



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 | 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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

9 AM – Informal In-Person Worship

11 AM – Traditional In-Person Worship

ONLINE OR BY PHONE

- 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](https://zoom.us/j/822691346).

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OUR VISION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

We are on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.

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GATHER

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let It Shine - All Sons and Daughters

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

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

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

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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

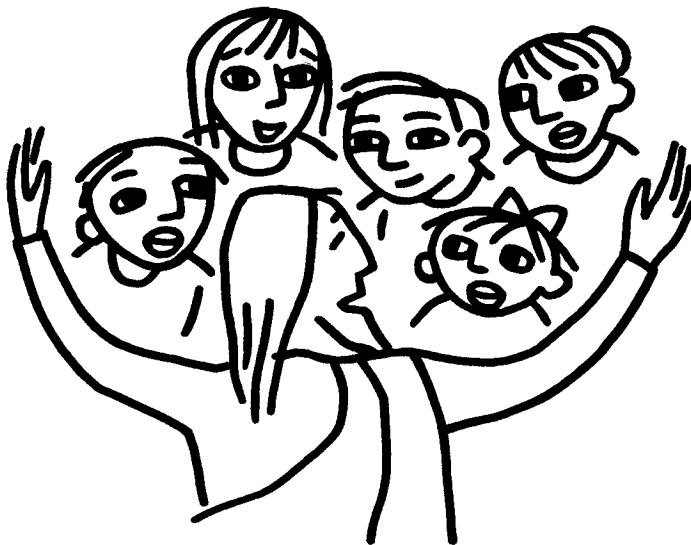
*Please stand, as you are able.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O God, our teacher and guide,
you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.
Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding
as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

FIRST READING

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Listen for the word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, who will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**KID'S MESSAGE / SERMON**

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

SONG OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father



- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today, especially Pastor Shannyn Fuerst at the unexpected death of her husband, Pastor Jeremy Fuerst. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
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OFFERING MINISTRY MOMENT

Pastor Kathy Hawks

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and all you have given us,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

continued

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

When the earth was in chaos, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you birthed them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation,
David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing.
With all your people we implore you to save us,
and we praise you for granting us life.

You came to our world in Jesus our brother.
He was born in poverty,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
Yet, full of compassion,
he granted the people your life.

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 in 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 relationship in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

continued

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit!**

With your people of all times and places,
with the earth and all it's creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
now and forever.'
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever language 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 has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come! These gifts of grace are for you, for the life of the world.

ALL Are Welcome

to participate in communion, including children (as parents permit).

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LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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*TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.



SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of abundance,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
you have united us to Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.



***SENDING SONG**

Faith Like a Child (Jars of Clay)

Dear God,
surround me as I speak,
bridges that I walk across are weak
The frustrations fill the void that I can't solely bear

Dear God,
don't let me fall apart,
you've held me close to you
but I have turned away and searched for answers I can't understand

Chorus:
They say that I can move the mountains
And send them falling to the sea
They say that I can walk on water
If I would follow and believe
with faith like a child

Sometimes,
when I feel miles away
and my eyes can't see your face
well I wonder if I've grown to lose the recklessness
I walked in light of you

Chorus
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We Pray for... .

Harold & Carol Alley, Barbara Brian, John Ellingboe, Anna Freyberg, Gibbs Family, Loretta Gibbs, Ann & George Groetsch, Mary Gross, Vicky Hobbs, John Hofto, Richard & Shirley Holt, Carol Hurlburt, Janice Jacobson, John, Aileen Kelly, Dave Larsen, Doug Lieberg, Julia Morrow, Sebolla Moulster & Family, Barbara Olsen, Linda Ravenhorst, Jennifer Seyler, Deborah Sjoquist, the family of Erik Smith (son-in-law of Harold & Carol Alley), Doug Starup, Kennedy Stearns, Paul Thompson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Wayne, Bob Wickmand, Jon Wright; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of...

David Larsen; Dan Dugaw; Penny Fox; Erik Smith; Pastor Rick Pribbernow, Patci Mungerson-McNamee, Pastor Jeremy Fuerst

*To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks,
please email the church.*

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor Gretchen Mertes
Presiding: Pastor Kathy Hawks
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship Sundays 9am & 11am

In-Person Worship

We are so delighted to be together – even if we can only see half of one another's faces, and need to keep safe distances! Thank you for understanding that while our renovation is finished, it isn't complete. Meaning, the sound system, lighting, organ, and seating have all been affected by shipping issues. Unfortunately, all we can do is be patient, and do our best to learn our way around what is in place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TIMES OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, AND VARIOUS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE, SEE THE INSIDE COVER OF THIS BULLETIN.

In-Person Choir Rehearsal **Wednesdays, 7PM at the Church**

We rehearse in-person on Wednesdays at 7 PM at the church! Please contact Karen Lee (karen@ourredeemers.net) if you have any questions about joining the choir or logistics for rehearsals.

