

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 9:30 AM



CHRIST | 
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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, OCTOBER 19 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Preaching: Pr. Page

Presiding: Pr. Dave Schlack

Greeter: Sandy Hall

Ushers: Darrel & Betty Behee

Communion Assistant: Sandy Hall

Reader: Betty Behee

Prayers of Intercession: Carol Gahm

Cantor: Matt Springer

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

Piano: Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Carol Brumet & Linda Luke

Livestream Technician: Mary Springer

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

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"THE RIVER IS HERE"

CLC TEAM

"GOD OF WONDERS"

WELCOME

PR. PAGE

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

"LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS"

ELW#717

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

to refrain

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

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

VERSE 2

to refrain

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

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

VERSE 3

to refrain

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

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O Lord God,

tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**²My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**⁶the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**⁸The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD"

ELW# 517

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Christ Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

JOANNE DONNELLAN

VIOLIN

CALL FOR OFFERING

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

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.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. DAVE SCHLACK

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:

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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.

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

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

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 - y 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

"LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PLAYING"

"HERE IS BREAD"

CLC TEAM
 ELW# 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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

BLESSING

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

"SEND US OUT"

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

Send us out with a pas-sion for jus-tice, send us out with a wel-com-ing heart.

Send us out with a joy - ful spir - it to do your work in the world.

To bold - ly seek your truth, to love our neigh-bors, to

to be your hands, your feet, your love!_____

coda

to do your work in the world.. Send us out!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Q&A - Today!

If you'd like to be apart of the discussion, please stay put and hang out with Pr. Page and the RIC task force in the Sanctuary. We will give an update on the RIC process and review the current drafted Welcome Statement. This will be one of the last opportunities to get any lingering questions answered or offer feedback prior to the vote to become an RIC church at the Annual Meeting on November 16th.

The drafted Welcome Statement currently reads:

"At Christ Lutheran Church we celebrate and affirm the sacredness of LGBTQIA+ people, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, as well as any who have experienced marginalization by the Christian church. We commit to the work of anti-racism and inclusion in a world that profits off our separation. We remember Jesus' unambiguous call for us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39), especially those the world excludes (Isaiah 1:17). We pray you encounter the living, loving God, whose grace meets us uniquely in the margins and who sees each of us as beloved."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Moment: REMEMBER & REJOICE!

Six years ago we were finishing up the remodel of CLC. Ask anyone who was here about the previous kitchen, the small Narthex, and the number of groups that shared what is now the Prayground. How about the old carpet in the Fellowship hall? With the help of the Mission Builders and so many members of CLC we created our current building. It was a huge step in faith. We raised funds for the down payment and in June 2019 we acquired a loan of \$985,000. As of August 2025, the loan amount was down to \$530,000. Our interest rate is 4.75%.

We have paid off \$455,000 in just over six years! The people of CLC are generous, and God takes such good care of us.

Walk and Talk October 22 - Fall Colors @ Cordata Park

Appreciate the vivid October foliage at and around Cordata Park during Walk and Talk Wednesday, October 22. Carpool will leave CLC at 9:15 am or meet there about 9:30.

This Bellingham City Park's address is 4510 Cordata Parkway. Gather at the northern parking lot near the playground, restrooms, and picnic shelter. Traffic must turn into the park going northbound because of the median on Cordata Parkway. Cordata Park has a variety of trail loops through meadows and marshlands. Elevation variation is minimal and some of the paths are surfaced making it accessible to a range of walkers. Dogs are welcome on leash.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This is its fourth season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Contact Carolyn Jonson, 360-746-5653 for more information *More details in eNews!

2025 Coat Drive Success!

A huge thank you to CLC members for loving your neighbors and helping to keep them warm and comfortable this winter! We collected 81 items - many of them new; coats, sweaters, scarves, mittens and lots of delightful, handmade hats! Although we are done collecting at CLC, if you have any additional donations you'd like to share, they may be turned in to United Church of Ferndale through October 24th.

Remembrance of Millie Rae Hubbard

Marisa Sanchez and Karl Hubbard invite you to join them at Coffee Hour following worship, Sunday, October 26th to rememb their daughter, Millie's life. There will be an opportunity for prayer and refreshments will be provided.

Kid's Corner - November 2nd!

Please plan to have your 5th grade or younger kiddos join the Kid's Corner the ***first Sunday of the month*** in the Godly Play room. We will have refreshments, conversation and activities to support relational worship together.

Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 16th

All voting members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting next month! The meeting is held in the sanctuary directly following worship and will be led by Council President David Soderlund. You will have an opportunity to nominate, vote and approve many things including the 2026 budget and next round of congregational leaders!

Peanut Butter & Pampers - A New Food Bank & Other Bank Initiative

May we introduce you to our new initiative to support our Ferndale Food & Other Banks! This is called a 1x1x1 Project and it goes like this... for the month of October we will ask for:

1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:

1 x 1 container of Peanut Butter (for the Food bank) and,

1 x 1 package of Pampers (or any other diapers – for the Other Bank).

Historically, the donations for the Ferndale Food & Other Banks are low unless we have some kind of campaign going - which doesn't always happen on a regular basis. In an effort to increase donations, the CLC Social Concerns Committee is introducing an ongoing initiative in the form of a "1x1x1 project" to fill our donation bins. (This will change monthly!) Please drop your contributions in the designated bins in the Narthex. Contact Carol Gahm or Shay Andersen with any questions.

Looking Ahead

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

Pr. Leigh will be out of town this week for Continuing Education, to return Sunday 10/26.

Sunday 10/19 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30 am Worship with Pr. Page(Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 10/20 09:00 am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 10/22 09:00 am Weekly Announcements Deadline
 09:30 am Walk and Talk (Cordata Park)
 05:30 pm Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 06:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday 10/26 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30 am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Rememberance for Millie Hubbard

Calendar & Events



PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

- Gary, 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;
- 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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