



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 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.

We Welcome You as We "RETURN" to Fall Worship

Pastor Gretchen and Karen Lee came up with our theme focused on Fall being a time to "return." Traditionally, this has meant a return to routines – school, work, church programming, etc. And while those returns are still true, we as a society are managing life during a two-and-a-half-year pandemic. This means we're also navigating a return to Community. And Our Redeemer's is a beautiful community worth returning to.

There are so many "re" words that express how God's spirit moves among us. Karen Lee wrote a theme song for the Fall, inviting all of us to "Return:"

*"Fall is returning; we are re-learning how to be God's people here
Even through challenges God re-imagines us to live in love and not fear.
Let us restore and regrow since God is the refuge we know.
So from this place, reveal God's grace.
Return, remember, renew."*

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. We offer pre-packaged gluten-free/juice communion elements for those who prefer them. Our shared communion bread is gluten free, and we provide individual cups and grape juice for the health of everyone gathered. 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 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.

GATHER

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*GATHERING SONG

There are a million truths for every lie
So speak it out loud and let it lift high
There are a million reasons to cover your eyes
But the light is shining through the darkness we
hide
But the light is shining through the darkness we
hide

So come let it
Come let it
Come let it
Come let it shine

Come let it
Come let it
Come let it
Come let it shine

There's only one way to wash yourself clean
So let the dirt fall and get on your knees
There are a million scars for every mistake
Oh, but we are not chained to the secrets that
we've made
Oh, but we are not chained to the secrets that
we've made

So come let it
Come let it
Come let it
Come let it shine

Let It Shine - All Sons And Daughters

Come let it
Come let it
Come let it
Come let it shine

This is the battle of our time, of our time
now
We can't afford not to cry, not to cry out
Shake the earth from the ground, from the
ground
Rescue souls from the darkness around
(repeat)

So come let it
So come let it
Come let it
Come let it shine

So come let it
Come let it
So come let it
So come let it shine

This is the battle of our time, of our time
now
We can't afford not to cry, not to cry out
Shake the earth from the ground, from the
ground
Rescue souls from the darkness around

**Please stand, as you are able.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O God, rich in mercy,
you look with compassion on this troubled world.
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure
that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

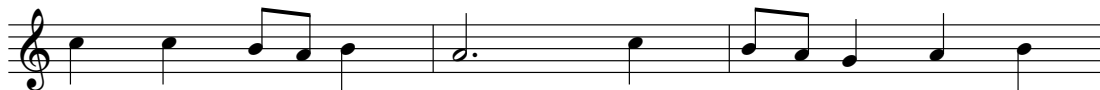
The Call Is Clear And Simple



1. The call is clear and simple: "Love God and hu - man -
 2. God, help us sort our mo - tives, That lov - ing may be
 3. God, teach us strength and wis - dom When false love takes the
 4. O wise and ho - ly Lov - er, Teach us as sea - sons



kind," But love de - mands much wis - dom And
 whole. High aims or base am - bi - tion? Com -
 lead. Too well we learn sub - mis - sion And
 turn To know our - selves and oth - ers— Deep,



clar - i - ty of mind. "Be wi - ly as a
 pas - sion or con - trol? Then help us clear our
 si - lence our own need. When oth - ers would mis -
 hon - est love to learn. So may we nur - ture



ser - pent, Though gen - tle as a dove," For
 sched - ules Of ev - 'ry fran - tic task That
 use us Or lure us t'ward the wrong, God,
 liv - ing In all we say and do, In



man - y are the dan - gers Up - on the path of love.
 leads a - way from do - ing The one thing that you ask.
 tem - per love with cour - age To keep our bound - ries strong.
 strong and gen - tle giv - ing To hu - man - kind and you.

One License

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, especially Pastor Gretchen and the informal ensemble, and Karen Lee and the choirs of our church. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

May 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

OFFERING

Heaven Help Us All - Stevie Wonder

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

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.**

*INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD

Rundman

Lamb of God you take a - way_ the sin of the world,
Have mer - cy, mer - cy on_ us Lamb of
God you take a - way_ the sin of the world,
Oh grant us peace, Lamb of_ God

COMMUNION SONG

Reason to Sing - The Restoration Project

There is still reason to sing
There is still hope left to find
In the cracks of war and famine
He can still multiply the bread

There is still reason to sing
There is still hope left to find
He loves the prostitutes, he loves the orphans,
He loves the children in homes or without

The Kingdom is and will be, redemption for your sorrow
The Kingdom is and will be, healing for all your hurt
The Kingdom is and will be, peace for your family
There is reason to sing, there is reason to sing

There is still reason to sing
There is still hope left to find
He is stronger than AIDS and bigger than war
He loves the poor, remember he loves the poor

The Kingdom is and will be, redemption for your sorrow
The Kingdom is and will be, healing for all your hurt
The Kingdom is a will be, peace for your family
There is reason to sing, there is reason to sing

***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

Amen.

COMMUNION RESPONSE SONG

Canticle for Departure (Rundman)



Now Lord you... let your ser vant go in peace, your word has been ful -
filled, My eyes have seen the sal- va... tion, you have pre. pared in the sight of ev'ry one. A
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra -
el. Now Lord you... let your ser vant go in peace, your word has been ful - filled.

