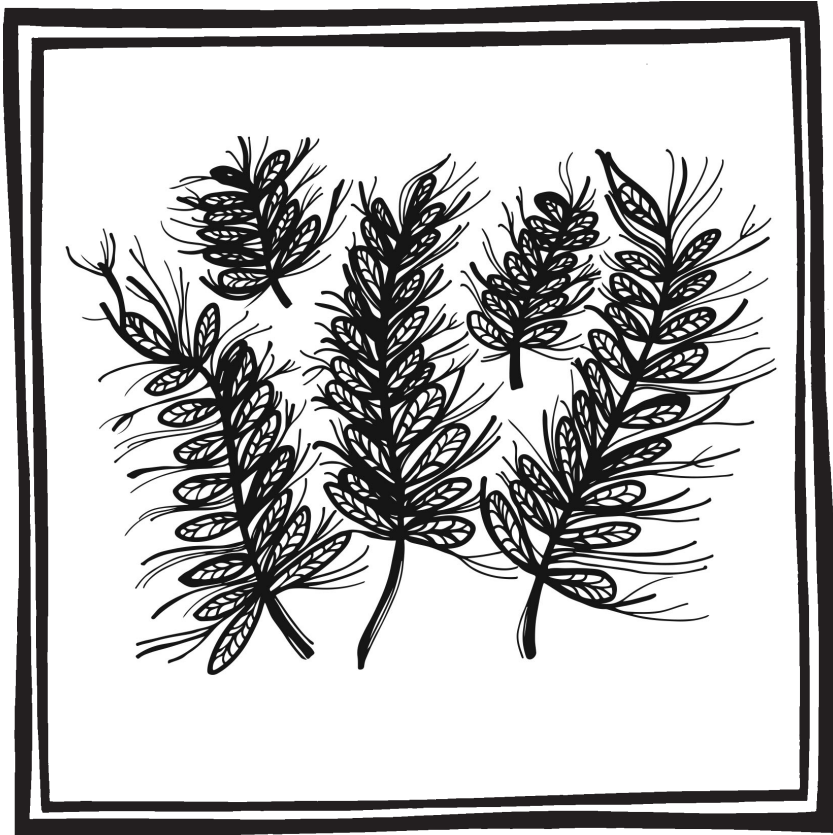


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025 | 9:00 AM



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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, MARCH 9 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Jenni Herold

Ushers: George & Susan Holmes

Communion Assistant: Linda Luke

Youth Assistant: Natalie Springer

Reader: Jenni Herold

Prayers of Intercession: Jan Schlack

Team: Matt Springer, Janet Wilhoite, Jenise Clausen

Cantor: Linda Anderson

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Becky McGrady & Lillian Huber

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: ELW Setting 4

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Rev. Leigh DeVries, lead pastor: pastor@clcferndale.org

Rev. Liza Okan, preschool director: preschooldirector@clcferndale.org

Don Clausen, music director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

Shay Andersen, parish administrator : parishadmin@clcferndale.org

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Draw Me Close"
"By Grace Alone"

CLC TEAM
CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. LEIGH

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love, but
our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender
compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with
the radical hospitality you grant
to all people. We oppress others,
even though you have set us free
gain and again. We squander the
abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us
again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open
wide to welcome the wandering ones
home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"



- 1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
- 2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
- 3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
 Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
 Com - fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:

Refrain

May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

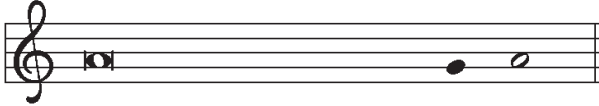
GREETING

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



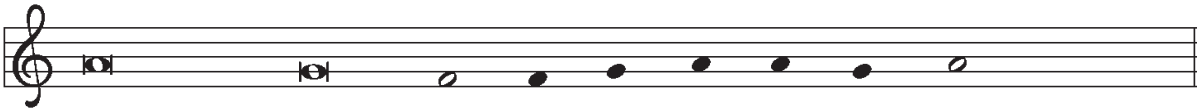
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



