

## Welcome to Worship at Christ Lutheran!

We are grateful to have you in our midst as we praise God who has promised to share life with us. Please fill out a yellow **Welcome to Worship** slip (found in the pew racks) and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

We gratefully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi Nation of the Coast Salish language group who have stewarded this land since time immemorial, and we commit to the ongoing care of our shared land and relationships with its indigenous peoples.

Children are welcome in worship, and busy bags are available in the back of the church for small children. Worship buddies (stuffed animals) are available next to the busy bags for children who would like a buddy to worship with. Please remember to return them after service, so they are here each week. You are welcome to bring your child to the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service, where you can listen to the service through a speaker.

Hearing assist units and large print bulletins are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance with these or any part of the worship service. Congregational responses during worship are marked in **bold**. Recordings of weekly service are available online at https://clcferndale.org/worship/sermons and written versions of the sermons are available to download at https://clcferndale.org/read-sermons.

\*As you are able, please stand either in body or in spirit during those portions of the service marked with the \*.

Masks are optional but encouraged. In the back three pews of the right (north) section of the sanctuary, masking and distancing are required.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16 — PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pastor Brian Stoffregen

Altar Guild: Betty Behee

Communion Assistant: Linda Luke Youth Assistant: Natalie Springer

Greeter: Steve Balentine

**Livestream Technician:** Mary Springer

Reader: Steve & Maria Balentine

**Soundboard Technician:** Sam McGrady

**Ushers:** Calvin & Jennifer Petersen

Cantor: Erin Beebe Flute: Nancy Tupper Piano: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Vocals: Matt Springer, Jenise Clausen, Anna

Malpica, Erin Beebe

# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 11, B Sunday — June 16, 2024 —10:00am

#### INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

"Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed"
"Lord.Let Mv Heart Be Good Soil"

CLC TEAM CLC TEAM

\*Please rise as you are able, either in body or in spirit.

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. BRIAN STOFFREGEN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** 

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

(Confession and forgiveness, continued)

We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

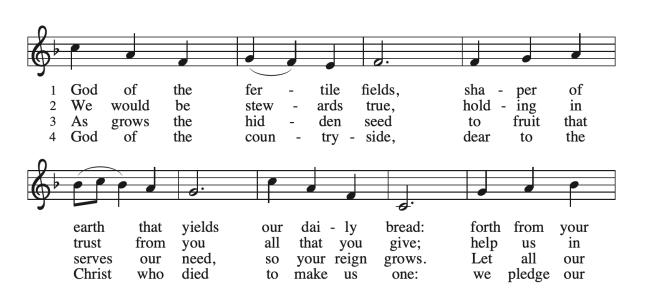
Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

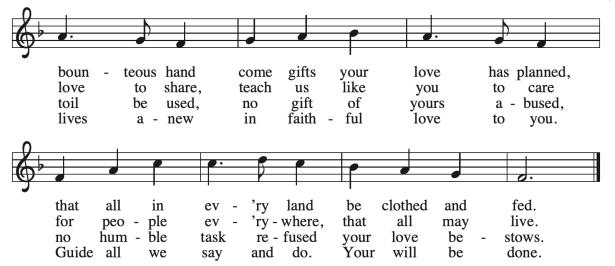
Amen.

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Georgia Harkness





## \*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Brian

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.





Let us pray.

O God,

you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,

that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

#### THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.
<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 130**

'It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High; 
'to herald your love in the morning and your faithful-ness at night;

<sup>3</sup> on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

'For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a ce-dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

14they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

15 that they may show how up-right the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

## THE SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10, 14-17

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil. ... <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



## \*THE GOSPEL: \*MARK 4:26-34

PR. BRIAN

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

What a Mustard Seed?

PR. BRIAN

THE MESSAGE:

More than Sleeping and Waking

Pr. Brian

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

\*Please rise as you are able, either in body or in spirit, to proclaim the word of God in song.

#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again:

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father.

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. We also lift to

you our Lummi neighbors who have been here since time immemorial, and pray for our shared land and relationships. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises (especially). Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude, we remember (the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all) the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Brian

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may use these or similar words: "Peace be with you." You may use the sign of a handshake, a hug, American Sign Language, or a bow with palms together. Please allow those who prefer less contact to choose the level of touch.

You may be seated.

