

# The Christian Connection

## Why Lutheran?

### The word of God

Since the nailing of the 95 Theses upon the chapel door in Wittenberg, Germany, just over 500 years ago, the place of the Word of God in what we believe has been second to none. Lutheran theology is distinctively Christ centered and because of this, the Word of God is also centric. John 1 indicates to us that the Word of God is Christ incarnate.

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God as well. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit writes, *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”* (2Timothy 3:16, ESV) Since this is true and God is all knowing and perfect in all of his ways, God’s Word is also true. *“This God-his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.”* (Psalm 18:30, ESV) Therefore, we believe in the divine inspiration and the inerrancy of Holy Scripture. This does not necessarily apply to modern translations, but it does apply to what we call the “Autographs,” the original manuscript which would have been signed by the author. There are many faithful translations of scripture in the English language which we can rightly consider the Word of God.

This is not enough to be distinctively Lutheran. We stand arm in arm with many other Christian traditions upon this tenant. Where we differ with some is in what we call the efficacy of scripture.

Efficacy is simply a way to say that God’s Word performs what it says. God’s Word works. Isaiah explains it well, *“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”* (Isaiah 55:10-11, ESV)

We see the efficacy of God’s Word in action throughout the Bible. Genesis 1 is a beautiful example. *“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.”* (Genesis 1:3, ESV) Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is another great example. *“When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.””* (John 11:43-44, ESV) When God speaks, things happen. These are only two examples, but you could go into every book of the Bible and you can see this principle at work. God’s Word is held high, not because we worship the Bible, but because we hold up the Christ of the Bible. The Bible reveals Jesus as the Christ, as God’s own son, fully man and fully God, as the savior of the world. God has called us to faith in Him through his Word. God’s Word is powerful. He uses it to save sinners like you, sinners like me.

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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

### Pastor Schultz



## Church Chat!

- Sue Rosebrook's granddaughter Joely Slonecker will be starting her first year at Central U in Ellensburg.
- Sue Rosebrook's granddaughter Stephanie survived Hurricane Lane in Honolulu.
- Pastor Schultz's installation will be on September 23rd. Pastor Lyndon Korhonen from AFLC will officiate.

If you have a submission for church chat, please send it to [orlckirkland@hotmail.com](mailto:orlckirkland@hotmail.com)

### Sunday morning schedule starting on 9/9

- 9 am-Prayer at the front of the sanctuary
- 9:30-Worship
- 10:45-Fellowship
- 11:00-Children's Sunday School and Music
- 11:15-Adult Bible Study
- 12:00-Choir Practice

## Sermon Text

September 2018  
9:30 AM each Sunday

### September 2

Luke 17:11-19

### September 9

Galatians 5:25-6:10

### September 16

Luke 7:11-17

### September 23

AFLC President Lyndon Korhonen will preach on 2 Kings 2:1-18

### September 30

Matthew 22:34-46

## Bible Study

### Wednesday Night 6:30 pm

Wil Olson will be leading us in a Bible Study through selected texts on Wednesday night. Each week, we will study the texts that Pastor Schultz did not preach on from the previous Sunday. Wednesday night Bible Study is a great time of studying God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. It is easy to join in at any time. We look forward to you joining us!

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study 11:15 am

Pastor Schultz will be leading a study through the Book of Isaiah. This expansive book covers hundreds of years of history and is one of the most glorious and majestic books of the Old Testament. Come and learn how God reveals his sovereignty over the nations and for our salvation as we study Isaiah.

### Children's Sunday School 11:00 am

Children's Sunday School is a time of music, Bible teaching, and fun as the kids play games and craft together. Our teachers relate Bible stories to kids lives and point them to Jesus as their rescuer and savior.

### Women's Bible Study, Thursdays 10:15 am

The Women's Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 10:15-12:00 beginning September 13th in the Library. The content of the study will be Jennifer Rothschild's study of "Psalm 23-The Shepherd with Me."

## Volunteer Schedule

Please mark your calendars and if there are any conflicts with your schedule, please find someone to fill your spot and let Kristine Dootson know of the substitution. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, substitute volunteers are Betty Halvorson @425-821-6477 and Kristine Dootson @425-753-2020.

Date	Nursery	Sunday School	Lay Reader	Flowers	Coffee
9/2	Nancy Ostlund	No SS	Pam Jussel	Open	WMF Celebration Sunday
9/9	Pam Jussel		Duane Leach	Open	Open
9/16	Sue Rosebrook		Patti Prue	Open	Staff Blessing
9/23	Darlene Olson		Kristine Dootson	Open	Pastor installation Pot Luck
9/30	Cheri Sorenson		Joe Bottem	Open	Open

### *September Birthdays*

Jeff Barnhart	Sept 6
Leif Holm	Sept 11
Sue Rosebrook	Sept 11
Paul Stedman	Sept 11
Sami Stedman	Sept 11
Beverly Kowalewski	Sept 12
Alice Bottem	Sept 12
Zachary Riddle	Sept 13
Lucy Quinn Hatch	Sept 14
Nathan Schultz	Sept 15
Jason Watson	Sept 16
Joe Just	Sept 16
Mike Lewis	Sept 19
Nancy Gould	Sept 22
Danielle Dootson	Sept 23
Cathie Robbins	Sept 23
Jennifer Wold	Sept 26
Eric Luck	Sept 28

### **Anniversaries**

Bob and Phyllis Swaffield  
Sept. 5, 1955

Ken and Barbara Moland  
Sept. 6, 1969

Bill and Julie Marovich  
Sept. 18, 1982

Blake and Nancy Walden  
Sept. 27, 1986

## School News

- The ORCS staff blessing will be held Sunday, September 16th during worship.
- First day of preschool is September 10th. We can't wait to have the building filled with children again!

Our Redeemer Christian School is a non-discriminatory, non-denominational educational institution. Our Redeemer Christian School serves as an extension of the Christian ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and an outreach program to our neighborhood community.

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