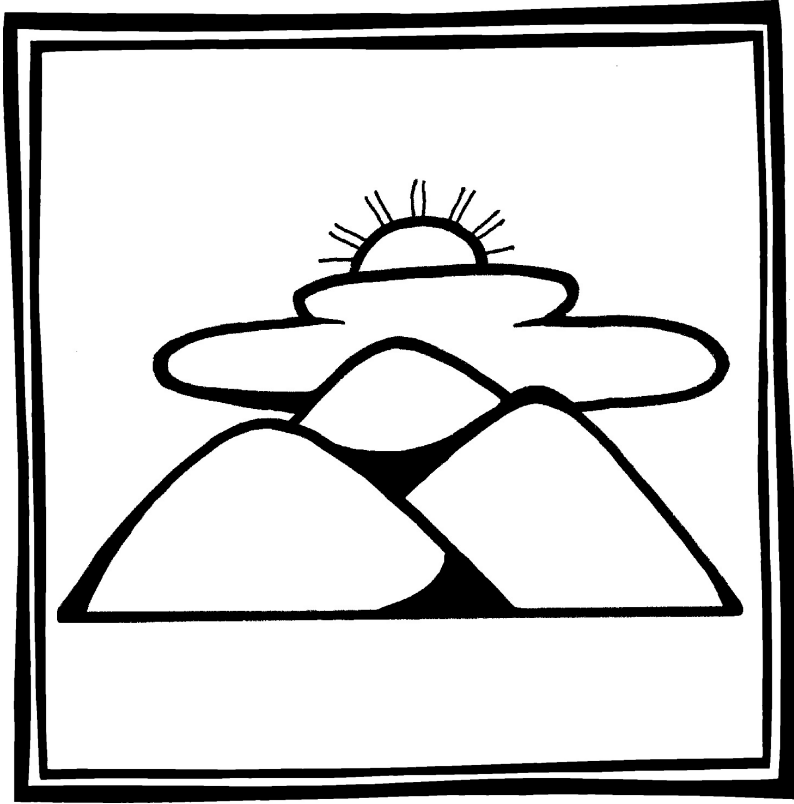


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 9:30 AM



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church where 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.

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.

Younger friends are welcome in the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service.

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.

For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew. We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. The congregation reads the bold print and *stands as they are able*.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 9:30AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

COME TO US
EMMANUEL

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

LO, HE COMES ON CLOUDS DESCENDING

ELW# 435

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

George & Susan Holmes, Solveig Shermer



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

God of the long wait, we take hope,

Knowing you are a God whose movement does not depend on our ability to perceive it.

Remind us that your wait in the womb of Mary was but an intimate beginning in mystery, growth, and dependency.

Let our own waiting be the same, as we wait for healing and liberation help us to practice justice, repair, and mercy,

Let us feel that even here you are moving, you are growing our way to life and healing.

Protect us from despair as we wait for the freedom only you can give.

We light a candle for hope.

ADVENT HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 46

¹ I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; **12** the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; **13** let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the upper staff, and the lyrics are written below the notes. The notes are: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - NOISY OFFERING

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS

ELW# 244

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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

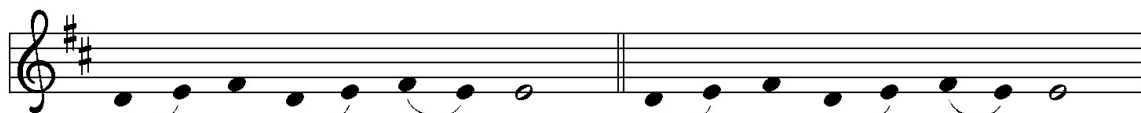
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CLC CHOIR

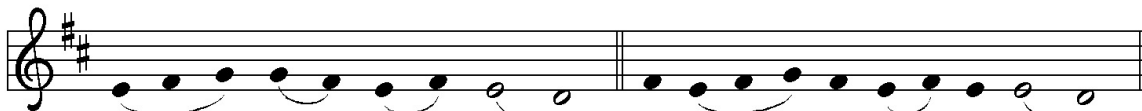
- ARR. ANDRE THOMAS

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.



