

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 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, SEPTEMBER 14 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Janice Finnie

Ushers: Jo Ann & Tom Philpot

Communion Assistant: Shay Andersen

Youth Assistant: Veda Andersen

Reader: Carol Soderlund

Prayers of Intercession: Linda Anderson

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

Cantor: Matt Springer

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: DeLynn Sanchez

Livestream Technician:

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: God's Endless Love, Bonnie Drewes

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

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

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

Don Clausen, music director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

Shay Andersen, parish administrator : parishadmin@clcferndale.org

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"TEACH US YOUR WAYS"

CLC TEAM

"PROMISE"

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

ELW# 789

GREETING

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

♩ = 96

REFRAIN

Fine

L Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 1. For 2. For 3. Up-

C Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord have mer - cy.

VERSE 1

to refrain

Peace O Lord, we pray to you We lift our hearts to you this day.

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 2

to refrain

this bro-ken world we cry to you. May your grace be shown in all we do.

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 3

to refrain

on your cre-a - tion pour your love, that your king dom come here as in heav'n a bove

Ky ri-e e - le-i son. Ky - ri - e.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

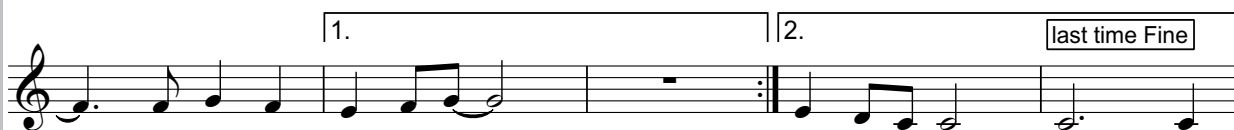
♩ = 144



REFRAIN



Praise God in the tem - ple in the high - est hea - vens. Praise God's migh - ty deeds



and nob - le maj - es - ty.

maj - es - ty.

1. Praise
2. Sing



God with the trum - pet blast! Praise God with the lute and harp!
praise to God cre - a - tor; to Christ, who sets us free,



Praise God with tim - brel and dance, with string and pipes!
and to the spir - it of life who makes us one. Praise Praise



God with crash - ing cym - bals, with loud and ring - ing cym - bals!
God with sing - ing voi - ces, with strong and faith - ful voi - ces!



All that is a - live praise the Lord!

To Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God,

overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 51:1-10

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

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: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING"

ELW 608

APOSTLES' CREED

PR. LEIGH

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.**

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

A brief silence.

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection. 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. LEIGH

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING"
- K. LEE SCOTT

CLC CHOIR

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



TABLE HYMN

With all we have we wait for God, our hearts re -

joyce with love in the Lord. We give to God, our strength and

shield, we trust your ho - ly name, Love us, Lord, we wait for you.

THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

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. 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;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 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:

$\text{♩} = 72$

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of end less
 love, heav'n and an-gels sing your glo-ry, praises from a - bove. Ho - san-na in the
 high-est! We join in the song, you are ho-ly, you are here with us now.

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. 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of
God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"GRACE LIKE RAIN"

"AMAZING GRACE"

CLC TEAM

ELW 779

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

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. LEIGH

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

BLESSING

PR. LEIGH

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

"TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE"

ELW 685

DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fall Office Hours

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9ish-3ish

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLC?**Sunday 9/14**

9:30am: Worship, Welcome back Pr. Leigh!

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

Monday 9/15

9:00am: Quilting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 9/17

9:30am: Walk & Talk*

Sunday 9/21

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:

- Bob, 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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