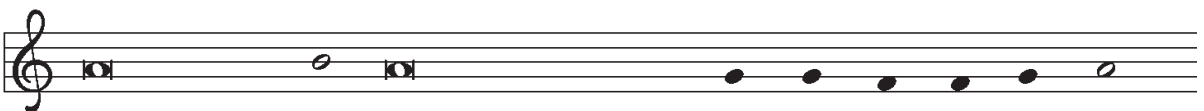
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

O Lord God,

you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 91:1-2,9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

THE SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8^b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

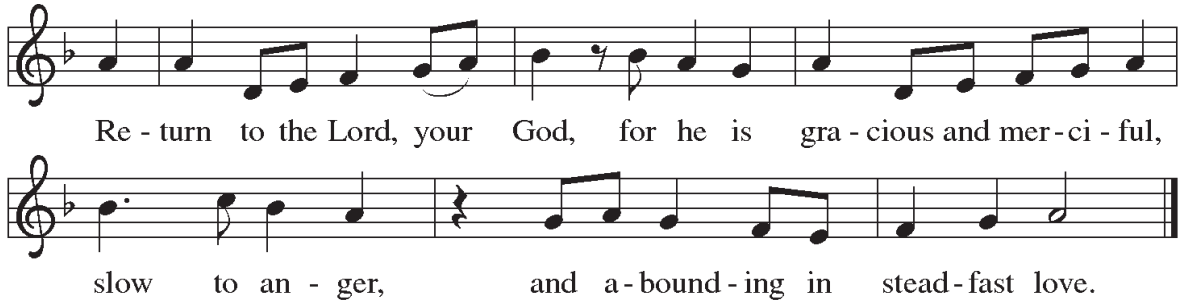
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel 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

"I Want Jesus to Walk With me"

ELW# 325

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (especially). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life (especially). Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LEIGH

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"You Raise Me Up (Be Still My Soul)"
- TOM FETKE

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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cre Cast me not a - way from Thy
pre - sence, O Lord, and take not Thy ho - ly spir - it from me, Re -
store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - vat - ion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. LEIGH

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:

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism we may come to fullness of your grace.

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.

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.

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

Christ has Died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

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. LEIGH

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

You may be seated.

SENDING

CELEBRATING PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

PR. LIZA

Annually Lutheran schools across the nation take a week to celebrate and take pride in their school. This week CLCP celebrated with some fun activities—crazy hair/hat day, wear your class color or favorite sports team color/jersey day, students ate popsicles as a snack representing their class color and made a special piece of artwork to share with CLC. This art is hanging in the breezeway.

Today is also Preschool Sunday, the one day a year that preschool families are intentionally invited to worship at CLC and perhaps consider making it their church home. Thank you for making them feel welcome.

Following worship, the Preschool Committee will be hosting treats at coffee time in the fellowship hall, staff will be in attendance and the preschool classrooms will be open. Come celebrate with us!

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

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Bless Now, O God, The Journey"

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DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Please hold these people in prayer:

- The family and friends Teri Hartley, Rosemary Esser, Claydene Lederer;
- Marilyn, Paul, Christine, Rachel, Mary K., 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 who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- those who travel;
- Brandon, Ron, 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.

Upcoming Dates at CLC (*see more information in eNews!)

3/9: CLC Preschool Sunday! Coffee Hour with teachers & director Liza after worship, Fellowship Hall;

Lament in Lent: Spiritual Practice with Pr. Leigh & the Wises,
Community Ed, 10:30am, Fireside Room

3/12: Walk & Talk, 9:30am, CLC parking lot, 10:15 coffee, Fireside Room
Soup Supper, 5pm, Fellowship Hall*

Holden Evening Prayer, 5:45pm, Sanctuary

3/16: St. Patrick's Day Spud Social, 5pm, Fellowship Hall*

Potatoes & beverages provided, please bring a green topping & either a salad or dessert.

3/28: Dinner Out, 6pm: Chihuahua Restaurant*

Sign ups for the starred events are in the narthex!

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