SENDING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

Blessed Are the Ones - Audrey Assad

We're tossing pennies in the well, empty pockets all turned out.
Happy shining blessed are the ones who hunger.
When our poverty is plain, I'll try to burn it in my brain.
Trace a line around your face to paint a picture.

So further up and further in we have nowhere else to go.
As we plant the seeds of toil and tears, it's beauty we will sow.
Blessed are the ones, Oh blessed are the ones.
Blessed are the hungry ones.

Let's build a house with turned out doors, so we can share what love affords.
Pour ourselves out like a wine that we've been saving.
So, when our well is running dry, and when we raise our glasses high
happy, shining are the faces of the thirsty.

So further up and further in we have nowhere else to go.
But you give us seeds of toil and tears, it's beauty we will sow.
and blessed are the ones, Oh, blessed are the ones.
Blessed are the thirsty ones.

Yeah, yeah, yeah
Love is all, love is all,
love is all, yeah, love is all,
love is all we need.

So further up and further in we have no place else to go.
And when all we have is what we need, its joy that we will sow.
Blessed are the ones, Oh, blessed are the ones,
Blessed are the hungry ones.

CCLI Song # 5957710

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

We Pray for...

Harold Alley, Jeremy Blyth, John Ellingboe, Wendy Haber, MJ McDermott, Ann McIntyre, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Olsen, Frank Peters, Charlotte Wallstrom, Eileen Weller, immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests; all teenagers and those experiencing mental health issues; those with dementia.

Grieving the Loss of...

Aaron Cromwell, Doris Reichert, Betty Todd

To include someone in the prayers, email the church -or- fill out the 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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Greeter: Pamela Altman
Musicians: Gretchen Mertes, Sam Purvine

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online



community

Blessing of the Pets and Celebration of St. Francis |
Sunday, October 2, 12:15 PM | The Church Front Patio

Thanks be to God for our furry and feathered companions on this earth! In the tradition of honoring St. Francis, who was a lover of all creatures great and small, we bless our pets on October 2nd. Join us after the 11 AM service for a blessing of your pet! All dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, lizards, snakes, fish, and critters are welcome to participate. Bring in a photo if your pet can't be here in person. There will be medals for all pets, and treats for the cats and dogs in your life!



Your Talent and Time is Needed!

There are many great volunteer opportunities at Our Redeemer's! They can be found by using this [LINK](#) or scanning the QR Code at right. When there, use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate. Contact volunteer@ourredeemer.net with any questions. Thank you for all you do!





social justice

Ballard Sunday Dinner

October 16, 2 - 6 PM | First Lutheran Church, Ballard

SIGN-UP LINK: <https://rb.gy/tuwavk>

We still have several open slots to help prepare, serve, and clean up for today's Ballard Sunday Dinner and for our October date. Please consider signing up (and bring a friend) to help us support this important community resource! Thank you.

Ways to Give



ONLINE GIVING

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Mail to 2400 NW 85th St., Seattle, 98117.

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faith formation

Fall Faith Formation Classes **REGISTER**

9 AM - Sprouts | In-Person, Downstairs

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall (no registration needed)

Psalm for Autumn - In-Person Bible Study

with Stephanie Running

1 PM, Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1 & 8 | In-Person

There will be an in-person Bible study starting October 4th. The group will read, discuss and think about a Psalm for each lesson using the LECTIO DIVINA style of Bible study. Participants will learn from each other, as the Holy Spirit leads us! Join Stephanie Running on Tuesdays starting at 1:00 pm at Our Redeemer's. There will be "Centering Prayer" time 15 minutes prior to the Psalm class (12:45 pm) if interested. This is a quiet time of preparation, relaxation, and attending.

Interested in a Zoom Bible Class on Wednesdays?

Each Wednesday, 10:30 - 12 PM | Zoom

Delve into the History and Archaeology of the Bible! It's a cool opportunity to study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with highly qualified people. Let Carolyn Swanson know if you are interested in Zooming in! Call her at 206-390-7732 or cdkswan@gmail.com.

Adult Education: What is the Spirit Stirring in Your Life?

FREE to Our Redeemer's - Online & In-Person

The LiVE Project invites you to integrate your spiritual calling in daily life with theology and faith in partnership with others in our synod. LIVE Project offerings are available FREE to Our Redeemer's! Upcoming mini-Courses include

- ENGAGING YOUNGER GENERATIONS (starting 9/26)
- SYNOD-WIDE WEEKLY DROP-IN BIBLE STUDY (starting 9/27)



Learn what else is available and register for free! <https://rb.gy/yfzcc>.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, September 25

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person Downstairs

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Library

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Monday, September 26

9 AM - Quilters

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Engaging Younger Generations | Online

Tuesday, September 27

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Synod-Wide Weekly Drop-in Bible Study | Online

Wednesday, September 28

10:30 - Bible Study | Zoom

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Intro to Womanist Interpretation | Online

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday, October 1

9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team

Sunday, October 2

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person Downstairs

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Library

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

12:15 PM - PET BLESSING

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