L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.



L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

All glory and honor to you, O Lord,
for the promise of your saving love-
new life and hope springing forth
from the stump of Jesse's tree;
a world where wolf and lamb,
leopard and kid, lion and calf
will live together in safety and peace
and a little child will lead us.

Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

All glory and honor to you, O Lord,
for by your grace you sent us a Savior-
one who delights in worshiping you
and brings equality and justice
to people who are humble and poor,
one who has destroyed the power of death and will be
faithful and righteous forever.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 THE TABLE

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION AND OFFERING

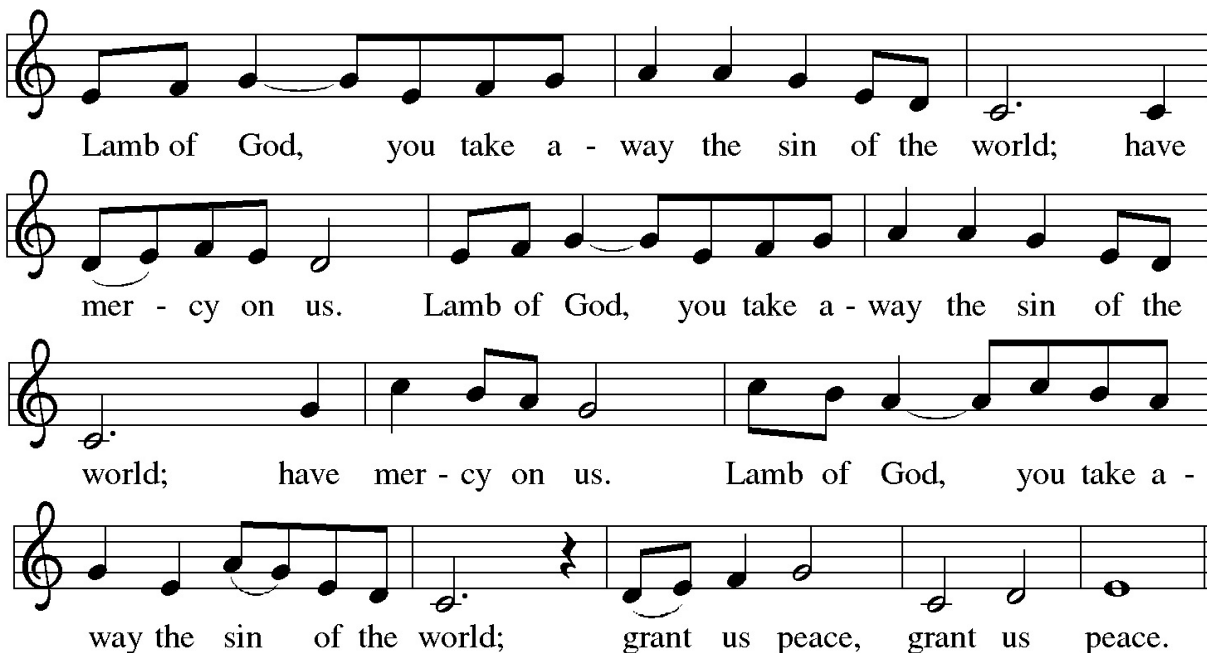
All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or guardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you have any 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.

At this time, you may also present your physical offering (if you have one) prior to receiving communion in the designated offering plate. Offerings may also be received the following way:

- 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



COMMUNION HYMN



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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

WAIT FOR THE LORD

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

CLC TEAM/CONGREGATION

ELW# 262

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING

GOODBYE & GODSPEED: FAREWELL FOR SPRINGER’S

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 God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

FLING WIDE THE DOOR

ELW #439

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

Stand in body or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Monday, 12/1@ 7pm

Join our Social Concerns committee for their bi-monthly meeting this Monday, 12/1 @ 7pm in the Fireside Room. We always welcome new members – come check out what initiatives we are working on!

