

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 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, SEPTEMBER 7 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Liza Okan

Greeter: Betty Behee

Ushers: George & Susan Holmes

Communion Assistant: Jennifer Petersen

Youth Assistant: Natalie Springer

Reader: Susan Holmes

Prayers of Intercession: George Holmes

Team: Jenise Clausen, Matt Springer, Erin Beebe, Steve Andres

Cantor: Jenise Clausen

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: DeLynn Sanchez

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: WOV, Setting 5

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

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

Dave Schlack, Care Pastor: 360-768-8452

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

Don Clausen, music director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

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Sunday — September 7, 2025 — 9:30am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"COME TO US"

CLC TEAM

"DRAW ME INTO YOUR PRESENCE"

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

PR. LIZA OKAN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

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

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS"

ELW# 335

GREETING

PR. LIZA

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

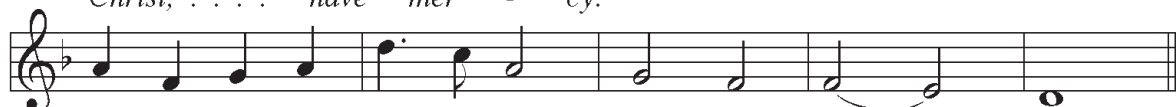
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son:

☩ Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy:

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



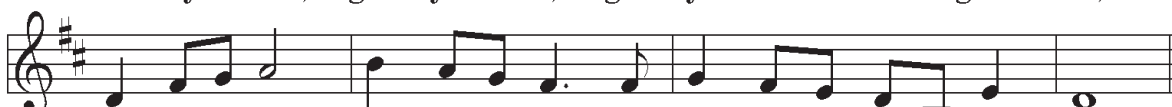
I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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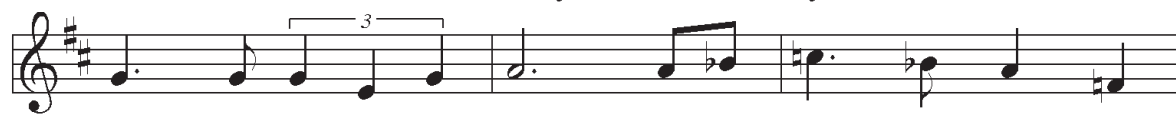
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

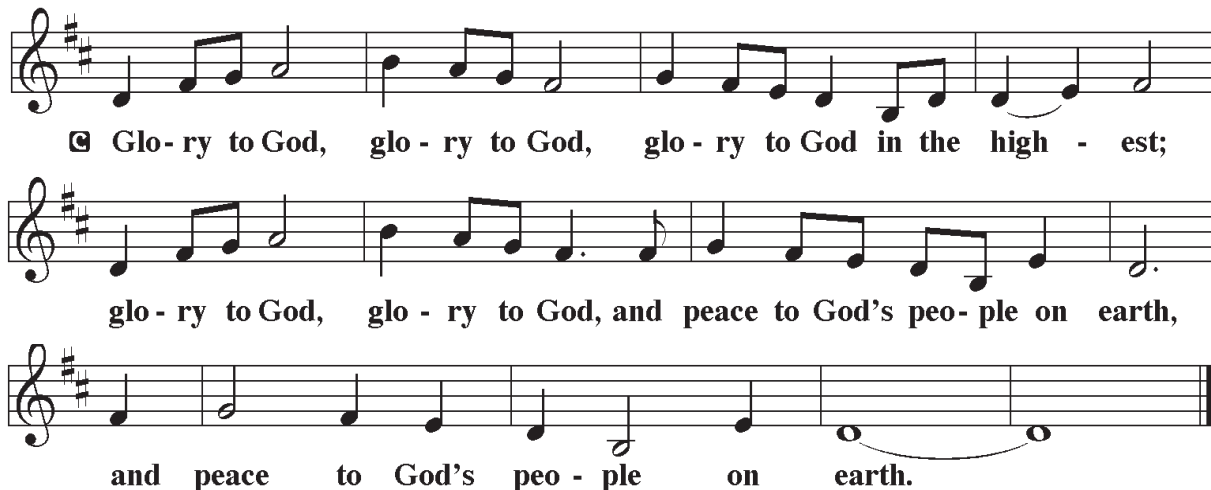


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LIZA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Direct us, O Lord God,

in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, ²to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier
Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love
for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the partnership of your
faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷I
have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of
the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do
the right thing, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this
as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my
child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is,
my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to
me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing
without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something
forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you
might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a
beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the
Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he
has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing
this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own
self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in

