

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Kick Off Sunday

September 21, 2025 | 11 AM



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.)

A Note About 11 AM Worship Recordings

We livestream our 11:00 am service each week so that those at home can join in worship. If you'd prefer not to appear on camera, the back rows are out of view. Families, please know there is no expectation to send children forward for the children's message if you'd rather they not be recorded. Communion can be taken at your seat by letting an usher know.

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. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, simply let an usher know.

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.

GATHERING

Time after Pentecost Theme - Re:Turn Where God Has Led Us

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

Today: Embodied Church

CENTERING MUSIC

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember our baptism, returning to the source of our life in Christ.

By the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. (2 Peter 3:5)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

And If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:21, 18)

The Lord is not slow about his promise...but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. (2 Peter 3:9-10)

In accordance with God's promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. (2 Peter 3:13)

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:16*)

A brief silence.

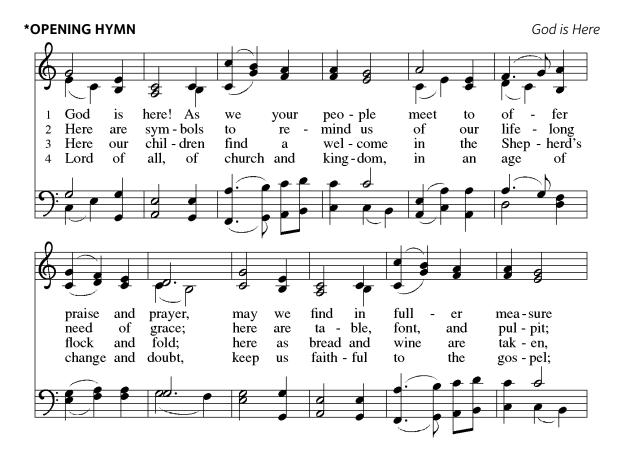
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In Christ was the world being reconciled to God, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

The first [Adam] was from the earth, made of dust; the second [Adam] is from heaven... Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

And all of us...seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)





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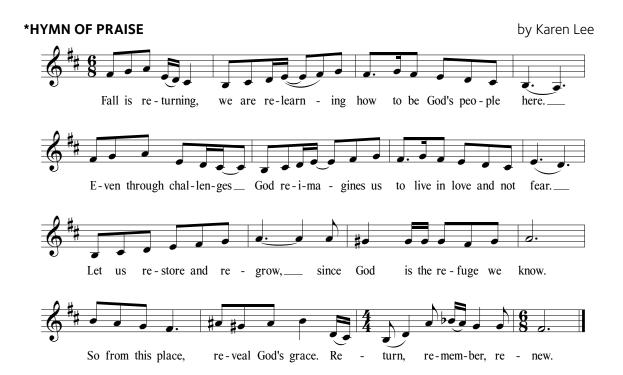
*APOSTOLIC GREETING

Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. (Lamentations 3:40-41)

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

And also with you.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God, our righteousness, turn us from ways that lead us from your love for all you have made. Strengthen our faith, that we may not be tempted to turn away from our neighbors, and place our trust in privilege or power. Remind us of the gift of community.

Equip us to steward the gifts we receive for the common good. Draw us again to you, and restore our trust in the treasures of your Spirit. Turn us to see your works, that our poverty is transformed by your abundance. Grow our life together and hope the world to come, by the promise of what could be through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

When one turns to the Lord, the veil [over the mind] is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God:

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

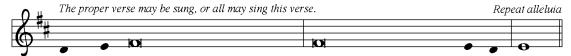
—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 16:1-13

[Jesus' parents] returned to Jerusalem to search for him...and they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:45-46)

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁿ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ® And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

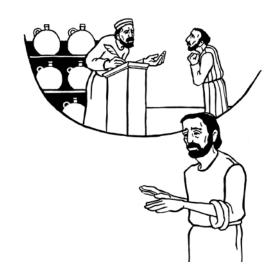
¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp





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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts, these I will bring [back] to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:8, 7)

Silence for contemplation.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. We pray especially for those named in our prayer list. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For the relational ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Raise leaders among us and give new life to our ministries of hospitality, welcome, and accompaniment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom and what else do we pray?

Gracious God, we give thanks for the lives that have joined us in praising your name with us in life as in death. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We turn over these prayers to you, O Lord, trusting in your power to intercede for us (*Hebrews 7:25*) and hoping in your power to save all who call on your name. **Amen.** (*John 14:13–14*)

MEAL

*PEACE

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives." (John 14:27)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Let us return to God the first fruits of the Spirit, which God has grown in us.

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OFFERING MUSIC

Sea of Mercy by Tom Fettke

*OFFERING RESPONSE



*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful and compassionate God, by your word, you create all that is good; with all our prayers and thanksgivings, may we return to you the first fruits of our life and labors, and gratefully receive what you have prepared for us in this meal, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (adapted from 1 Timothy 4:4)

*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 our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to free the world from its bondage to sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the breaking of this bread, reveal for us the face of our risen Lord, Jesus, (Luke 24:30) the first fruits of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20) raised in offering for our life together. (Hebrews 9:14)

Turn us toward Christ and one another by the power of your Spirit, that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, to joyfully bear the fruits of your love until he returns to harvest what has been sown, prepared, grown, and gathered, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (adapted from John 16)

*LORD'S PRAYER

We pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has taught us.

