

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 21 — PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pastor Brian Stoffregen **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Bishop

Communion Assistant: Betty Behee

Youth Assistant:

Greeter: Karen Birdsall

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Reader: Ginny Clark

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady **Ushers:** Ginny Clark & Sam Hansen

Cantor: Matt Springer Flute: Nancy Tupper Piano: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Vocals: Matt Springer, Jenise Clausen,

Becky McGrady

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 16, Year B Sunday — July 21, 2024 —10:00am

INTRODUCTION

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"
"Come, Just As You Are"

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. (Confession and forgiveness, continued)

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

None

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"Build a Longer Table"

Text: David Bjorlin, B. 1984

Music: Noel Nouvelet, French Carol, (c) 2018



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*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. (A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)

O God,

powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

'Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 'Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 'Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 'I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

"Psalm 23"

Soloist, Jenise Clausen

by Debbie Boone

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

11 Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"-a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near: 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



*THE GOSPEL: *MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

Pr. Brian

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Life as Sheep"

Pr. Brian

THE MESSAGE: "Who We Are" (Ephesians 2:11-22)

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

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

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*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.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from

among us caretakers of all you have made. 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.**

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes (especially): Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick (especially). Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy, receive our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died (especially): Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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.



GIFT OF MUSIC

"In the Garden"

STEVE ANDRES

words & music by C. Austin Miles

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





*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.

(The Great Thanksgiving, continued)

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:

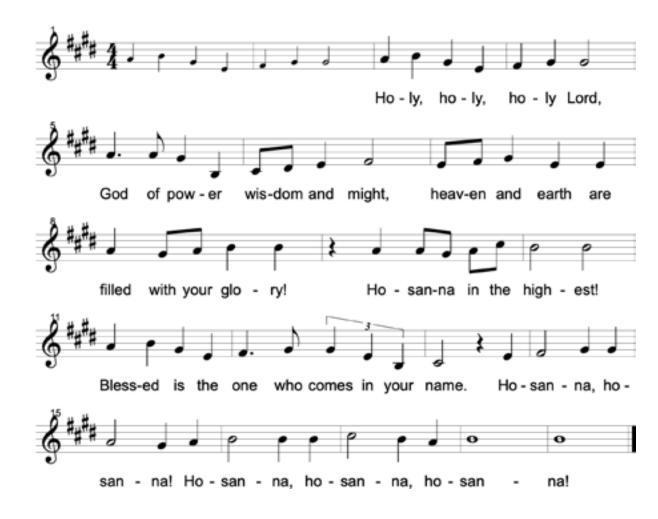


TABLE PRAYER

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:

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

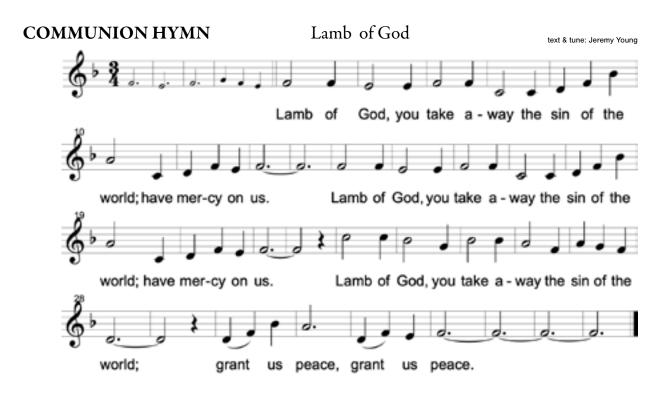
PR. BRIAN

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

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" "Messiah"

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.

*SENDING HYMN

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

Pr. Brian

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*BLESSING

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

PR BRIAN

*SENDING

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

Welcoming Pastor Leigh DeVries!

The long anticipated start date for our incoming Pastor, Leigh DeVries, has been set! We look forward to welcoming Pr. Leigh as she moves to Bellingham the second week of August. Her first day in the office is August 19. Her first Sunday preaching will be September 1. Currently Pastor Leigh is on a mission trip in Peru with her youth group. Please keep Pastor Leigh and Jenni in your prayers for a move with minimal glitches and many positive moments. If we learn of ways that she needs help settling in, we will notify the congregation.

Walk and Talk July 24 - Semiahmoo Spit

Semiahmoo Spit offers a choice of paved walkway or beach along the narrow neck of land forming Drayton Harbor just south of Blaine. Mt. Baker and Canadian peaks cap views across the water from either side of the spit. Join Walk and Talk Wednesday, July 24 to enjoy this route. Carpool from the church at 9:00 (Note earlier time!) or meet in the parking lot at Whatcom County's Semiahmoo Park 9:30 am or shortly after. Address is 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine. Allow for approximately an hour of walking or strolling as you choose your pace and distance.

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 <u>July 21, 28, and August 4.</u>

PALESTINIAN PEACEMAKER PRESENTATION

Zoughbi Zoughbi, a world renowned speaker, trainer, activist and author, will be presenting to the Bellingham community on the topics of justice, peace and reconciliation. Zoughbi, a Christian Palestinian, is the Founder and Director of Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center in Bethlehem.

Zoughbi and his Center received the 2010 Peacemaking Award in the World Vision International Peace Prize competition and the 2023 Carnall Peace Award. Zoughbi's appearances in Washington are arranged through International Peacemakers. His work has involved conflict transformation, restorative justice and mediation. The Wi'am Center uses both western models of conflict resolution as well as an Arabic model, Sulha.

As we struggle with issues of peace and justice in our communities, nation and the world, this will be an opportunity to hear from a recognized international peace maker who will open our minds and hearts to new ways of providing hope to all.

Sunday, September 15 | 5:00pm | Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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 7/21</u>	09:00 am 09:15 am 10:00 am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary)	
	11:15 am	New Member/Lutheran Refresher Class (Fireside Room)	
<u>Monday 7/22</u>	09:00 am 04:00 pm	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Private Meeting (Fireside Room)	
Tuesday 7/23	02:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	
Wednesday 7/24	09:00 am 09:30 am 05:30 pm	Weekly Announcements Deadline Walk and Talk (Meet in Parking Lot) Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	
Thursday 7/25	07:00 pm	Alternative Humane Society Meeting (Fireside Room)	
<u>Friday 7/26</u>	05:30 pm	Pub Church (Downtime Taps)	
<u>Sunday 7/28</u>	09:00 am 09:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:15 am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary) Stephen Ministry Prayer Station (during Communion) 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

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

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