

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



January 12, 2025 | 9:00 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church! For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew.

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.

For our younger friends - there are busy bags and worship buddies available in the back of the church. 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.

*We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. **The congregation reads the bold print and** stands as they are able.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Preaching: Rev. Leigh DeVries

Presiding: Dave Schlack

Greeter: Janice Finnie

Ushers: Mary Ann & Brian O'hara

Communion Assistant: Jennifer Petersen

Youth Assistant: Veda Andersen

Reader: Jenise Clausen

Prayers of Intercession: Betty Behee

Team: Anna Malpica, Erin Beebe, Jenise Clausen, Linda Osgood

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Linda Anderson

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: God's Endless Love - Bonnie Drewes

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Lectionary 1, Year C

Sunday — January 12, 2025 — 9:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
"Draw Me Into Your Presence"

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WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. LEIGH

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
**you speak blessing and compassion
into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or
indifference.
We ignore the needs of our
neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose
injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one
another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your
world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"God is Here "

ELW #526

GREETING

PR. LEIGH

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.

KYRIE

L Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 1. For
2. For
3. Up-

C Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord have mer - cy.

VERSE 1

to refrain

L Peace O Lord, we pray to you We lift our hearts...to you this day.

C Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 2

to refrain

L this bro-ken world we cry to you. May your grace be shown in all we do.

C Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 3

to refrain

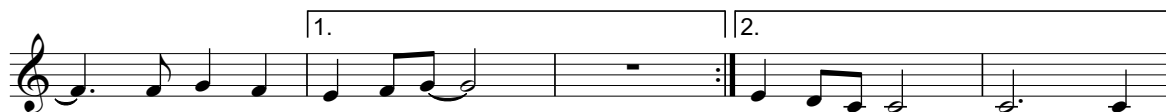
L on your cre-a - tion pour your love, that your king dom come here as in heav'n a bove

C Ky ri-e e - le-i son. Ky - ri - e.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God in the tem - ple in the high - est hea - vens. Praise God's migh - ty deeds



— and nob - le maj - es - ty. —

maj - es - ty. —

1. Praise
2. Sing



God with the trum - pet blast! Praise God with the lute and harp!
praise to God cre - a - tor; to Christ, who sets us free,



— Praise God the tim - brel and dance, with string and pipes! Praise
— and to the spir - it of life who makes us one. Praise



God with crash - ing cym - bals, with loud and ring - ing cym - bals!
God with sing - ing voi - ces, with strong and faith - ful voi - ces!



All that is a - live praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall
not be burned, and the flame shall not
consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy
One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia
and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the
earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my
name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

THE SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go?



You have the words of ev-er - last-ing life. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

THE MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

HYMN OF THE DAY "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW# 817

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 dead².**

**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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans (local bodies of water may be named). Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (especially). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LEIGH

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Down by the River to Pray"
arr. Audrey Snyder

CLC WOMENS CHOIR

CALL FOR OFFERING

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (extras found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to download the app);
- Give through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com; and;
- Text any dollar amount to 84321.



THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

With all we have we wait for God, our hearts re -

joyce with love in the Lord. We give to God, our strength and

shield, we trust your ho - ly name, Love us, Lord, we wait for you.

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.

that we should at all times 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:



Holy, might, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night of his arrest,
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.

Remembering, therefore, Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we await Christ's
coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord:
to who, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PR. DAVE

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts.

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. DAVE

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

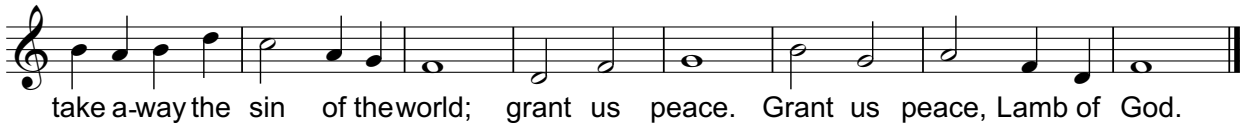
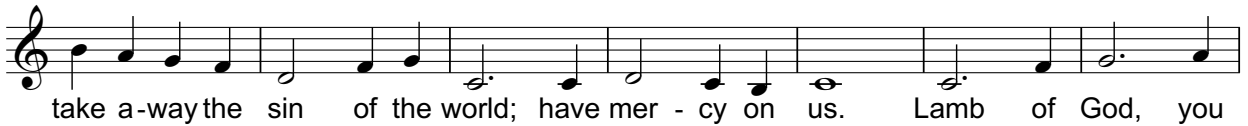
You may be seated.

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



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Here is Bread"
"Love Will Never Fail"

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

PR. LEIGH

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

BLESSING

PR. LEIGH

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Baptised in Water"

ELW #456

DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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

Upcoming Dates (*see more information below)

1/12: *Stephen Ministry Sunday (including Community Ed class)*

1/18: Church council & Staff Retreat, 9am-2pm

1/19: New Member Class, 10:30am, Fireside Room

1/26: Pastor Swap! Pr. Joel Langholz from Our Saviors Lutheran will swap spots with Pr. Leigh Sunday, 1/26, to preside and teach during community ed about being an RIC church!

Stephen Ministry Community Ed

At 10:30 Dave and Jan Schlack will be leading community education, specifically about our thriving Stephen's Ministry. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. All are welcome to come to this informational session about Stephen's Ministers!

Walk and Talk Wednesday January 15th

Join walkers at 9:30. Walk is followed by a short coffee break and fellowship at CLC in the Fireside room about 10:15. All are welcome! Dress for the weather. Walking routes allow for varied endurance, length, and speed. For a safe and gentle ease into a walking routine you can even walk the perimeter of the church parking lot and add additional laps as you are ready.

Book discussion from "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship In An Instant Society" will be Wednesday January 22 9:30-10:30. Pick up your book and reading schedule on Sunday or Wednesday from Carolyn.

Ferndale Food Bank Year End Report

A HUGE thank you to those who donated to the Ferndale Food Bank in 2024! 782 lbs of food were donated from this congregation! Social Concerns still regularly transports goods donated from CLC to the Food Bank so your continued donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Social Concerns if you have any questions.

New Member "Shepherds"

We are looking for folks who are interested in partnering with the next group of new members joining our church! If you feel called to walk alongside new members at CLC, you are encouraged to reach out to Shay Andersen for more details.

Please hold these people in prayer:

- The family and friends Claydene Lederer & Emma Liskie;
- Scott, Paula, Marina, Ruthanne, Nancy, Sean, Mike, Teri, Jeremiah, Ken, Pat, Carol, Mary Ann, Janet, Sarah, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Darryl, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent, Leslie, Rob, Paul, Aimee, Kennedy Sue, Luna, Jo Ann, Shane, Rich, Pam, Connor, Lynn, Ken, Kathy, Nathan, Carolyn, Howard;
- all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit due to COVID-19;
- all who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- 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;



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