Walk & Talk: December 3rd

It's Walkers' Choice Wednesday Dec 3 at 9:15. We'll choose a route on sidewalks from the church parking lot. Come and see where inspiration takes us! There will be coffee and other hot beverages in the Fireside Room upon return about 10:00.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This is its fourth season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Call or text Carolyn Jonson, 360-746-5653, for more information.

Crafty Ladies next Saturday!

All are welcome to join the crafting fun on Saturday, December 6th, from 9am to Noon. We meet at the Correll Park Club House. Hope to see you there!

Advent Book Study: December 7th with Stephen Wise

The Holy in the Night: Finding Freedom in a Season of Waiting, by Shannon W. Dycus is an Advent Devotional that we will dig into this season. Led by Pr. Leigh and other lay leaders, join us each Sunday of Advent in the Fireside Room for a review and discussion of the week's most impactful devotionals.

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.

Holiday Happenings

Holiday Giving Store

Every Christmas, it is our tradition at Christ Lutheran to provide Christmas gifts for the Holiday Giving Store in Ferndale. Christ Lutheran Preschool families join us in this joyful tradition! Please stop by the Giving Tree in the entry and choose an ornament to fulfill a gift-wish for a child. Please bring **unwrapped** gifts to the church by **December 14**. Gifts should be . If you are donating a gift card please give those directly to Betty Behee or Carol Gahm so they don't get lost. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ and bringing Christmas joy to Ferndale children.

Gently Used Toys

This year we are excited to partner with Miracle Food Network and Culture Cleaning Services to collect gently used toys for families in our community. Please donate your clean, gently used toy in the red candy cane wrapped box in the Narthex! Donations will be accepted through **December 17th**.

Carols by Candlelight @ Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Lutheran Church (7215 Valley View Rd.) hosts "Carols by Candlelight" on Wednesday, December 10th at 6pm. All are welcome to gather for this free community event. We will sing carols and enjoy special music and good fellowship together. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Email office@zionlutheranwhatcom.org with questions. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We hope you will join us on Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th!

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service

Interactive Storytelling and Nativity Scene Quest!

Does your family enjoy interactive play and storytelling? Please join our 5pm service to help build the story **and** scene of Jesus' birth. Children of all ages (yes – that means everyone!) are welcome and encouraged to participate!

9:00pm Candlelit Christmas Eve Service

Communion, Candlelight and Lessons & Carols

A classic offering and an annual favorite of so many of our members. Please join us for a gorgeous "Lessons & Carols" candlelit service with communion by intinction.

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



December 1x1x1 Project – SOUP & SOAP!

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 (December: SOUP!) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (December: SOAP! think: hand soap, bar/body soap, shampoo, deodorant).

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.

October Recap:

*The Ferndale Food Bank received **96 jars of Peanut Butter!** (That's 164 lbs of food!)*

*The Ferndale Other Bank received **38 packages of diapers!***

Thank you to CLC and CLCP for your generosity to these critical local organizations!

LIFE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11/30 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30 am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Community Education: How Islam Understands the
 Virgin Birth of Jesus
Advent Book Study Books Available Today

Monday 12/1 09:00 am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
 07:00 pm Social Concerns Meeting (Fireside Room)

Wednesday 12/3 09:00 am Weekly Announcements Deadline
 09:15 am Walk and Talk (Hovander Park)
 05:30 pm Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 06:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday 12/7 08:30 am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30 am Worship with Pr. Page (Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Community Education: Advent Book Study (Fireside
 Room)

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD!

Monday 12/15 05:30pm PubChurch @ Downtime Taps

Wednesday 12/24 05:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
Interactive Storytelling!
 09:00pm Candlelit Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
Communion and Lessons & Carols

LIFE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Ushers: Jennifer & Calvin Petersen

Communion Assistant: Carol Brumet

Reader: Kelly Dietsch

Prayers of Intercession: Jan Schlack

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

Piano: Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Jenise Clausen

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: ELW Setting One

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

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

Don Clausen, Music Director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

Shay Andersen, Parish Administrator: parishadmin@clcferndale.org

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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