

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



January 26, 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 26 — PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Joel Langholz

Greeter: Gary Barnes

Ushers: Rick & Linda Luke

Communion Assistant: Linda Anderson

Youth Assistant: Natalie Springer

Reader: Linda Anderson

Prayers of Intercession: George & Susan Holmes

Team: Anna Malpica, Becky McGrady, Jenise Clausen, Steve Andres

Cantor: Linda Anderson

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary 3, Year C

Sunday — January 26, 2025 — 9:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Born Reborn"
"Gather Us In"

CLC TEAM
ELW #532

WELCOME

PR. JOEL LANGHOLZ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. JOEL

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

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

ELW #314

GREETING

PR. JOEL

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

♩ = 96

REFRAIN

Fine

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

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

VERSE 1

to refrain

L Peace O Lord, to you we pray. 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.

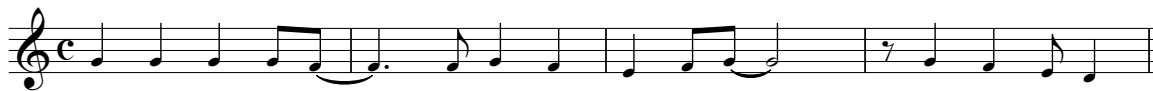
VERSE 3

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.

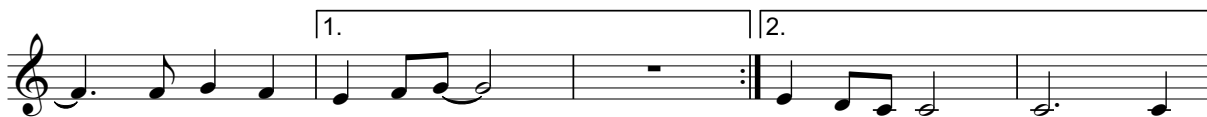
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



REFRAIN



Praise God in the tem - ple___ in the high - est hea - vens. Praise God's high - 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!



To Refrain

All that is a - live___ praise the Lord!___

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. JOEL

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the
world,**

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

THE SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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 4:14-21

PR. JOEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PR. JOEL

THE MESSAGE

PR. JOEL

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Day of Peace"

ELW# 711

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.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery (especially). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world (especially parish nurses, fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church (especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe), and beloved friends and family who have died (especially). 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. JOEL

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"
(Siyahamba)

CLC 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.



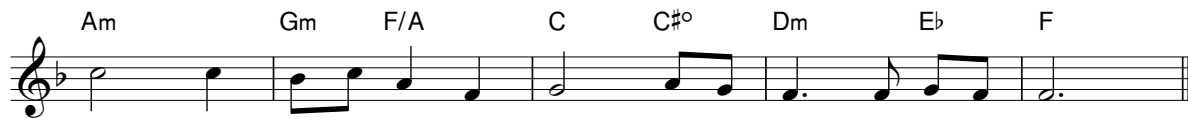
THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED



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



joice 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. JOEL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. JOEL

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,

God of end-less love, heav'n and an-gels sing your glo-ry, prais-es from a -

bove. Ho - san - na in the high - est! We join in the

song, you are ho - ly, you are here with us now.

Holy, mighty, 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. JOEL

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

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

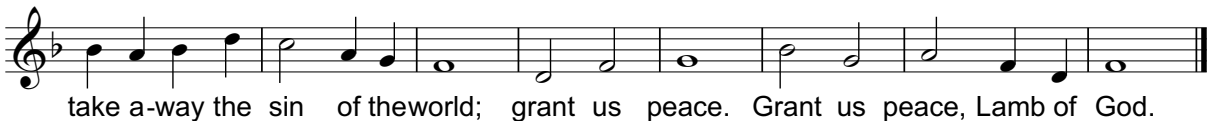
You may be seated.

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.

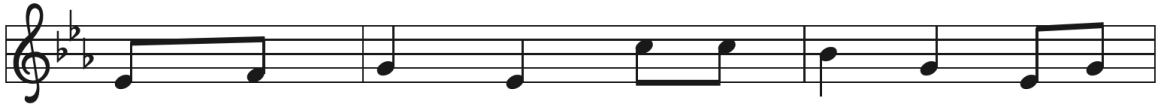
COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



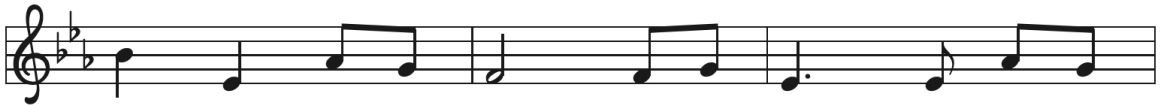
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

CLC TEAM
& CONGREGATION



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

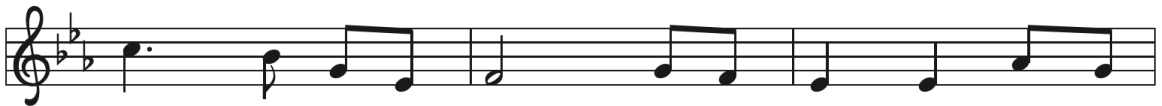


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. JOEL

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. JOEL

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

BLESSING

PR. JOEL

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW #551

DISMISSAL

PR. JOEL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

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

Upcoming Dates (*see more information below)

- 1/26:** Pr. Joel Langholz from Our Saviors Lutheran will teach during Community Ed about being an RIC church! 10:30am, Fireside Room
- 1/27:** Quilting, 9:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall
- 1/28:** Stewardship Committee Meeting: 2pm, Fireside Room
- 2/2:** New Member Coffee Hour (no Community Ed class): following worship, Fellowship Hall
- 2/9:** Usher Training with Calvin & Jennifer Petersen: 10:30am, Fireside Room
- 2/16:** One Parish One Prisoner Community Ed: 10:30am, Fireside Room
- 2/23:** Bible 101 Community Ed with Pr. Leigh: 10:30am, Fireside Room
- 3/2:** No Community Ed

Walk and Talk Wednesday January 29th

Walkers will gather at CLC parking lot, 9:30 am Jan 29, for a local neighborhood walk of up to 45 minutes. So far, winter weather has treated us favorably on Wednesday mornings! A hot cup of coffee or tea in the fireside room is always welcome following the walk. The once a month book conversation with *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* was off to a lively and interesting discussion this past week with thirteen participating.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This is its third season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Contact Carolyn Jonson, 360-384-1126 for more information.

Preschool Open Houses!

Our award winning preschool is hosting two open houses in the coming spring months to invite and welcome families and potential students to see our lovely church. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more - you are welcome to join on February 12th & March 6th from 5:30-7:00pm!

Financial Update through Year End

	Giving	Expenses	Difference
Budget	226,800	276,900	Expected - 50,100
Actual	241,100	241,000	Actual + 100
Variance	+ 14,300	- 35,900	Better than budget + 50,200



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;
- those struggling with deteriorating health.



Christ Lutheran Church - ELCA

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