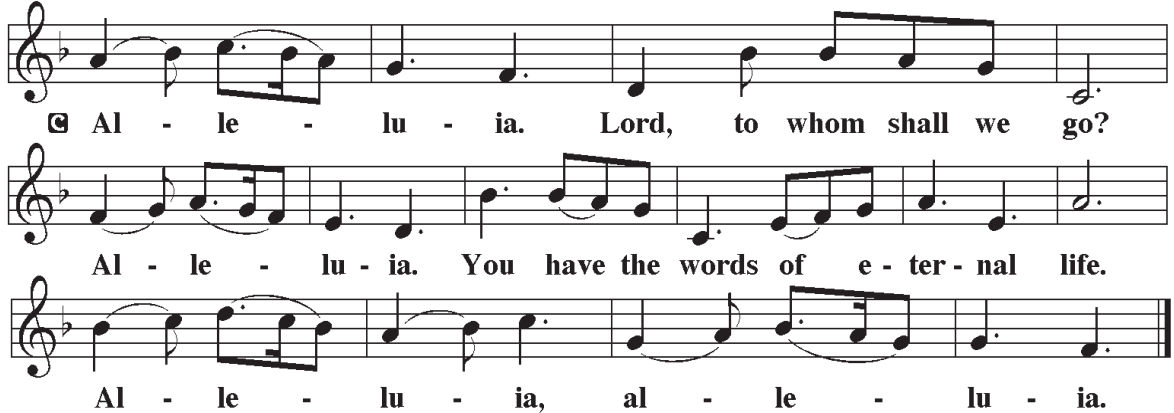
Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

PR. LIZA

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,

²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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HYMN OF THE DAY

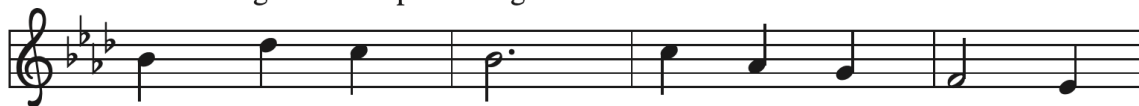
"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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APOSTLES' CREED

PR. LIZA

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely (especially). May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. Help us to grow in our loving acceptance and affirmation of all people, that we may be a place of safety in this community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our pastor Leigh. Renew her in mind and spirit during her time away and

return her refreshed and strengthened for her ministry among us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LIZA

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"FAIREST LORD JESUS MEDLEY"

SOLOIST: JENISE CLAUSEN

CALL FOR OFFERING

PR. LIZA

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 access);
- Or through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com



TABLE HYMN: FIVE VINEYARDS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LIZA

