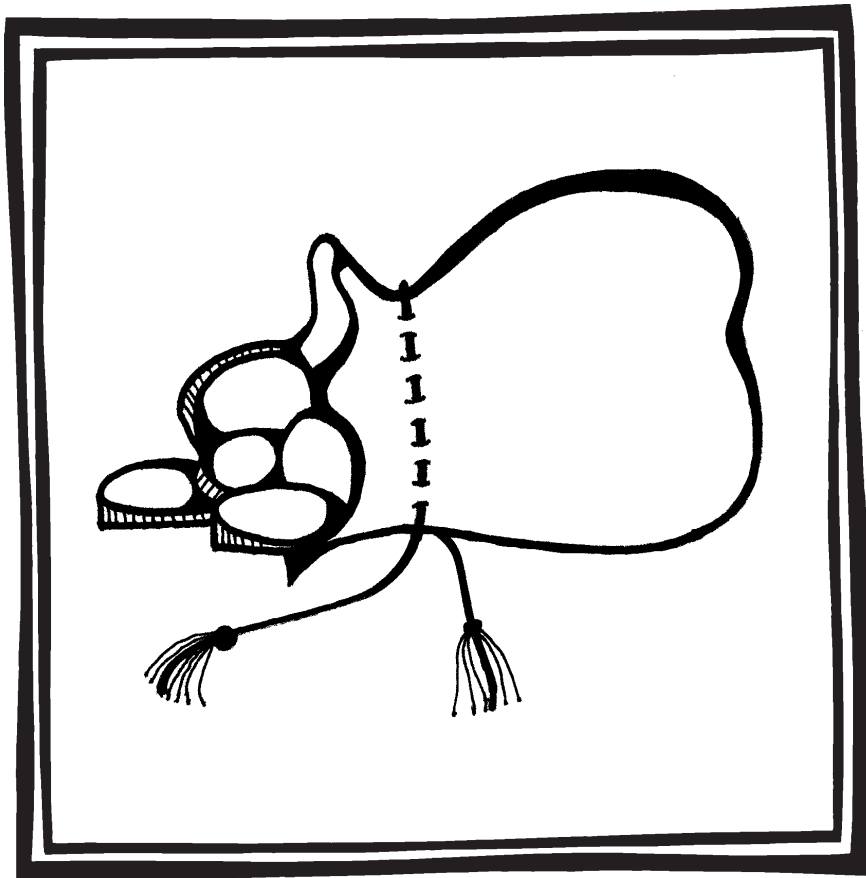


# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 9:30 AM



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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 21 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeter:** Liz Brown

**Ushers:** Rich & Becky Wageman

**Communion Assistant:** Liz Brown

**Youth Assistant:** Natalie Springer

**Reader:** Liz Brown

**Prayers of Intercession:** Dave Schlack

**Team:** Matt Springer, Becky McGrady, Janet Wilhoite, Erin Beebe

**Cantor:** Linda Anderson

**Piano:** Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

**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

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday – September 21, 2025 – 9:30am

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP"  
"COME, LET US WORSHIP & BOW DOWN"

CLC TEAM  
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

"THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"

ELW# 588

## 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.

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

1. For  
2. For  
3. Up-

## VERSE 1

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.

to refrain

## VERSE 2

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.

to refrain

## VERSE 3

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.

to refrain

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

♩ = 144



## REFRAIN



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

1.

2.

last time Fine



\_\_\_ 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! \_\_\_ Praise  
\_\_\_ and to the spir - it of life who makes us one. \_\_\_ 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!

To Refrain



All that is a - live \_\_\_ praise the Lord! \_\_\_

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PR. LEIGH

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God among us,

**we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: PSALM 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down

let the name of the Lord be praised.

**<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

**<sup>6</sup>but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**<sup>8</sup>enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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?



You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13****PR. LEIGH**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

## "BUILD A LONGER TABLE"



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## 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 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**

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

*A brief silence.*

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (especially). May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints (especially Matthew and all) who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. 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

"SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL"  
- GAITHER

STEVE ANDRES

### 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](http://christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com)



### TABLE HYMN

F C F C/E B $\flat$   
 With all we have we wait for God, our hearts re -  
 F/A C F/C C B $\flat$ /C Dm  
 joice with love in the Lord. We give to God, our strength and  
 Am Gm F/A C C $\sharp^{\circ}$  Dm E $\flat$  F  
 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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of end less  
love, heav'nand 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.

On the night in which he was arrested,  
 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. As a part of your communion experience, you are additionally invited to **light a candle, use the prayer wheel, or seek additional prayer with a Stephen Minister** seated in the front pew near the candle station as you need.*

## 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****"COME, LET US EAT"****ELW 491****"ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"****ELW 496****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.**

<b>SENDING</b>
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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT****STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REP****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****"BE THOU MY VISION"****ELW 793****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?**

More info in eNews\*

**Sunday 9/21**

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Leigh &amp; Stewardship Drive Kick Off!\*

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

**Monday 9/22**

9:00am: Quilting, Fellowship Hall

5:30pm: Pub Church, Downtime Taps

**Wednesday 9/24**

9:30am: Walk &amp; Talk\*

**Sunday 9/28**

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Leigh

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday 10/12**

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Leigh: Commitment Sunday - Commitment Cards due &amp; New Member Installation

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, New Member Welcome

**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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