Join the Informal Ensemble! **Thursdays, 7PM at the Church**

Do you sing or play an instrument? The Informal Ensemble needs you! We are looking for drummers, singers, and guitar players. Rehearsal is Thursdays at 7 PM, and we play at the 9 AM service. Contact Pastor Gretchen with questions: pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME, WHO WORKED, WHO WORSHIPED,
AND WHO CELEBRATED AND RECONNECTED LAST SUNDAY!**

It was a WONDERFUL DAY! GOD DID IT (with a little help from us)!

**Want to come back to see more? Have questions? The church is open
weekdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.**



faith formation cont.

Fall Bible Study

Wednesdays starting September 22, 10:30 AM | Zoom

This fall the group will be studying heroic figures in the Bible like Moses, Jeremiah, Jacob, and others not so well defined using movies, YouTube, videos and, of course, the written Word. The fall session begins this Wednesday, September 22. The time is 10:30 AM until noon on Zoom. Interested in joining in? Contact Carolyn Swanson, cdkswan@gmail.com or 206-390-7732.

Faith Formation Fall Offerings for Kids

Starting Sunday, September 26th

O-Rock! = Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids...is what we're calling this new offering. O-Rock classes will be presented in the following age groups starting Sunday, September 26th:

9 AM 3 years old - Kindergarten (in person and Zoom)

10 AM Grades 1-5 - Elementary (in person and Zoom)

10 AM Grades 6-7 - Middle School "Hang Out" (in person)

10 AM Grades 9-10 - Confirmation Class (in person)

(Masks will be required for all kids, teachers, and teacher assistants.)





community

Congregational Meeting and Conversation

Next Sunday, September 26, 10 AM

Gather for conversation at a congregational meeting next Sunday, September 26th. We'll focus on many topics, including:

- Updates on finances and our renovation completion
- Council updates on "Open Questions" for congregational engagement in 2021-2022 and what's in process
- Your questions & input!

Madonna's Book Group

Today, September 19, 4 PM

Madonna's Book Group continues to meet monthly again, hopefully in person, if not, definitely online. We hope you can join us today at 4 PM. The book we are reading is *The Royal Nanny*, by Karen Harper. Contact Lynne McNeill (buckomcneill@yahoo.com) if you want to join in!

Provide Dinners for the Wallstrom's

Now and then, being community allows us the gift of supporting one another. Charlotte Walstrom has been very ill. A sign-up for folks to bring dinner to the Wallstrom family through the month of September has been created. You can deliver the food to their home, order it on Grubhub, or order from your favorite restaurant. They like most everything, but if you want to ask Paul for suggestions, email him (wallstrom@paulwallstrom.com). This sign-up also shows their address: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E49A5AD2FA3F58-meals>. Thank you!

Celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 3, 12:15 PM | On the Church's Front Lawn

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 3rd. 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.



social justice

Ballard Sunday Dinner

A big thank-you to our Ballard Sunday Dinner team for today: Sue Schoolcraft, Aidyn Wagner, Dinah Coble, Marco Cerrato, Pamela Altman, Ross Coble, Stephanie Running and Tom Bernard! And to Jerri Harden for donating the burgers for us to cook! Interested in helping out at future dinners? Contact Elizabeth, our social justice coordinator (outreach@ourredeemers.net).

Book Read - Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents Sunday, October 10, 2 PM Discussion | Zoom

Racial Justice Advocates invites you to read or listen to the "brilliant" book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. This book examines "caste" systems in India, Nazi Germany, and the United States, and how they hurt the lives of everyone involved. Then join us for discussion, however far you have gotten on October 10 @ 2 PM. (Tip: The Secret Garden bookstore has copies discounted if you mention you are with Our Redeemer's.) RSVP soon at <https://forms.gle/VyqUxt8xLJ1Yw5eGA> or by emailing Marie at liebergm@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Coming in October

Opening Doors is a month for us to lean into the joy of generosity for the sake of God's mission of grace, justice and hope. Each week of October will have a special focus:

Week 1: "Making a Way for the Spirit's Dance"

Week 2: "Making a Way for Justice to Grow"

Week 3: "Making a Way for Future Generations"

Week 4: "Making a Way for Whole-Hearted Generosity"

Details about when different groups will meet and when will be published in the next week. Stay tuned, and please join in!



Opening Doors

A Campaign for the Mission & Future of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

II Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'"



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, September 19

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Backpack Blessing & Bible Exchange | Outside

10 AM - School Kit Packing | Our Redeemer's Narthex

10:15 AM - Faith Formation Orientation for Parents | TBA

11 AM - Traditional Worship

2:30 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran

4 PM - Madonna's Book Group

Tuesday, September 21

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 22

10:30 - Bible Study | Zoom

1 PM - Staff Meeting

7 PM - Adult and Youth Choir | Our Redeemer's

Thursday, September 23

3 PM - Community Engagement Task Force

7 PM - Informal Ensemble Rehearsal | Our Redeemer's

Sunday, September 26

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Congregational Meeting | Our Redeemer's

10 AM - O-Rock: Middle School Hang,

Confirmation, and Sprouts | Zoom

11 AM - Traditional Worship

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