

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 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 30 PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Laurie Bianco

Ushers: George & Susan Holmes

Communion Assistant: Linda Luke

Youth Assistant: Natalie Springer

Reader: Laurie Bianco

Prayers of Intercession: Susan Holmes

Team: Jenise Clausen, Becky McGrady, Erin Beebe, Matt Springer

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Becky McGrady & Lillian Huber

Livestream Technician: Audra McLaine

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

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Sunday — March 30, 2025 — 9:00am

GATHERING

Every fifth Sunday, CLC enjoys hymns chosen by its members! Thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions! In attempts to ensure anyone can jump in when they are able, all the hymn numbers are printed in the bulletin. Join us when you are able!

PRELUDE

"CANTICLE OF THE TURNING"
"LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #723

HYMN CHOICE ELW #881

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 HYMNS

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #836

"GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #618

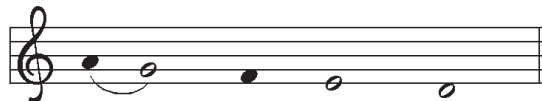
GREETING

PR. LEIGH

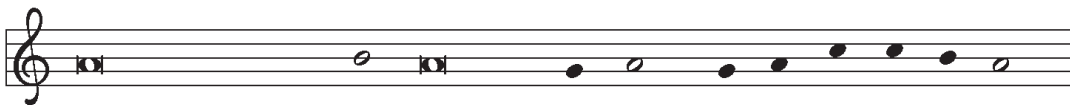
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



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.



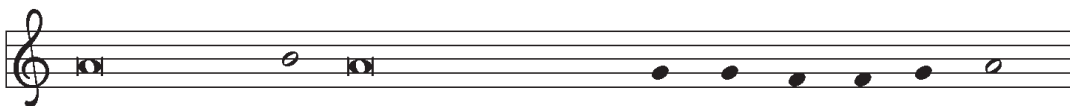
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



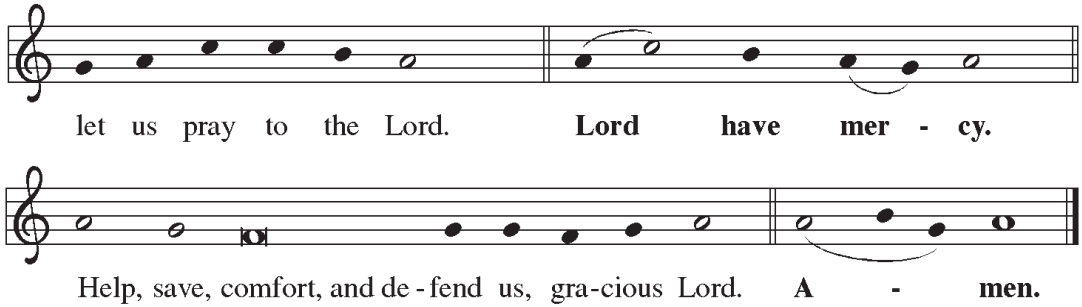
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

God of compassion,

you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: JOSHUA 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 63:1-8

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

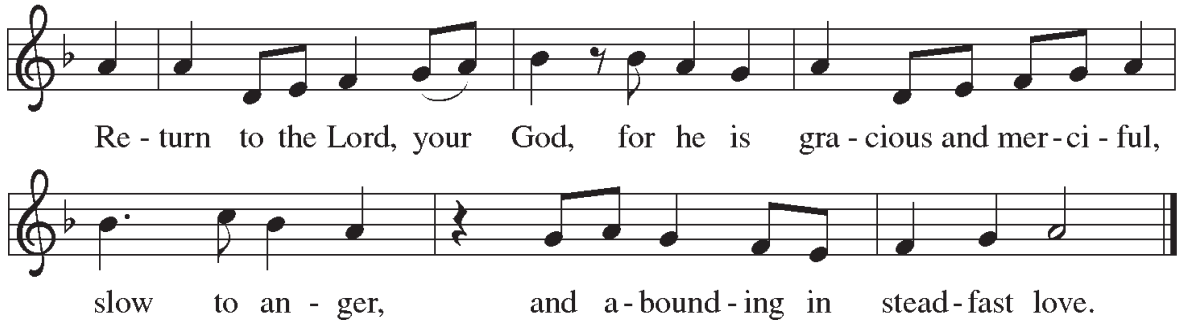
¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3,11-24

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ¹¹b “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

THE MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

HYMN OF THE DAY

"NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH"
"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #379
HYMN CHOICE ELW #824

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.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion (especially). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died (especially). We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. 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

"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"
 "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BLINDS"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #661
 HYMN CHOICE ELW #656

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.



OFFERING HYMNS

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"
 "I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #742
 HYMN CHOICE ELW #325

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

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

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.

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

HYMN SING

COMMUNION MUSIC

"JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME"
"WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #755
HYMN CHOICE ELW #834

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

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

"ON EAGLE'S WINGS"

HYMN CHOICE ELW #787

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!)

- 3/30:** Hymn Sing Sunday & Noisy Offering*
Coffee Hour after worship, Fellowship Hall;
Lament in Lent Community Ed, 10:30am, Fireside Room*
- 3/31:** Quilting, 9:00am-Noon
- 4/2:** Walk & Talk, 9:30am, Parking Lot, Fireside Room*
Soup Supper, 5pm, Fellowship Hall*
Holden Evening Prayer, 5:45pm, Sanctuary
- 4/6:** Worship @ 9:00am, Sanctuary
Coffee Hour after worship, Fellowship Hall;
Lament in Lent Community Ed, 10:30am, Fireside Room
- 4/9:** Walk & Talk, 9:30am, Parking Lot, Fireside Room*
Soup Supper, 5pm, Fellowship Hall*
Holden Evening Prayer, 5:45pm, Sanctuary
- 4/17:** Seder Meal & Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 6:00pm*
- 4/18:** Good Friday Service @ United Church of Ferndale, 7:00pm
- 4/20:** Easter Worship, 9:00am - Sanctuary
Easter Brunch, following worship, Fellowship Hall
- 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;
- Dolly, Darlene, 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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