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. LIZA

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 and salutary

that we should at all times and in all places

offer thanks and praise to you,

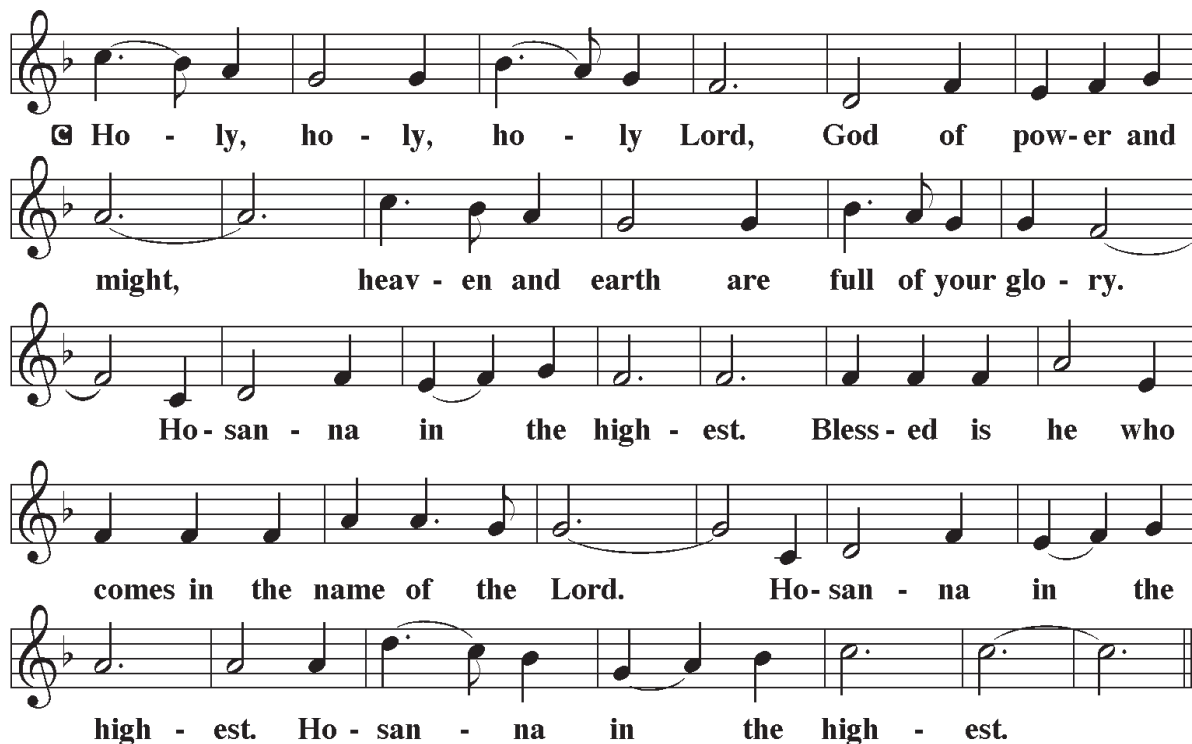
O Lord, holy Creator, through Christ our Lord;

who rose beyond the bounds of death and,

as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples.

At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy.

And so, 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, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your
Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and
suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms
to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.
Remembering, therefore, his death,
resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may
know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PR. LIZA

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. LIZA

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

You may be seated.

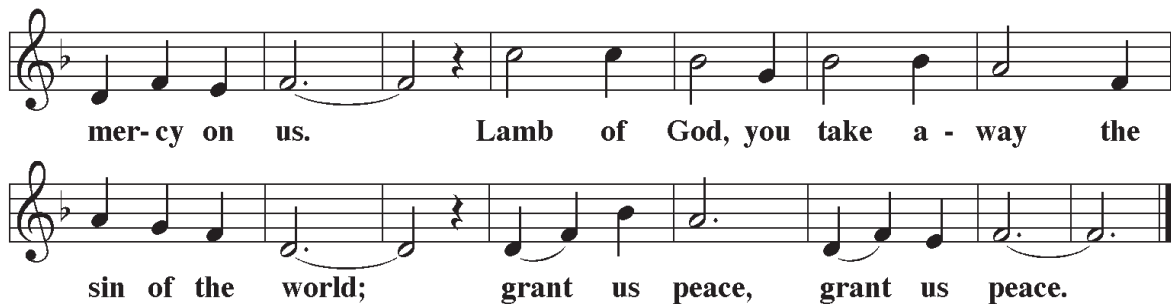
COMMUNION

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus 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 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



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CLC TEAM

"FEED US NOW"

"COMMUNE WITH ME"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LIZA

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

PR. LIZA

*Happy birth/bathday to you, happy anniversary to you,
may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.*

BLESSING

PR. LIZA

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS"

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DISMISSAL

PR. LIZA

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Summer Office Hours

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10ish-2ish

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLC?**Sunday 9/7**

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Liza Okan

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

Monday 9/8

9:00am: Quilting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 9/10

9:30am: Walk & Talk*

Sunday 9/14

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Leigh

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall: **Celebrate Bob Huber's 90th Birthday!**

More info in eNews*

PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

- Lynne, Elizabeth, Becky, Marisa & Karl, Linda, Kelly, 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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