MEAL

#### GIFT OF MUSIC

# "An Irish Blessing" BY MARY LYNN LIGHTFOOT

CLC CHOIR

#### THE OFFERING IS COLLECTED

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us and the world in Jesus Christ. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. If you have forgotten, or do not have, offering envelopes, please use the envelopes found at the end of the hymnal rack. You may also give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the church's P.O. Box or mail a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope (the P.O. Box address is on the last page of this bulletin);
- Give through the Church Center App (the QR code will take you to a page to download the app);
- Give through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com and accessible from our website.
- Text any dollar amount to 84321. The first time you Text2Give, there is a set-up. After which, you can text your donation amount to initiate an online donation.

\*Please rise as you are able, either in body or in spirit.

## \*THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Pr. Brian

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

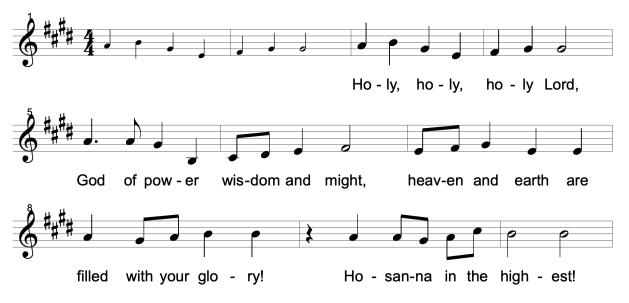
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!

#### TABLE PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars;

beneath the sea;

within each cell;

with every breath.

## We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water;

by night and day;

across the wilderness;

out of exile;

into the future.

## We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life:

near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner;

among the poor;

with us now.

## We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table.

and to the end,

we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering;

within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God.

through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Use whichever version of the Lord's Prayer is most comfortable for you. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

#### 1983 Version

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.

#### 1892 Version

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen. Amen.

You may be seated.

#### \*BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION

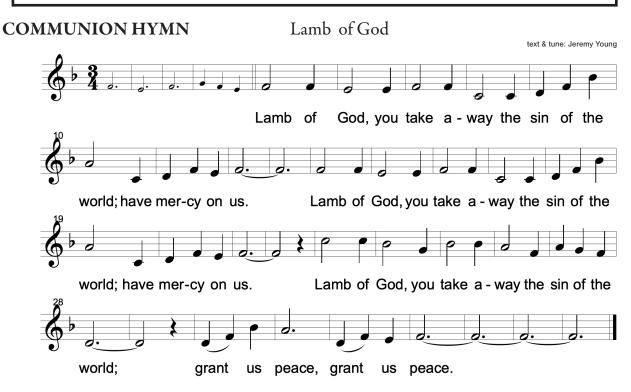
Pr. Brian

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

#### **COMMUNION**

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus, who is present in the bread and wine, are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or guardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand around the table to receive the bread and wine (dark colored liquid) or grape juice (light colored liquid). If you have any allergies or sensitivities to gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, soy, nut, or corn, please ask for the wafer alternative, as they are made in a facility that is free of these allergens. If you prefer a pre-sealed cup with bread/wine or gluten-free bread/grape juice, please request one from the pastor. After all have communed around the table, stand together and hold hands to receive a blessing (please cross your hands over your chest if you would prefer not to hold hands).

If you would prefer to take communion at your seat, please come stand at the open parts of the rail to receive the pre-sealed cup to take back to your seat, or ask an usher to have it brought to you. Communion education is available for those who have not been baptized or who desire instruction; please speak with the pastor after worship.



## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Leaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

CLC TEAM

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. BRIAN

Let us pray: (A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Pr. Brian

Happy birth/bathday to you, happy anniversary to you, may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.

Presentation of Quilt: Graduate Katie Sharpe

\*BLESSING

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You"

**CLC CHOIR** 

By Peter Lutkin

\*Please rise as you are able, either in body or in spirit.

\*SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

ELW Hymn #547

\*DISMISSAL BASED ON CLC MISSION STATEMENT

Pr. Brian

\*SENDING

Pr. Brian

We live in Christ,

Christ lives in us.

Go in peace. Share Christ's love with all people.

Thanks be to God.

## \*POSTLUDE

## **Looking Ahead**

# Normal Office Hours to resume June 17 M-TH, 8:30 am -11:30 am & 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

(Office closed all day on Fridays)

<b>Sunday</b>	6/16	Father's	Day!
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09:00 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

09:00 am Father's Day Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday 6/17 09:00 am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

04:00 pm Private Meeting (Fireside Room)

Wednesday 6/19 09:00 am Weekly Announcements Deadline

09:30 am Walk and Talk (Meet in Parking Lot)
05:30 pm Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday 6/20 Parish Administrator Out of Office; returning 6/25

05:00pm Preschool Committee (Zoom)

**Sunday 6/23** 09:00 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

09:15 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

## Announcements

Please see your copy of the CLC weekly email for more information about any of these topics. See the archive of weekly emails at www.clcferndale.org/about-us/newsletter

#### WELCOME CARLOS LINN!

Linn Family Update: We made it back from Colombia!

