

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024 | 10:00 AM



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.clcferndale.org

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.

We welcome all of God's children, no matter the age. There are busy bags and worship buddies available in the back of the church for small children. 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**.*

As you are able, please stand in either body or spirit when noted in your bulletin.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: *Pastor Liza Okan*

Altar Guild: *DeLynn Sanchez*

Communion Assistant: *Carol Gahm*

Youth Assistant: *Isaac Springer*

Greeter: *Carol Gahm*

Livestream Technician: *Audra McLain*

Reader: *Jo Ann Philpot*

Soundboard Technician: *Sam McGrady*

Ushers: *George & Susan Holmes*

Cantor: *Becky McGrady*

Piano: *Don Clausen*

Violin: *Joanne Donnellan*

Vocals: *Matt Springer, Steve Andres, Jenise Clausen, Becky McGrady*



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 25, Year B

Sunday — September 22, 2024 — 10:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Don't You Know It's Time to Praise the Lord"
"Come Let Us Worship & Bow Down"

CLC TEAM
CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LIZA OKAN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. LIZA

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored
you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors
with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among
ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor
and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our
sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of
need,
and turn us to follow in the way of
Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"God is Here"

ELW #526

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LIZA

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.

Assisting Minister **Assembly**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assisting Minister



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



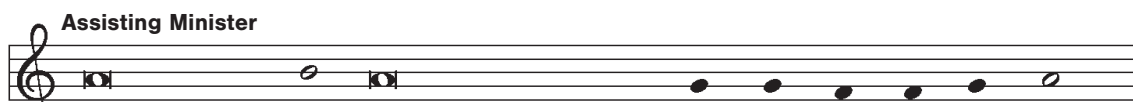
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assisting Minister



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

Assisting Minister **Assembly**

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Assisting Minister **Assembly**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast of Victory"

Refrain

Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LIZA

Let us pray.

O God,

**our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
 who try the heart and the mind,
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
 in your might, defend my cause.

**²Hear my prayer, O God;
 give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
 those who have no regard for God.

**⁴Behold, God is my helper;
 it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
 in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
 and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
 and my eye looks down on my enemies.

THE SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.¹

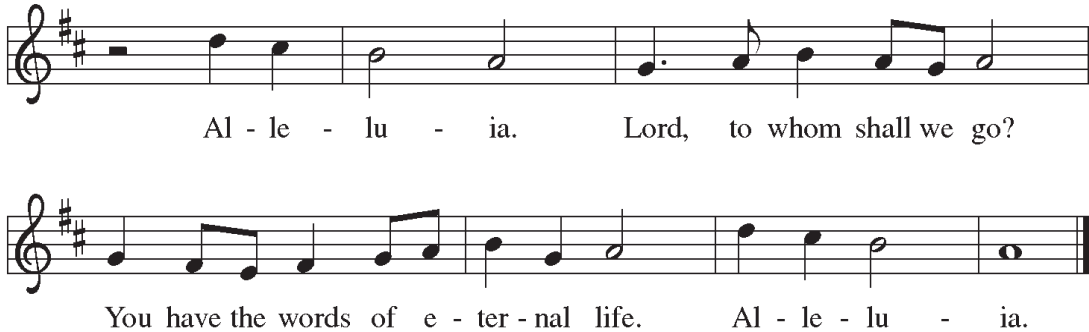
¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclimation

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

PR. LIZA

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷⁴⁴"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

THE MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

HYMN OF THE DAY**"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

ELW #712

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

*Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church,
God's good creation, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (specific ministries may be named). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. We also lift to you our Lummi neighbors who have been here since time

immemorial, and pray for our shared land and relationships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (especially). Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LIZA

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Come, Thou Fount"

MELANIE HALSELL

ARR. LARSON

CALL FOR OFFERING

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 donation amount to initiate an online donation.*



THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LIZA

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. LIZA

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TABLE PRAYER

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.

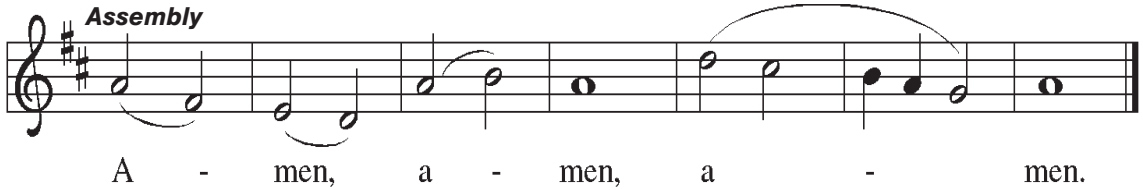
We give you thanks
for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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.**

Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO TABLE

PR. LIZA

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. 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 to take communion at your seat, please notify 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God



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 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"We Come Now to Your Table"

CLC TEAM

"His Name is Wonderful"

CLC TEAM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LIZA

Let us pray.

Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

PR. LIZA

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

BLESSING

PR. LIZA

God all mighty,
God most merciful,
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW #551

DISMISSAL BASED ON CLC MISSION STATEMENT

PR. LIZA

We live in Christ,
Christ lives in us.
Go in peace.
Share Christ's love with all people.

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 Sept. 25 - Walk & Talk @ Hovander Park

Meet up with walkers in the main parking lot at Hovander Park at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Sept. 25. and help determine the route prior to departure!

During the month of September contact Steve Balentine sme2058@comcast.net for more information.

Stewardship Drive

On September 29th we will kick off the annual Stewardship Drive! Please join us after the service for coffee, cider, and refreshments. Pledge Packets will be available for pick up that day and mailed to those not in attendance. We ask that pledge cards be returned by October 13th; by mail, offering plate, or other designated space. For more information on how to submit your pledge electronically, please see eNews!

Additionally, we ask that each person commit time each day to pray and meditate on Stewardship.

Daily prayer request September 22 – 29:

The Stewardship process at CLC. In particular, please pray that we may seek God's guidance in how best to serve God. Be still after asking this. Do you feel anything moving you in a direction you never considered before?

Cold Season Opportunities!

– *Severe Weather Shelter* –

Ferndale Community Services seek both volunteers and staff for the Severe Weather Shelter that remains available from October 1st - March 31st.

– *Interfaith Winter Coat Drive* –

Donate new or lightly-used winter coats for infants, children, teens, adults; sizes S-3XL+! Donations will be received in the labeled bin in the Narthex until Oct. 20.

*More detailed information for both opportunities in our eNews!

FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST (34 Sundays)

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Difference</u>			
Budget	\$148,300	\$181,100	Expected: -\$32,800
Actual	\$152,800	\$138,700	Actual: +\$14,100
Variance	+\$4,500	-\$42,400	Better than+\$46,900 budget

Please hold these people in prayer:

- The loved ones of Abby Reid, Rita Doll, Fred Wicknick, Patty Washington;
- Teri, Jeremiah, Ken, Pat, Carol, Mary Ann, Janet, Sarah, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Darryl, Ashley, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent, Leslie, Rob, Paul, Aimee, Jim, Kennedy Sue, Luna, Jo Ann, Shane, Rich, Pam, Connor, Lynn, Ken, Gary, Marisa, Nicole, Kathy, Nathan, Andy, Nancy, Carol, Bill, Martin, Nicole, Sally, Howard;
- 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.





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