

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025 9:30 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, MAY 4 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeter:** Mary Ann O'Hara

**Ushers:** Darrel & Betty Behee

**Communion Assistant:** Carol Soderlund

**Youth Assistant:** Veda Andersen

**Reader:** Carol Soderlund

**Prayers of Intercession:** Betty Behee

**Team:** Matt Springer, Jenise Clausen, Becky McGrady

**Cantor:** Jenise Clausen

**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:** Now the Feast & Celebration

## STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

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Sunday — May 4, 2025 — 9:30am

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT"

CLC TEAM

"BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD"

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION & 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.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

GATHERING HYMN

"GATHER US IN"

ELW #532

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

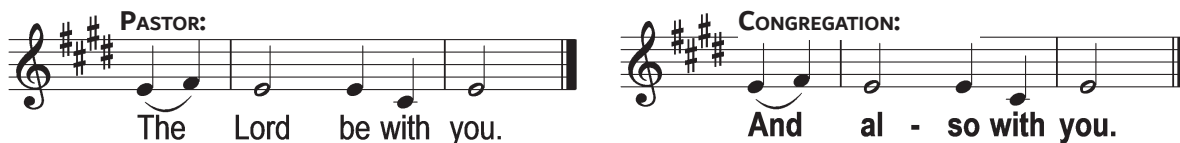
ASSEMBLY SINGS REPEATEDLY



Sung by cantor:

1. You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you. You are God eternal; all creation worships you. *(Refrain)*
2. All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song! Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. *(Refrain)*
3. The apostles all praise you. All the prophets acclaim you. All the martyrs and your faithful people worship you. *(Refrain)*
4. God, Creator, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we adore you. Spirit of the Living God, we worship you.

## SALUTATION



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

Eternal and all-merciful God,

**with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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
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## THE FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho ly remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**<sup>6</sup>While I felt se cure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de clare your faithfulness?

**<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and have mer cy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## THE SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there

together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

## MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

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## 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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make



us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

ARR. LARSON

MELANIE HALSELL

BARITONE HORN

## CALL FOR OFFERING

PR. LEIGH

*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](http://christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com); and;
- Text any dollar amount to 84321.



## TABLE HYMN: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT


**REFRAIN:**




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



So may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



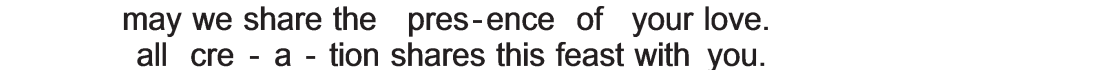
gath - ered in - to one in you. **FINE**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,



2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come, when



may we share the pres-ence of your love. **TO REFRAIN**

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

# THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,**

**breathe your life into us,**

**and enliven us with this meal,**

**that we may live as your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider*

*Assembly*



*The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.*

*Presider*

*Assembly*



*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.*

*Presider*



*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*Assembly*



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

It is our duty and delight  
 that we should everywhere and always  
 offer thanks and praise to you, O God  
 through Jesus Christ  
 who by His death on the cross  
 and glorious resurrection broke the  
 bonds of sin and death and  
 gave life to all creation  
 and so with the church on earth  
 all creation and the host of heaven  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your  
 name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*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  
 Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and  
 Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and  
 Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
 fear: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
 peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
 love: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"AS THE DEER"

"JESUS, DRAW ME CLOSE"

CLC TEAM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
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 triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE"

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DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**Please hold these people in prayer:**

- The family and friends Marilyn Wren;
- Jim, Victoria, 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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