

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 9:30 AM



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

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# 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, NOVEMBER 9 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeter:** Geoff & Nancy Tupper

**Ushers:** Linda & Rick Luke

**Communion Assistant:** Kelly Dietsch

**Assistant:** Shay Andersen

**Reader:** Nancy Tupper

**Prayers of Intercession:** Carol Gahm

**Team:** Becky McGrady, Linda Osgood, Janet Wilhoite, Erin Bebee

**Cantor:** Jenise Clausen

**Piano:** Don Clausen

**Organ:** Don Clausen

**Violin:** Joanne Donnellan

**Flute:** Nancy Tupper

**Altar Guild:** Jenise Clausen

**Livestream Technician:** Audra McLain

**Soundboard Technician:** Sam McGrady

**Liturgical Setting:** God's Endless Love, Bonnie Drewes

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP  
DRAW ME INTO YOUR PRESENCE

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

## CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

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.*

Faithful God,  
**you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.**  
**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.**  
**We ignore our neighbors.**  
**We exploit the earth.**  
**We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**  
**Repair our relationships,**

**restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.**  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANK I STAND

ELW# 437

# 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

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3. Up-

**VERSE 1**

to refrain

Peace O Lord, to you we pray. 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

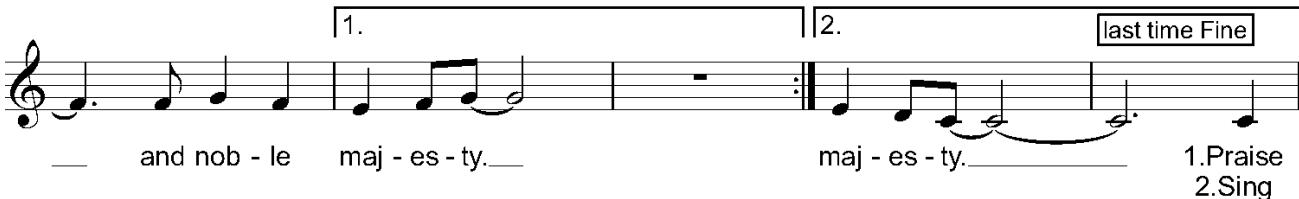
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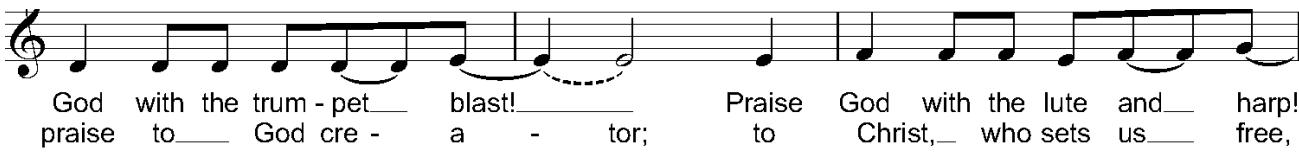


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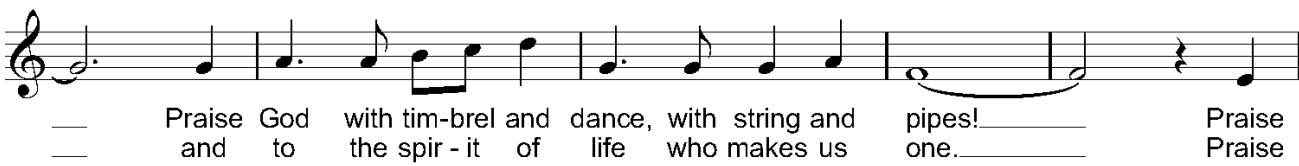
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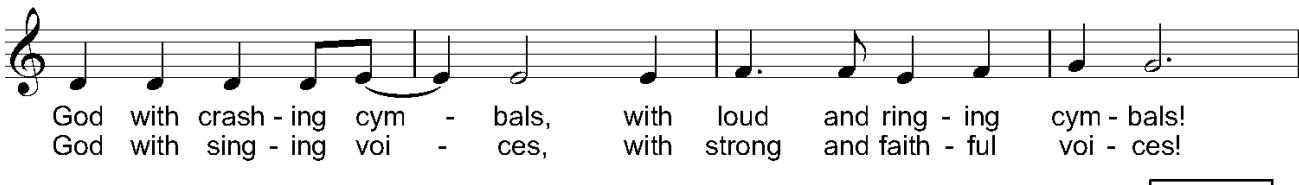
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2. Sing



God with the trum - pet blast! Praise God with the lute and harp!  
praise to God cre - a - tor; 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 God, our eternal redeemer,  
**by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
Amen.

# WORD

## FIRST READING: HAGGAI 1:15-2:9

<sup>15b</sup> In the second year of King Darius, <sup>2:1</sup> in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: <sup>2</sup> "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: <sup>3</sup> Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? <sup>4</sup> Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. <sup>6</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;**  
**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what others do;**  
**at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**  
**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

**8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
9 from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17**

**13** But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. **14** For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

**16** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, **17** comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand for Gospel Acclamation\**

Stand in body or spirit



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 20:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**27** Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] **28** and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. **29** Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; **30** then the second **31** and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. **32** Finally the woman also died. **33** In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." **34** Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage

<sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection<sup>8</sup> from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE – STEPHEN MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

**ELW# 423**

## NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

### Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. These friends have come to our congregation and they desire to make public affirmation of their baptisms.

