

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025 | 10 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 (11am Service)

By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.

- 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. (Upgrade Zoom to the current version.)

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 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

Time after Pentecost theme - Christ: Our Common Life With God and Each Other

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION Kenna Hight

CENTERING MUSIC

* CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!

Splish! Splash!

I've got a river of life
Flowing out of me,
It makes the lame to walk
And the blind to see,
Opens prison doors—
Sets the captives free,
I've got a river of life
Flowing out of me!

Spring up, O well, Splish! Splash In my soul! Spring up, O well, Splish! Splash! And give to me That life abundantly!

^{*}Please stand, as you are able.

*OPENING SONG My God Is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. My God is so big, so strong, and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork, too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.

*GREETING

The endless grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ The eternal love of God, and the everlasting communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14) And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray.

Merciful and compassionate God, teach us to trust in your love for all you have created as you lead us to recognize your face in the new neighbors you bring our way. Reconcile all people by the cross of your Son, that all may be gathered and received into the one community across the earth. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 1:12–17

May the spirit of the Lord rest on you,

the spirit of knowledge and the love of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)

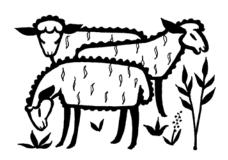
Hear what the Spirit is saying:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus Loves Me



1 Je-sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi-ble tells me so;



lit - tle ones to him be-long, they are weak, but he is strong.







*GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-10

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

Praise be to God!

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

 8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 104:33-34)

SERMON Kenna Hight



*HYMN OF THE DAY Bind Us Together

CHORUS
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, bind us together,
With cords that cannot be broken.
(Repeat)

There is only one God, There is only one King, There is only one body, Which is why we can sing... CHORUS You are the family of God You are the promise divine, You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine! CHORUS

*LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray aloud and in our hearts, notice how you are standing, sitting, and how we use our hands and bodies. We give thanks for what God has done, and all that God entrusts to ours. We pray for the hands clasped in hope of God's help. We pray for healing hands, hands that build community, and extend our hands in blessing those that are in need.

Silence for contemplation.

Please close your thanksgivings, petitions, laments, and prayers with Loving God, and we will all respond

hear us, as we pray.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend our prayers spoken aloud or in our hearts, believing your Spirit intercedes for us, and asking in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (John 14:13)

COMMUNE

*PEACE

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you." (John 14:27)
The peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, be with you all. (Philippians 4:7)
And also with you.

We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace by gesture and word, such as "Peace be with you."

OFFERING

Let us be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave and offered himself up for us. (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)

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OFFERING MUSIC Love, Love

Love, Love, Love
That's what it's all about.
'Cuz God loves us, we love each other,
Mother, Father, Sister, Brother.
Everybody scream and shout!
'Cuz that's what it's all about.
It's about Love, Love, Love.
It's about Love, Love, Love.

Vs. 2 - **Peace** Vs. 3 - **Joy**

*OFFERING RESPONSE Doxology

Be present at our table, Lord!
Be here and everywhere adored!
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May strengthened for thy service be

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! 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 our thanks and praise.

Gracious God, by your hand, you feed your people, you uplift the weary, you teach the hands to plant and tend and to mend and heal

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."

In the same way 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."

Gather us to your table in the name of your Son. Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

We pray as our Lord, Jesus has taught us; in the language closest to our hearts.

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 here, knowing we will not be turned away. So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. Those who have tried to follow, and all of us who have fallen short. Come, because this simple feast is a reminder 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).



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I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)
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I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (in my soul!). (Repeat)

Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?), down in my heart (where?), down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?), down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart (where?), down in my heart (where?), down in my heart.
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart (where?), down in my heart to stay.

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart (where?), down in the depths of my heart (where?), down in the depths of my heart.

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart (where?), down in the depths of my heart to stay.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting grace and eternal life.

Amen.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck BBQ Today; Kick Off Next Sunday

*BLESSING

May the creator and giver of life,
The way, the truth and the life,
And the breath of life, the new life of Christ's church,
Bless ♣ and keep you now and forever.

Amen.



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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve.. Thanks be to God!

We Pray for...

Robert Anderson & family, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Peter D'Amico, Gerry & Bob Faley, Cindy Funai, Lance Haaq, Don Hansen, Donnalyn Hansen, Shirley Holt and family, Tom Horan & family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Bud Knapp, Karen Lee, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Rich Mathes, Nicole McCormick & family, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Moen & family, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Michelle Rundle, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Chuck Stearns, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Henderson Widner, Krissandra Wood, Eliot Wright & family, Jon Wright, Kelly 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; those outside in the elements; Road to Housing quests.

Grieving the Loss of

Auntie May

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 SERVICES TODAY

Preaching: Kenna Hight
Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp
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Summer Worship Ends Today

Next Sunday, September 21st, we return to 9am & 11am services.

KICK OFF SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Back to Two Services:

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.

Our Redeemer's Choir: Share the Joy of Music Rehearsals Begin This Wednesday

Our Redeemer's Church Choir is an opportunity for you to not only sing, but to be part of a supportive, encouraging, and fun community that shares the joy of music with each other and our congregation.

Our Redeemer's Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, beginning this Wednesday, September 17. They sing at the 11:00 am service – meeting at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings – beginning on September 21, our Fall Kickoff Sunday.

Saint Augustine said, "To sing is to pray twice." And Ella Fitzgerald summed it up: "The only thing better than singing is more singing." Please join us! Contact Karen Lee (<u>karen@ourredeemers.net</u>) if you have questions or are interested in being a part of Our Redeemer's choir!



community

Today: CHURCH POTLUCK BBQ

After service today, we'll **celebrate the** season with food, fellowship, and fun in the church's front yard—a gathering to send off summer and energize us for the year ahead!



