

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026 | 9:30 AM



CHRIST
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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 18 PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeters/Ushers: Dave and Jan Schlack

Communion Assistants: Jennifer and Calvin Petersen

Reader: Susan Holmes

Prayers of Intercession: Carol Gahm

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Linda Anderson

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: WOV Setting 5

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

BORN REBORN
GLORY TO THE LAMB

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

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

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,

and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,

and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

ELW# 314

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: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



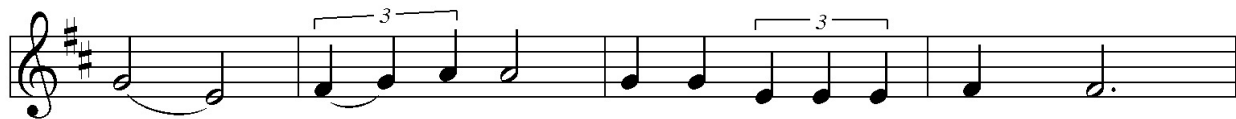
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



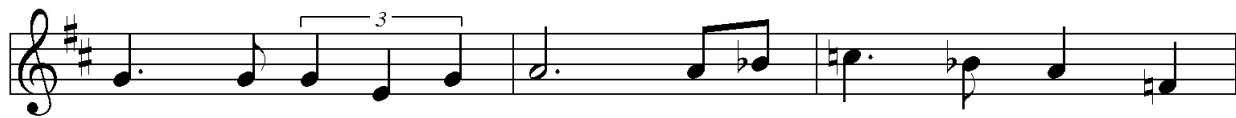
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II 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.



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.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II



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.

G 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.

Holy God,

our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:5-7

⁵ And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

7 Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 "Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 40:1-11

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord,
 who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**2 The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

3 The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can
 be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are
 more than I can count.

6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

7 And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**8 'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep within me.'**

9 I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**10 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
 faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and
 truth from the great assembly.**

11 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel acclamation.

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: JOHN 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

29 [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

Stand in body or spirit

³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

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.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (especially). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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

"IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU, JESUS"

- PAUL OAKLEY

ANNA MALPICA

TONY MALPICA

JOANNE DONNELLAN

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.

Blessed are you, O God,

Creator of Heaven and earth.,

From generation to generation

You have cared for your people.

You bless the poor in spirit

With the kingdom of heaven.

You bless the meek and lowly with the inheritance of the earth.

Therefore, with joy and gladness

We join with all the saints

In singing thanks and praise



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



Blessed are you, O God,
 Redeemer of the world.
 Into this life of sin and sorrow
 You send Jesus Christ to save us.
 He blesses those who hunger and thirst
 With justice and righteousness.
 He blesses those who are merciful
 With your abundant mercy.
 He blesses the pure in heart
 With the revelation of your glory.

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.

Therefore, with joy and gladness
 We offer ourselves to you
 As we share this sacred meal.

Blessed are you, O God,
 Sustainer and source of all life.
 On your people and in this meal

You pour out your Holy Spirit.
 Now bless the peacemakers
 With the name “children of God.”
 Now bless those who are persecuted
 With the reward of the righteous.
 Now bless all who suffer evil
 With the welcome of your eternal realm.
 Then with joy and gladness
 We will glorify you together,
 One God, forever and ever.

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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table;
 taste and see.

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

HERE IS BREAD

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

CLC TEAM & CONGREGATION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

May the triune God,

who has put a new song in your mouth

and tuned your heart for praise

⊕ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY

1/21: Walk & Talk – *Coffee and Conversation*

January 21 will kick off 2026's monthly Coffee and Conversation. No walking on these 3rd Wednesday mornings each month. The book selected for this year is "Disquiet Time". Books are provided through a Thrivent grant. They will be available on the 14th for those who wish to participate.

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.

1/25: Documentary & Discussion - Community Education

In honor of Treaty Day, we invite you to participate in a Documentary viewing and discussion on Sunday, January 25th. "*Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts*" is a documentary film created by the Anglican Church of Canada as a part of their work on reconciliation and justice. The QR code to will take you to the link on YouTube, or you can use the title name to find the link to view the film in advance in it's entirety. Several clips will be shown and discussed on Sunday, January 25th.



1/30: Monthly Game Night!

Have you been looking for a fun game night? Look no further! CLC looks forward to hosting a new, monthly game night for adults (or nearly adult – those not requiring supervision to play) every last Friday of the month! Games will start at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room. A game will be chosen and played in rotation for 3 months as to allow time to learn the game and a few subsequent sessions to play. Questions? Contact Audra McLain: audramclain@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY

2/1: The Universal Christ Book Study - Community Education

In February and March, Pastor Leigh and Stephen & Irene Wise (both trained Spiritual Directors) will lead a book study of Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ* for Community Education. Each Sunday, we'll review two to three chapters of Rohr's book after church, discussing the text, its impact on faith, and how we live out that faith day to day. Then, on Mondays from 12-2, all are invited to gather for a small group that will be engaging more experientially with Rorh. We'll have a fellowship-filled brown-bag lunch

at 12:00 noon, and after lunch, we'll participate in spiritual practices, prayer, and a deeper, practical engagement with the text's theological tenets.

Folks can come to just Sunday Community Education, just Monday's experiential small group, or a combo of the two. Use this link to claim a book:



2/1: Kid's Korner

The first Sunday of the month means it's time for Kid's Korner! We invite all 5th grade and younger kiddos to join us for snack, chit chat, story time and a craft in the Godly Play room directly following worship.

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



January 1x1x1 Project – Cooking Oil & Dish 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 (January: Cooking Oil!) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (January: Dish Soap!).

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.

December Recap:

*The Ferndale Food Bank received **73 cans of soup!***

*The Ferndale Other Bank received **97 containers/bars of soap!***

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

Sunday 1/18 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 1/19 09:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 1/21 09:15am Walk & Talk (CLC Parking Lot)

Sunday 1/25 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
Community Education (Fireside Room)
Documentary & Discussion: *Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts*

Monday 1/26 05:30pm Pub Church @ Downtime Taps

Sunday 2/1 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
Kid's Corner! (Godly Play Room)
Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study

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Please hold these people in prayer:

- Sara, Brandon, Sean, Lucia, Gary, Jay, Col. Melissa Dooley



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