### Profession of Faith

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

*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.**

**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.**

**Address & Questions**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

*The assembly responds:*

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**Welcome**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.*

## GIFT OF MUSIC

"Do Not Be Afraid" - CRAIG COURTNEY

CLC CHOIR

## 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

F C F C/E B♭

F/A C F/C C B♭/C Dm

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

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

Am Gm F/A C C♯ Dm Eb F

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.**

Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Drewes/Clausen

C F Gm C C/E Dm

P:The Lord be with you C:And al - so with you. P:Lift up your hearts. C:We

Gm C Am Dm

lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the

Eb Bb C Bb Bb/C F

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 endless

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.**

Ho - san - na in the high - est! We join in the  
song, you are ho - ly, you are here with us now.

## 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 THE TABLE

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

*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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
**you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.**  
**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.**  
**Amen.**

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

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

## BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you  $\pm$  and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“BLESSED ASSURANCE”

ELW #638

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Walk and Talk - November 12th

Walkers will head west from CLC into the Seamount neighborhood, Wednesday, November 12. Be ready to depart on foot at 9:15. Street construction on Ferndale Terrace will keep that route off limits but there are a number of other streets to explore. Seamount was Ferndale's first residential "development". The arrival of the Mobil Oil refinery west of Ferndale brought a rapid demand for housing in the mid-1950s. Modern California Ranch style homes gave a new face to housing options and the neighborhood continued to grow through ensuing decades. Seamount streets predate sidewalk development codes so walking will be along the street shoulders but traffic is generally light. Routes will accommodate a variety of walking speeds and distances and it will be an easy return to the church for hot morning beverages in the Fireside Room between 10 and 10:30.

Remember our new regular starting time is 9:15 for all who wish to gather for walking. Most of the fall and winter walks will be in or near Ferndale. There will be Coffee, tea, cocoa 10:00-10:30 in Fireside Room for anyone who wishes to enjoy a morning cup and socializing as the walkers return. Anybody is welcome! No need to be a walker, just a talker!

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.

## **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!

## **Kid's Corner December 7th!**

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.

## **Memorial Service for Pr. Don Cornell**

A note from Pr. Don's family: Family and friends, a memorial service for our father, Don Cornell, will be held on Saturday, November 22, 11:00 AM PST, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, Washington. All are welcome.

The service will be live streamed at: <https://trinitylutheranparkland.org/>

Our father established an endowed scholarship fund at Pacific Lutheran University in honor of his parents several years ago. In lieu of flowers, you are welcome to make a donation in his honor through this link: <https://trinitylutheranparkland.org/>  
We want to thank you for your prayers, well-wishes, and remembrances of Dad.

## **Lutherwood Discounts for Fall/Winter Stays**

Are you a dedicated camper? Book now for late fall/early winter and get 25% off our regular price! Enjoy a cozy cup of hot chocolate while renewing your spirit at Lutherwood. It's the perfect time for a church group retreat, council planning day, or a solo getaway. Submit a rental request form at [camplutherwood.org/rentals](http://camplutherwood.org/rentals) or reach out to Sam, Guest Services Director, for more information (FYI: prices listed on our website are pre-discount).

## Feeding Families Initiative

### Links for Monetary Donations:

Ferndale Food Bank: <https://www.ferndalefoodbank.org/giving> OR scan this code 

Ferndale Community Services: <https://ferndalecs.org/donate/> OR scan this code 

Miracle Food Network: <https://www.miraclefoodnetwork.org/how-to-help> OR scan 

### November 1x1x1 Project – Tuna & Feminine Hygiene Products!

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 we will ask for:

- 1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:
- 1 x 1 item for the Food bank (November: TUNA!) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (November: Fem. Hygiene Products!).

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 a season when food benefits are unknown for so many and 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.

### Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Draft Welcome Statement

Thank you to everyone who came to the RIC Q&A on Oct. 19th and those who have participated by offering feedback thus far! As a reminder...

### What is the Welcome Statement?

- An addition to the general welcome that is offered by Pastor Leigh at the beginning of every worship service.
- Once approved, this statement will also be found on our website with context explaining its inception and why it's important.

## **Why do we need this?**

- To become an RIC church, one of the requirements is that we have a welcome statement that specifically names and affirms LGBTQIA+ and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in the church.
- Becoming an RIC congregation means living this commitment publicly in spirit and in practice.

## **What is the Welcome Statement NOT?**

- This Welcome Statement will NOT replace the CLC Mission Statement (that reads: "We live in Christ and share God's love with all people").
- The Welcome Statement is NOT exclusionary of all other people outside of these two named groups. Even though this portion of the welcome statement specifically names LGBTQIA+ & BIPOC, it does not negate the overall welcome issued to every other person that joins worship on Sunday mornings. They are not mutually exclusive.

Below you will find the current draft RIC Welcome Statement. Starting this Sunday, the RIC Task Force will compile and review any offered feedback to this statement and adjust as they see appropriate. The Task Force will continue to meet and make adjustments if needed through the Sunday (11/9) before the Annual Meeting. The final Welcome Statement draft will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting on 11/16.

## ***RIC Draft Welcome Statement***

*At Christ Lutheran Church we live in Christ and share God's love with all people.*

*CLC celebrates and affirms the sacred worth of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, including the LGBTQIA+ community; people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds; specifically Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; people of all ages and abilities; and people of all social and economic circumstances – 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 from our division. We remember Jesus' unambiguous call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). We pray that all may encounter the living, loving God, whose grace meets us in our authentic humanity and who sees each of us as beloved.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9:15am - 3:00pm

**Sunday 11/9** 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
09:30 am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)  
10:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday 11/10** 09:00 am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)  
12:30pm PEO (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday 11/12** 09:00 am Weekly Announcements Deadline  
09:15 am Walk and Talk (parking lot, then Fireside Room)  
05:30 pm Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
06:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday 11/16** 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
09:30 am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)  
10:45 am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

**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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