"...SO OUR
EYES LOOK
TO YOU, O
LORD..."



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, JULY 7 — PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pastor Russ Creydt **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Bishop

Communion Assistant:

Youth Assistant: Veda Andersen

Greeter: Lillian Huber

Livestream Technician: Beth Andres

Reader: Carolyn Jonson

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Jonson

Cantor: Jenise Clausen Flute: Nancy Tupper Piano: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Vocals: Matt Springer, Jenise Clausen,

Becky McGrady, Anna Malpica

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 14, B Sunday — July 7, 2024 —10:00am

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"He Is Exalted"
"Here I Am To Worship"

CLC TEAM

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. RUSS CREYDT

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus 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.

(Confession and forgiveness, continued)

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.

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

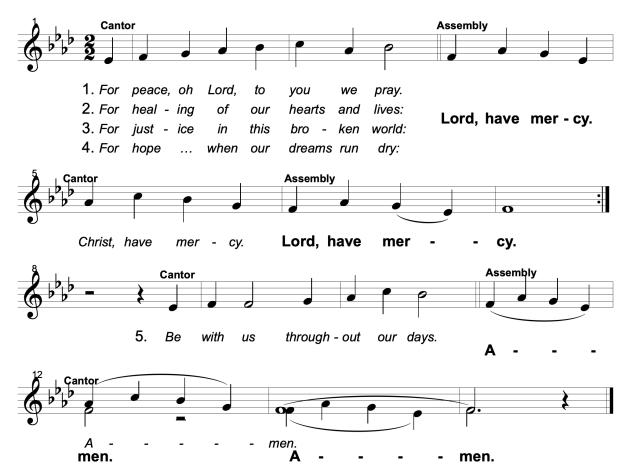
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*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Russ

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.





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Russ

Let us pray.

God of the covenant,

in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2: 1-5

'[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123: 1-4

¹To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

'too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

21 know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—'was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told. that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 'even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



*THE GOSPEL: *MARK 6:1-13

Pr. Russ

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁸but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁹He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Russ

THE MESSAGE

Pr. Russ

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.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spread, O, Spread, Mighty Word"

ELW Hymn #663

*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,

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. We also lift to you our Lummi neighbors who have been here since time immemorial, and pray for our shared land and relationships. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint (names and) all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (especially). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Russ

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

"Down To The River To Pray"

Arr. Audrey Snyder

CLC Women's 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

13 *TABLE HYMN "Bless This Table" words & music: Bonnie L. Drewes; © 1998 1. How can we be - gin thank you, Lord? to 2. Let the gifts we bring from the heartbe What can we say? What can we of - fer? Our lives are fruits of our la-bors. fruits of our lives, Giv-ing gen' - rouswith your bless-ings, filled ac - cept these gifts of grat for - ev' - ry - thing we have ly to oth - ers, is tude. **Bless** this ta - ble as we yours. O gath - er to re - ceive the gift of your self.

wine poured out;

suf' - fring and love

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Bread is

bro - ken,



*OFFERING PRAYER

Pr. Russ

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

Pr. Brian

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 and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



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;

at the table.

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,

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. Russ

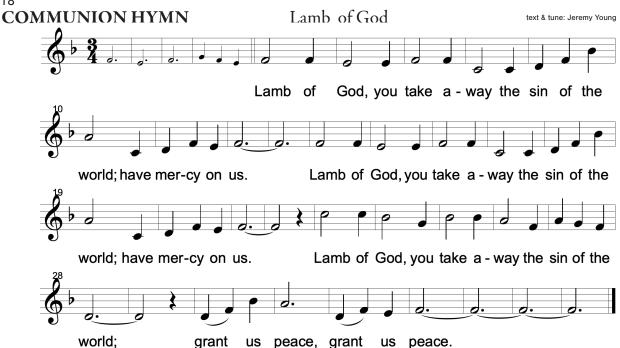
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

CLC TEAM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pr. Russ

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. Russ

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

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





*BLESSING

Pr. Russ

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys

be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL BASED ON CLC MISSION STATEMENT

Pr. Russ

*SENDING Pr. Russ

We live in Christ,

Christ lives in us.

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

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE:

Star Spangled Banner

Congregation

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

BELLINGHAM PRIDE

Join in for Bellingham's Annual PRIDE Parade & Celebration with other Whatcom County Lutherans on Sunday, July 7th! Contact Erin Beebe (360-393-2544 or erincarampot@hotmail.com) for more information or find more details online @ https://prideinbellingham.org/.

Walk and Talk July 10 - Jensen Family Forest Park

This park was made possible through the generous donation of a public easement by Don and Judith Jensen on farmland in their family's ownership. Whatcom County Parks manages the park. The quiet area provides a year-round accessible trail through a beautiful wooded tract of mature Douglas firs. The trail is mostly level and only .7 mile in length, so some may choose to walk it twice. Location is north of Custer at 80521 Stein Road. We will carpool from CLC at 9:30. The other option is to drive directly to the park and meet at the parking lot about 9:45. The Walk and Talk group has enjoyed this trail in past years and newcomers are welcome to join in! Dogs on leash are allowed.

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.

CRAFTY LADIES - JULY 12

Crafty Ladies from 9 to noon at the Correll Park Club House. All are welcome, crafty or not! Come and enjoy coffee and conversation with a bunch of neat ladies!

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. To learn more about specific items needed, see the full list in the CLC newsletter!

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

Looking Ahead

M-TH, 8:30 am -11:30 am & 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Office closed all day on Fridays)

Sunday 7/7	09:00 am 09:15 am 10:00 am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday 7/8	09:00 am 04:00 pm	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Private Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tuesday 7/9	02:00 pm 06:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room) Council Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 7/10	09:00 am 09:30 am 05:30 pm	Weekly Announcements Deadline Walk and Talk (Meet in Parking Lot) Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday 7/11	05:30 pm	Evangelism Committee (Zoom)
<u>Friday 7/12</u>	09:30 am	OPOP Meeting (Fireside Room)
Saturday 7/13	09:00 am	Crafty Ladies (Correll Park Club)

Please hold these people in prayer:

- The loved ones of Rita Doll, Fred Wicknick, 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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