



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Kick Off Sunday

September 21, 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.

If you would like communion in your seat, please 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.



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

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

Today: Embodied Church

*OPENING SONG

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*GREETING

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*)

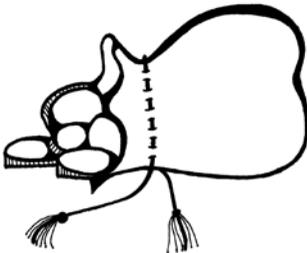
And also with you.

*PRAYER

We turn to God in prayer.

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.



PROCLAIM

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

Thank God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.
he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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.' ⁷ 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.' ⁸ 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)

***SONG OF THE DAY**

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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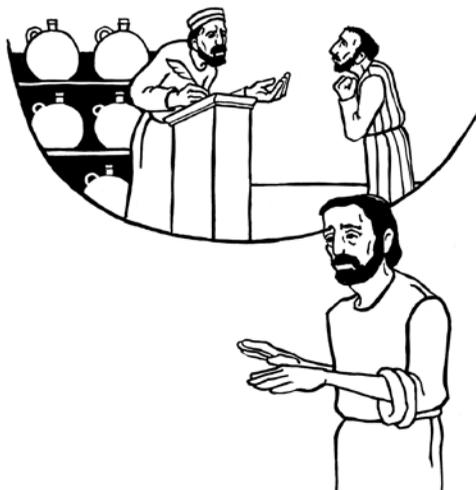
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

The Prayers of the People are closed:
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*)



COMMUNE

*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."

In this time of offering, we return to God the first fruits of the Spirit, which God has grown in us.

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OFFERING MUSIC

I Will Follow Him - from *Sister Act*

*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful and compassionate God,
by your word, you create all that is good;
**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)

***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.

We give you thanks, O God,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent 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 every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.**

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.

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 live in Christ, our true vine,
to joyfully share the fruits of your love
until he returns to harvest what has been
planted, prepared, grown, and gathered,
to glorify 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.
God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
(3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ



sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of



take a - way the sin of the world.
I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ☩

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

☩ *Coda*

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

COMMUNION SONG

The Lord's Prayer

Song #1

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)

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

continued

Song #2

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.

***TABLE 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 us in everlasting grace
and in eternal life.

Amen.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directory Photos Today

***BLESSING**

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.

***SENDING SONG**

Praise To You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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***DISMISSAL**

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

Thank 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 Haag, 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 guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Auntie May

*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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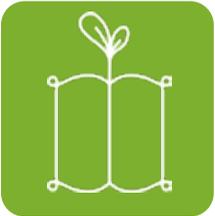
worship

9 AM Informal 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

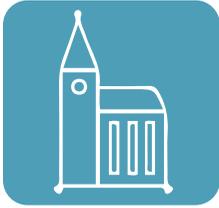
A new season of ORCA (Our Redeemer's Children's Activities) begins today, Sunday, September 21st! At 10:00 am our K–5 ORCA Kids will gather for fun, learning, and community care, while our "6th Grade Pod" kids dive deeper into faith, life, and connection. This year's program is full of engaging activities 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

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](mailto:ConnieSandstrom05@gmail.com).

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. **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 administrator@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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