

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025 9:30 AM



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We live in Christ and share God's love with all people."

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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 11 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Steve Balentine

Ushers: Darrel & Betty Behee

Communion Assistant: David Soderlund

Youth Assistant:

Reader: Betty Behee

Prayers of Intercession: Linda Anderson

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

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Linda Luke & Carol Brumet

Livestream Technician: Beth Andres

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

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 — May 11, 2025 — 9:30am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"
"BLESSING, HONOR AND GLORY"

CLC TEAM

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

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

ELW #789

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

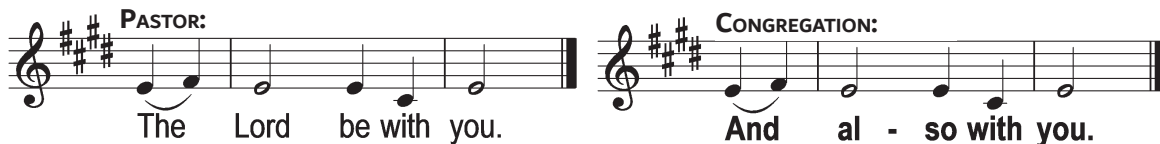
ASSEMBLY SINGS REPEATEDLY



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

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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: ACTS 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

THE SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried

out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

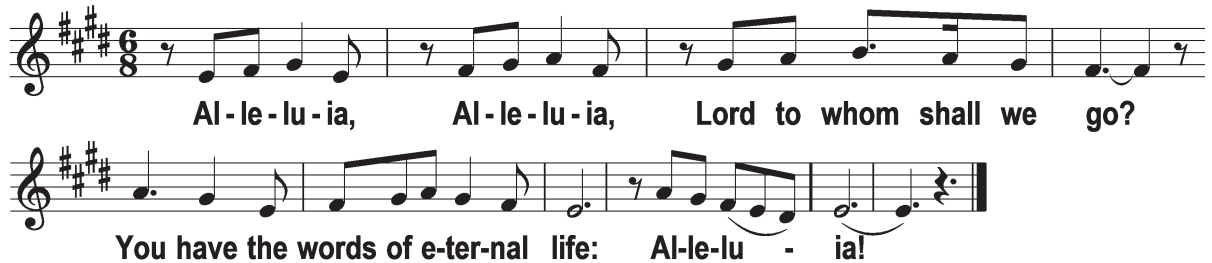
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered

around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

"THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

ELW #502

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

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.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (especially), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. 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

"FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD HOME"

JENISE CLAUSEN

BY MINDY SMITY

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 (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.



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.



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.
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.**

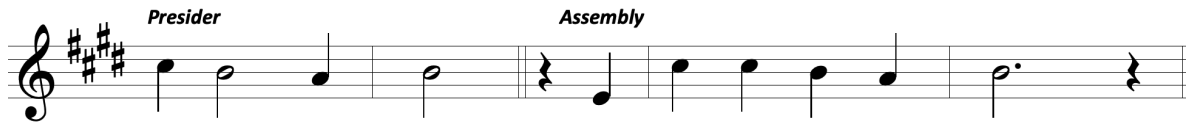
INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 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

OZZIE OSGOOD

MELANIE HALSELL

"THE PRAYER"

WRITTEN BY: DAVID FOSTER, CAROLE BAYER SAGER, ALBERTO TESTA, TONY REVIS

ARRANGEMENT FOR BRASS DUET BY OZZIE OSGOOD

I pray you'll be our eyes and watch us where we go
and help us to be wise in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way, lead us to a place
guide us with your grace, to a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find your light, I pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts, and hold
it in our hearts.

When stars go out each night, when stars go out each night, reminds us where you
are, oh oh.

Let this be our prayer, let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day, when shadows
fill our day.

Lead us to a place, guides us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe.

A world where pain and sorrow will be ended, and every heart that's broken will be
mended, and we'll remember we are all God's children, reaching out to touch you,
reaching to the sky.

We ask that life be kind, we ask that life be kind, and watch us from above, and watch
us from above

We hope each soul will find, we hope each soul will find, another soul to love, another
soul to love.

Let this be our prayer, let this be our prayer, just like every child, just like every child
Need to find a place, guide us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe

Need to find a place, guide us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe...

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

"O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT"

ELW #313

DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

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

POSTLUDE

All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for a Mother's Day brunch!

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLC?

Sunday 5/11

9:30am Worship

10:45am Mother's Day Brunch, Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/18

9:30am Worship

10:45am Community Ed: Youth Pride Parade Prep, Fireside Room
Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

Monday, 5/19

5:30pm Pub Church, Downtime Taps

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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