

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 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, MARCH 23 PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeter:** Liz Brown

**Ushers:** Jo & Tom Philpot

**Communion Assistant:** Liz Brown

**Youth Assistant:** Natalie Springer

**Reader:** Jo Philpot

**Prayers of Intercession:** Carol Gahm

**Team:** Jenise Clausen, Becky McGrady, Erin Beebe, Linda Osgood

**Cantor:**

**Piano/Organ:** Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

**Violin:** Joanne Donnellan

**Flute:** Nancy Tupper

**Altar Guild:** Becky McGrady & Lillian Huber

**Livestream Technician:** Beth Andres

**Soundboard Technician:** Sam McGrady

**Liturgical Setting:** ELW Setting 4

## STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Leigh DeVries, lead pastor:** [pastor@clcferndale.org](mailto:pastor@clcferndale.org)

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Who Are Thirsty"  
"Come Just As You Are"

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 again 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

## "Before the Waters Nourished Earth"



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

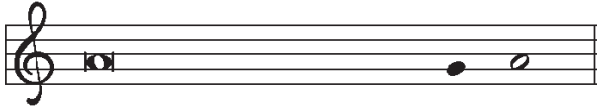
## GREETING

PR. LEIGH

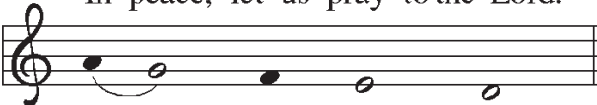
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

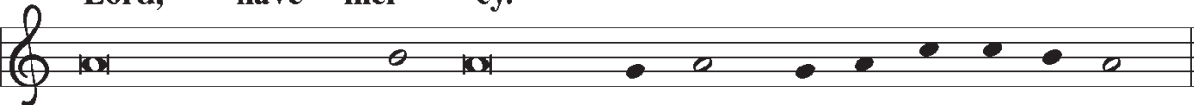
## KYRIE



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.



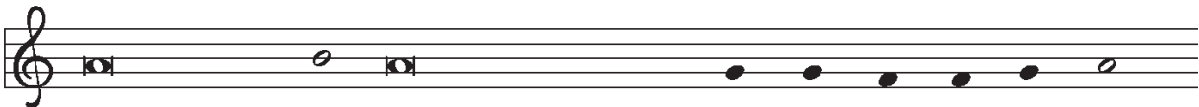
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Eternal God,

**your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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.*

## THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

**<sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**<sup>6</sup>when I remember you up-on my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**<sup>8</sup>My whole being clings to you; your right handholds me fast.**

## THE SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

<sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel\**

## 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 13:1-9

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

## THE MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

ELW #608

## 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<sup>2</sup>.**

**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.*

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion (especially). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict (especially). Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended (especially). May their witness inspire our own. 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

"Remember Me"

CLC CHOIR

- DEBORAH GOVENOR

## 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

### 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.

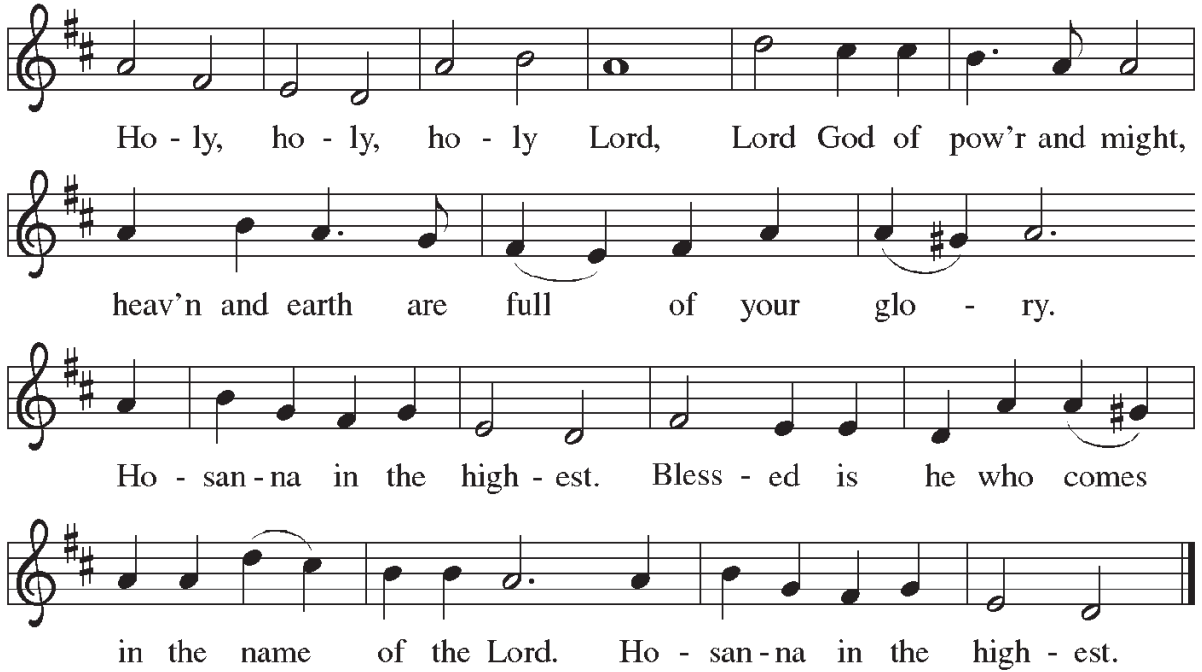
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

*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.*

## 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

"Living Waters"

"Jesus, Remember Me"

CLC TEAM  
ELW# 616

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

Generous Host,

**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

SENDING
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## 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

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

ELW# 658

## DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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

- 3/23:** Coffee Hour after worship, Fellowship Hall;  
*Lament in Lent* Community Ed, 10:30am, Fireside Room\*
- 3/24:** Quilting, 9:00am-Noon  
Pub Church: Downtime Taps, 5:30pm
- 3/26:** Walk & Talk "*A Long Obedience*" ch. 4 & 5, 9:30am, Fireside Room\*  
Soup Supper, 5pm, Fellowship Hall\*  
Holden Evening Prayer, 5:45pm, Sanctuary
- 3/28:** Dinner Out, 6pm: Chihuahua Restaurant\*
- 3/30:** Hymn Sing Sunday & Noisy Offering\*  
Coffee Hour after worship, Fellowship Hall;  
*Lament in Lent* Community Ed, 10:30am, Fireside Room\*
- 4/2:** Walk & Talk, 9:30am, Parking Lot, Fireside Room\*  
Soup Supper, 5pm, Fellowship Hall\*  
Holden Evening Prayer, 5:45pm, Sanctuary

**Sign ups for the starred events are in the narthex!**

**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.

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