

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026 | 9:30 AM



CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Jan Schlack

Communion Assistant: DeLynn Sanchez

Reader: Susan Holmes

Prayers of Intercession: George Holmes

Cantor: Jenise Clausen

Team: Jenise Clausen, Anna Malpica,
Becky McGrady, Steve Andres

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Liz Brown

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady &
Calvin Petersen

Liturgical Setting: WOV Setting 5

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE

CLC TEAM

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

Amen.

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

Reconciling God,

we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.

**We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always
embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess
our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent
systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.**

Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

ELW# 275

Stand in body or spirit

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.

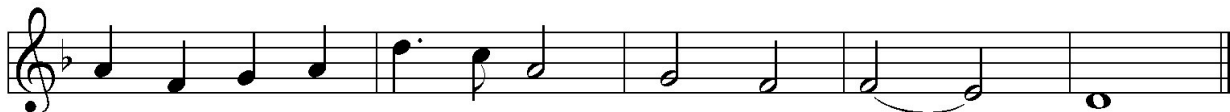
KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **☩** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



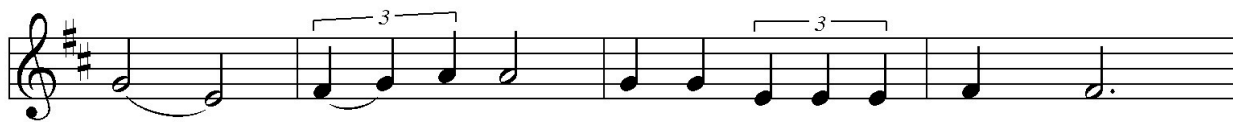
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



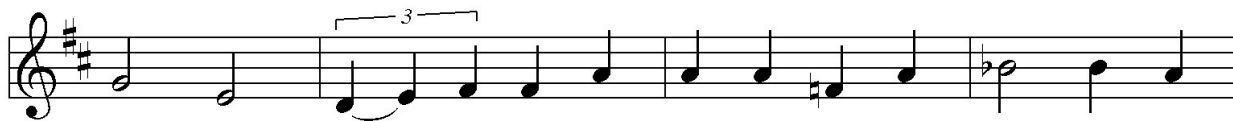
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**¹² For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

**¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

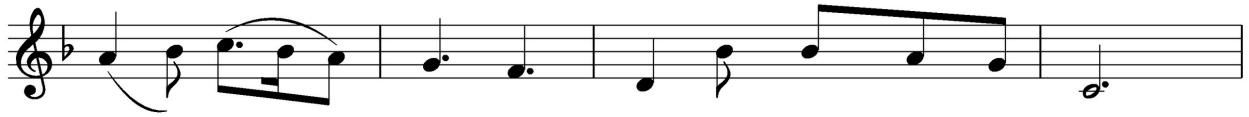
¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu ia. Lord, to whom shall we go.



Al - le - lu ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they

were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

ELW# 815

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 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

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Repairer of the breach, you separate us from our sin and unite us with one another. Heal the animosity in our hearts, and bind us together in love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Author of life, you sent your spirit over the waters, your breath into your children, and guiding stars across the sky. Awaken us to the plight of the planet and send us to care for your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Light that leads the way, you make yourself known to the nations. Illuminate just paths and guide leaders in the church and the world in your holy will (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Voice of the silenced, you cast the mighty from their thrones and fill the hungry with good things. Grant those in need the courage to demand equality and those with abundance the wisdom to share. Respond to any who call out in need this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Proclaimer of promises, you raise up prophets and messengers in the places we least expect. Equip us to listen well to those who bring both good news and painful truths. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Redeemer of the saints, you gift us with many people throughout our lives who point the way to you. We give you thanks for the recently departed and all who have loved us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

"MARY'S LITTLE BOY CHILD"

BY JESTER HAIRSTON

ANNA MALPICA

JENISE & DON CLAUSEN

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

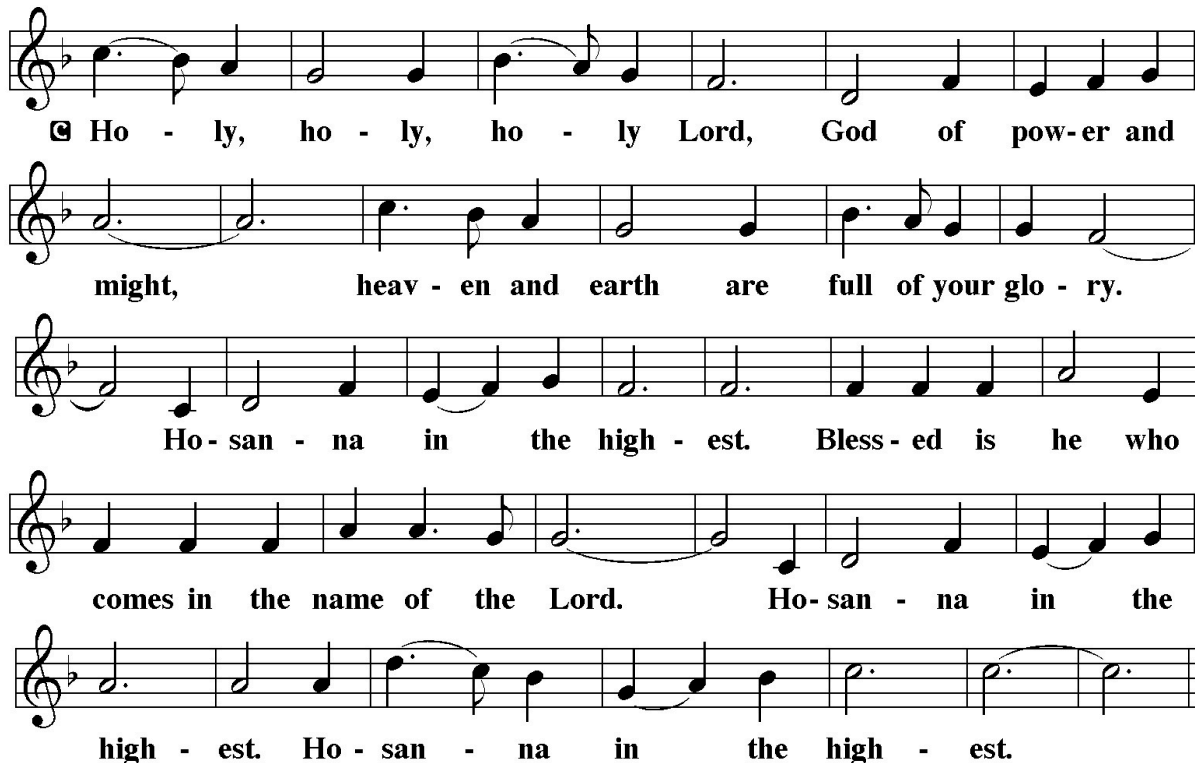
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O Lord, for the gift of your Word.

