"7 will listen... for you speak peace to your faithful people... <u>Psalm 85:8</u>

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 14 — PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pastor Brian Stoffregen

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Bishop

Communion Assistant: Linda Anderson

Youth Assistant: Isaac Springer Greeter: Beth & Steve Andres

Livestream Technician: Mary Springer

Reader: Steve Andres

Soundboard Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Jonson

Cantor: Becky McGrady Flute: Nancy Tupper Piano: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Vocals: Matt Springer, Jenise Clausen, Janet

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 15, B Sunday — July 14, 2024 —10:00am

INTRODUCTION

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Blessed Is the One Who Come In His Name"
"We Have Come Into This House"

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.

(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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

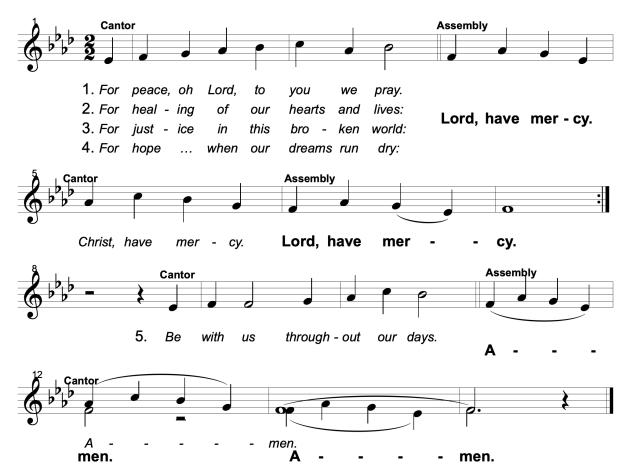
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*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. BRIAN

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

O God,

from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: AMOS 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

*the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85: 8-13

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

"Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be-fore the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 'just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, "to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace *that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 'he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





*THE GOSPEL: *MARK 6:14-29

PR. BRIAN

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "What Are You Made Of?"

Pr. Brian

THE MESSAGE: "You Are Not an Accident" (Ephesians 1:3-14)

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.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW Hymn #812

*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.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy, 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.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy, receive our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. (We pray especially for) In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you (especially). In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy, **receive 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. 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

"Adagio (from Organ Sonata #1)
by Felix Mendelssohn

Don Clausen

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

wine poured out;

Bread is

bro - ken,

suf' - fring and love



*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

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:

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.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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



world; have mer-cy on us.

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



world; have mer-cy on us.

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



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

CLC TEAM

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.

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





*BLESSING

Pr. Brian

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. 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

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

Walk and Talk July 17 - Coffee & Conversation @ Hovander Park

Third Wednesday Coffee and Conversation will be at Hovander Park July 17. Meet directly at the park at 9:30 and locate the group at a picnic table or two near the big barn and water tower. We've usually been able to use the tables under the white canopy which provides shade. Bring your own coffee or other beverage. Read ahead for discussion from the book The Gift of Years. Selections are "Freedom" p 107, and "The Present" p. 201. You can enjoy the park's gardens and trails with a walk before or after Coffee and Conversation, if you choose. 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

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.

For those wishing to join Christ Lutheran Church, and for anyone who wants a refresher course on Lutheranism as a way of life, we will be looking at this resource following the worship services on **July 14, 21, 28, and August 4.**

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!

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

Office Hours: Summer Schedule (typically open in AM, closed after in afternoon)

<u>Sunday 7/14</u>	09:00 am 09:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary) New Member/Lutheran Refresher Class (Fireside Room)
<u>Monday 7/15</u>	09:00 am 04:00 pm	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Private Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wednesday 7/17	09:00 am 09:30 am 05:30 pm	Weekly Announcements Deadline Walk and Talk (Meet in Parking Lot) Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday 7/18	05:00 pm	Preschool Committee Meeting (Zoom)
<u>Sunday 7/20</u>	09:00 am 09:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary) New Member/Lutheran Refresher Class (Fireside Room)

Please hold these people in prayer:

- The loved ones of Rita Doll, Fred Wicknick, Patty Washington, Kevin Gahm;
- Kelly, Maria, Pat, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Betty, Darryl, Ashley, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, 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

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