I present to you, Carlos Linn. He is 15-years-old, and will be attending Meridian in the fall. He loves fútbol, hamburgers, Legos, Anime, and swimming. We are excited to finally be back to the States, and to start our new life together as a family. Thank you again for all your support through donations and clothing for the clothing drive (with your help I was able to collect 2000 lbs. for \$500!). Thank you to those who have volunteered to bring us a meal over the next couple weeks (https://takethemameal.com/HOCO2834). Thank you especially for your prayers and love. I am grateful, and look forward to introducing Carlos to my church family soon. - Ashley and Carlos Linn

#### **SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE**

Interested in walking with other Lutherans in the Seattle Pride Parade? Contact Erin Beebe to join; 360-393-2544/erincarampot@hotmail.com.

## WALK AND TALK Coffee and Conversation @ Hovander Park - June 19

Third Wednesday Coffee and Conversation is Wednesday, June 19. Meet directly at the park at 9:30 and locate the group at a picnic table near the big barn. Bring your own coffee or other beverage. Read ahead for discussion from the book The Gift of Years. Selections are "Transformation," p. 19, and "Forgiveness," p. 189. If you wish, you can enjoy the park's gardens and trails with a walk before or after Coffee and Conversation. Hovander Park is located at 5299 Nielsen Ave, Ferndale.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This will be its third season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Carolyn Jonson is the facilitator and she may be contacted (360-384-1126) for more information.

## MINISTRY TO THE UNHOUSED

Many people who attended the Adult Education class led by our OPOP partner, Jeremiah, have asked how you can help him with his ministry to those experiencing homelessness in our area. Here are some of the needs that he requested help with recently....

<u>Socks</u> - men's and women's - many people have blisters, sores and fungus on their feet because of lack of clean, dry socks.

<u>Propane</u> - Many people us propane to keep warm, dry clothes and cook food. He has several larger tanks that he uses to fill up the people's smaller tanks. He can use cash, gift cards or certificates to purchase refills for his tanks.

**Tents** - new or used. Any size.

Garbage removal and Dump Fees - Homeless camps are not allowed to have dumpsters on site. There is no way to get rid of the garbage. Volunteers are needed to transport the garbage to the dumps. (The residents of the camp will gather, bag and load on a truck. They're also willing to help empty the truck at the dump). The Dump Fees are about \$10 per 100 pounds. Thrivent has approved this activity for Action Team Grants.

Jeremiah's ministry to the unhoused is a very eye opening way to address the needs right in our community.

#### **NEW MEMBER CLASS - SUMMER 2024**

Since there have been requests for membership, Pastor Brian is planning to hold new membership (and old member refresher) classes in the very near future.

We will be using Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life, by Daniel Erlander. (I found a few copies of this in the office. Since I've given away those few copies, we've ordered more.) I really enjoy his presentation and have used it in the past. He describes this booklet as "an enthusiastic affirmation" of the Lutheran way of teaching, worshiping, and living as Christians. It was created during a year's stay at Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains.

If interested, mark your yellow sheets, "I'm interested," so we will have enough booklets available.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MAY

	Giving	Expenses	Difference
Budget	91600	111800	Expected -20200
Actual	95400	94300	Actual + 1100
Variance	+ 3800	-17500	Better than budget +21300

# Please hold these people in prayer

- · The loved ones of Patty Washington, Kevin Gahm;
- Kelly, Maria, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Betty, Darryl, Ashley, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Nova, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent, Leslie, MacLaren, Rob, Paul, Aimee, Jim, Vicki, Kennedy Sue, Anna, Luna, Jo Ann, Shane, Rich, Pam, Connor, Lynn, Ken, Gary, Marisa, Carolyn, Nicole, Kathy, Nathan, Jeff, Ruth, Andy, Joanne, Nancy, Carol, Bill, Martin, Nicole, Sally, Carolyn, Maria, Howard, Dusty, Jeff, Amy Sue, Dave, Lin, Marilyn, Walt, Bette, Marlin, Joann, Shirley, Martha, Gary, Carolyn;
- all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit due to COVID-19;
- all who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- · our call committee and candidates:
- our One Parish, One Prisoner friend, Jeremiah;
- those who travel;
- Brandon, Ron, Gage, Melissa, Robert, Scott, Thomas, Rick, and all serving in the military;
- · those struggling with addictions and illnesses affecting the mind and spirit;
- those struggling with deteriorating health.



## **Christ Lutheran Church - ELCA**

"We live in Christ, and share his love with all people."

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