From the very beginning, your Word has been with you -

bring all things into being, giving life to all people.

Your Word came into the world that all might believe.



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. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give you thanks, O Lord,
that in the fullness of time,
your Word became flesh
and came to live among us.
Now we have seen the glory
of your only begotten one.
Now we know the fullness
of your grace and truth.

On the night of his arrest,
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, life, death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Taking your Word upon our lips,
we promise ourselves to you.
From this fullness, let us all receive
grace upon grace upon grace.
We glorify you, O Lord,
for the power of your Holy Spirit -
the light that cannot be extinguished,
the fire that will never go out.
Send down your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup,
that our hearts may burn within us
as we share this meal in Jesus' name.
Send us forth from this place
to bring good news to the world,
proclaiming your Word to all.

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 AND CALL FOR 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

CLC TEAM

COMMUNE WITH ME

HOLY CHILD WITHIN THE MANGER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

**May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.**

**Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.**

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 triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS (V. 1-4)

ELW # 303

DISMISSAL

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/4 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Community Education: *The Holy in the Night* - Book
 Discussion #4 with Carolyn Jonson (Fireside Room)

Monday 1/5 09:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 1/7 09:15am Walk & Talk (CLC Fireside Room)

Sunday 1/11 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Community Education: *The Holy in the Night* -
 Book Discussion #6 w/ Shay Andersen (Fireside Room)

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Book Study: January 4th

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. Join us each Sunday of Advent in the Fireside Room for a review and discussion of the week's most impactful devotionals.

Walk & Talk – January 7: *Learn to Ride the WTA Buses!*

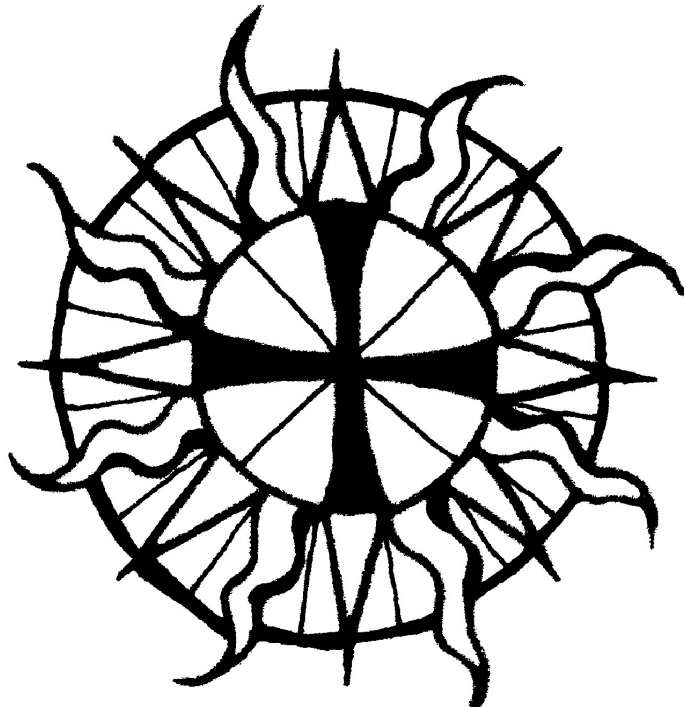
Have you ever wondered how to go about getting to a local destination via Whatcom Transit buses? Where do I board? What does it cost? How do I pay? How do I transfer? When will I get there? Where can I go? And here is a big question: Why and when would I ride a bus rather than drive myself?

Andrew Herndon of Whatcom Transit Authority will have the answers Wednesday, January 7. Meet in the Fireside Room at 9:15 am for this Walk and Talk learning opportunity. Anyone is welcome to attend and be informed about the services available through Whatcom Transit Authority. On a following date, stay tuned for a ride-the-bus field trip opportunity!

It's back to walking as usual, January 14th!

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.

Coloring!



Please hold these people in prayer:

- Sara, Brandon



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