemer's group, it is required (for health safety reasons) that you contact Elizabeth (outreach@ourredeemers.net) or call 206-783-7900, ext. 105 and let her know before June 15. Thanks!

Wear Orange Friday

In the wake of another tragic mass shooting, and to honor the children and teachers who have died in Texas, we are inviting you to #WearOrange Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5. <https://gunresponsibility.org/wearorange/> Wear Orange is an opportunity to show your support for gun violence prevention and bring others into the movement!

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, May 29

Healing Service

9 AM - Informal Worship

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 1

10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study | Zoom

7 PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2

7 PM - Informal Ensemble

Friday, June 3

7 PM - Insight Class | Our Redeemer's

Saturday, June 4

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

9 AM - Liturgical Arts

Sunday, June 5

CELEBRATE GRADUATES

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

Sprouts: 10 AM | Zoom

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Email office@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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