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

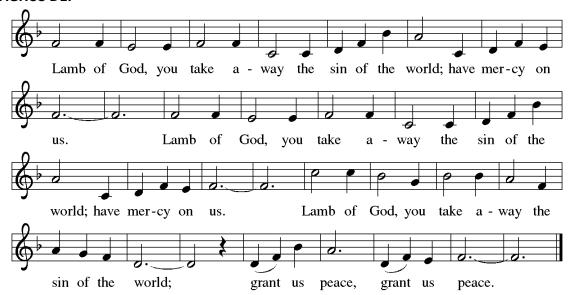
Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we return here, knowing we will not be turned away. So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow, all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



AGNUS DEI





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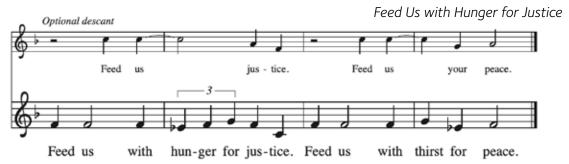
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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Jesus said, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:3)

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

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us us pray.

Gracious and loving God, by words of faith and these gifts of bread and wine, nourish us so that we may grow as servants and followers of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (adapted from 1 Timothy 4:5)

SENDING

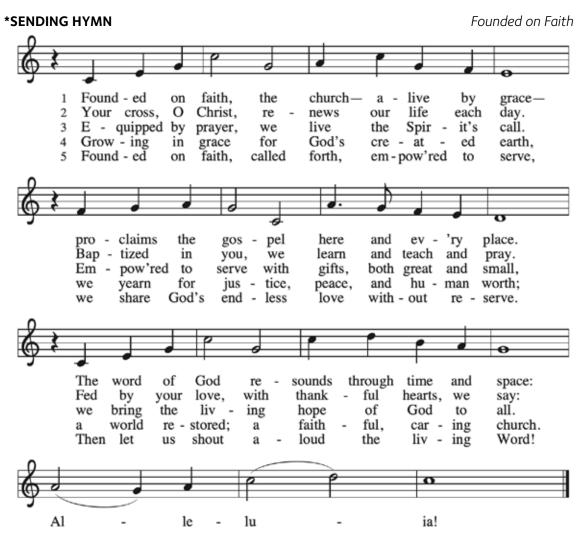
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*BENEDICTION

The Holy Spirit, who turns us into community, God, who turns us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and Jesus Christ, who has returned us to God by grace bless ♣ and keep you now and forever.

Amen.



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*DISMISSAL

"Go, return on your way." (1 Kings 19:15)

Thanks be to God!

We Pray for...

Robert Anderson & family, Faye Buckalew, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Pat D'Amico, Pete 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, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Karen Lee, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Nicole McCormick & family, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Moen & family, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Michelle Rundle, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, 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/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp Lector: Tamara Anderson Communion Table Setup: Marie Nordquist Communion Servers: Linda Carbone, John McDermott

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worship

9 AM Informal Sunday Worship | In-person

Our 9:00 am service is casual and welcoming — a great choice if you're looking for a comfortable space to explore faith and community. The service blends a variety of musical styles, from contemporary songs to familiar favorites, and focuses on connecting God's presence to our daily lives. Worship is interactive and approachable, with opportunities to participate at your own pace. Children are always part of our community — they're welcome in worship, and we also offer a loving, staffed nursery for little ones who may need extra care and playtime.

11 AM Traditional Sunday Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service celebrates the depth and beauty of Lutheran tradition. This worship follows a familiar pattern used by Christian communities for centuries, with prayers, responses, and gestures that draw us into a meaningful rhythm of worship. Music is central, with rich hymn-singing and the joy of organ, choir, and special music. The service centers on God's grace — the reminder that love and belonging are gifts freely given to all. Whether you join in the sanctuary or online, this worship invites you to pause, be grounded in faith, and connect with a community that spans generations.





faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

ORCA Faith Formation Kicks Off

A new season of ORCA (Our Redeemer's Children's Activities) begins today, Sunday, September 21st! At 10:00 am our 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.

Embodied Church Today

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". Today, 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").



community

Witness in the World: Life & Friendship in the Holy Land TODAY, 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. Cash donations appreciated.

Gardening in Good Company Monday, September 29, 9 AM - Noon

conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.

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,

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!



faith in action

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Help Out at Ballard Sunday Dinner

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

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. Sign up for any of the third Sundays of the month coming up.

Help out for an hour or two by signing up here: https://rb.gy/ea817. Thank you for helping us spread warmth to our community!

Recycling in October

Save the 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 or Come join us in this ministry of earth care—every small act makes a big difference!



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 from 10:00–11:00 am. Prefer that we use your own photo? Email it to volunteer@ourredeemers.net.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, 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

September 24, Wednesday
7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal |
Sanctuary

September 27, Saturday
2 PM - Emmaus Visitor Safe Haven
Training

September 28, Sunday

•9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - ORCA Kids, 6th Grade Pod |

Downstairs

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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