September 21 FALL KICKOFF!

Next Sunday we return to two service times (9 & 11 am) and launch our Fall Faith Formation programming.

Youth Group Meetup Tomorrow!

September 15, 5 PM | Next Level Burger, Ballard, 1401 NW 46th

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to our next monthly meetup on Monday, September 15th. Join us for an evening of connection, conversation, and fun at Next Level Burger in Ballard. Come for the community and great burgers! Bring a friend and get ready to have a great time! Contact Pastor Thomas with any questions.

Witness in the World: Life & Friendship in the Holy Land Sunday, September 21, 1 PM | Our Redeemer's

Judy and Dana Wright invite you to journey with them to the Holy Land on September 21 at 1:00 pm. Through a slide presentation and personal commentary, you'll visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Hebron, and meet the Palestinian families who welcomed them into their homes. You'll also be introduced to fellow Christians Zoughbi Zoughbi, Usama Nicola, and Daoud Nassar who shared their experiences of life under very difficult circumstances. In the spirit of the warm hospitality they experienced in the West Bank, Middle Eastern food from Ballard's own Salt and Sugar Coffee House will be served.

Gardening in Good Company

Monday, September 29, 9 AM - Noon

This month's projects include pruning viburnum, transplanting Black-Eyed Susans, and giving our garden beds some extra love. Whether you can come for an hour or stay the whole time, your hands make a difference! Bring along your favorite tools, a water bottle, and enjoy the company of fellow gardeners. Questions? Contact: Connie Sandstrom. conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Help Out at Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, September 21, 3 PM - 6 PM | Ballard First Lutheran

The next dinner is coming up on September 21st, and we'd love to have you join us to help feed those in need! No experience needed—we'll show you the ropes and make sure you feel confident and welcomed.

To help out for an hour or two, sign up here: https://rb.gy/ea817. Thank you for helping us spread warmth to our community!

Recycling Event in October

Save the Recycle Date: Saturday, October 18th

Our Redeemer's is hosting a special fall Community Recycling Event on Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church parking lot. Living Green Technology is once again partnering with us to make this possible. We'll accept most electronics along with clean Styrofoam.

This is more than just a chance to recycle unwanted electronics and Styrofoam—it's a reflection of who we are as a community.

We need a lot of volunteers to help things run smoothly, so stay tuned for sign-up details. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Connie at conniesandstrom05@gmail.com or Aaron at aduke987@gmail.com om. Come join us in this ministry of earth care—every small act makes a big difference!

Auction 2026 – Looking for a Co-Chair and Volunteers Save the Date: March 7, 2026

Step into the heart of our community and help shape one of the year's most anticipated celebrations! If you enjoy bringing people together, organizing lively festivities, and turning creative ideas into reality, the Auction is the perfect opportunity. This event is more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to make connections, spark joy, and leave a lasting mark through food, décor, laughter, and shared purpose.

We're looking for a Co-Chair and volunteers to join the team.Planning begins mid-September, so if you're ready to help, contact Diana Myers at auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com or dm3myers@gmail.com. You can also reach out to the office to get involved. Don't miss out on the fun!





TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY



A new season of ORCA (Our Redeemer's Children's Activities) begins next Sunday, September 21st! During the service, K–5 ORCA Kids will gather for fun, learning, and community care, while our "6th Grade Pod" kids dive deeper into faith, life, and connection. This year's program is full of engaging activities that spark conversation both in and beyond church.



Next Embodied Church - September 21

Gesture and Posture: People at Work/Worship

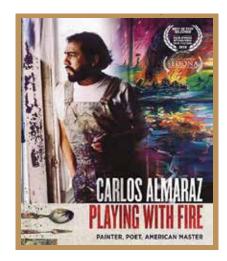
Every Third Sunday in the month Faith Formation engages practices that expand our sense of worship and spiritual well being—under the catchall name "Embodied Church". Next Sunday, September 21, we kick off this intergenerational part of our programming with an Embodied Church led by Pastor Thomas! Try on, adapt, and discover your own meaningful postures and gestures that embody our worship and liturgy, beyond the words we speak in service! Come ready, to bend, move, express and articulate liturgy ("work of the people").



Our Next Faith Formation Saturday Movie

Next Saturday, September 20, 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Our Redeemer's offers movies monthly on a Saturday afternoon that offer entertainment, connection, and meaningful conversation. Popcorn and snacks provided! **For Latino Heritage Month**, we invite you to join us this Saturday for a viewing of and discussion of the documentary **Playing With Fire** in honor of Chicano activist and artist Carlos Almaraz. The intensity and confidence of Almaraz's vision tap into fundamentally human experiences and emotions. Join in!



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, September 14, Sunday
POTLUCK BBO | PICTURE DAY

⊕10 AM - Summer Worship

11:30 AM - Annual Church Potluck BBQ | Our Redeemer's Front Yard

September 15, Monday

5 PM - Monthly Youth Group Meetup | Next Level Burger, Ballard

September 17, Wednesday 7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary

September 20, Saturday
4:30 PM - "Faith in Action on Screen" Film:
Carlos Almaraz: Playing With Fire |
Fellowship Hall

September 21, Sunday
KICKOFF SUNDAY

⊕9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Faith Formation Kick-Off: ORCA Kids, 6th Grade Pod, Embodied Church

₱11 AM - Traditional Worship

1 PM - Wright's Trip to Palestine Presentation | Fellowship Hall 3-6 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran

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>.



Say Cheese For the Church Directory!

We're updating our church directory, and you're invited to have new photos taken for you and your family's profile! Quick photo sessions happen today during the Church BBQ and again on Kick Off Sunday from 10:00–11:00 am. Prefer to use your own photo? Email it to volunteer@ourredeemers.net.



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