

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 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, FEBRUARY 8 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: ElRae Morganthaler

Ushers: Pat Flaherty & Lowell English

Communion Assistant: Linda Anderson

Reader: Jennifer Petersen

Prayers of Intercession: Dave Schlack

Cantor: Linda Anderson

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Janet Wilhoite

Livestream Technician: Beth Andres

Soundboard Technician: Calvin Petersen

Liturgical Setting: WOV Setting 5

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

SALT & LIGHT
BY LAUREN DIAGLE

ANNA MALPICA &
JENISE CLAUSEN

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

RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!

ELW# 665

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.

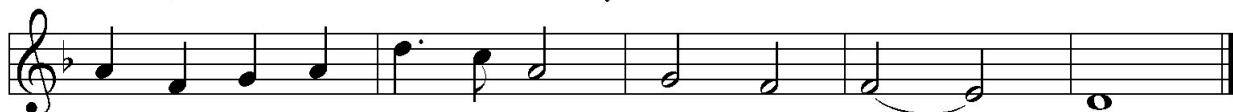
KYRIE



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



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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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HYMN OF PRAISE



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



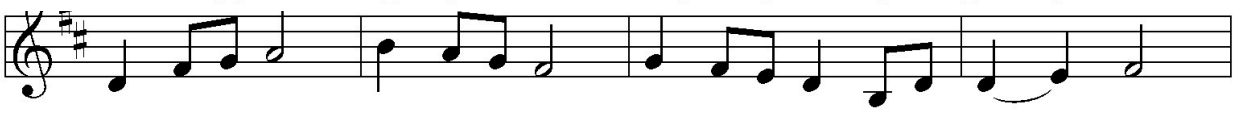
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.



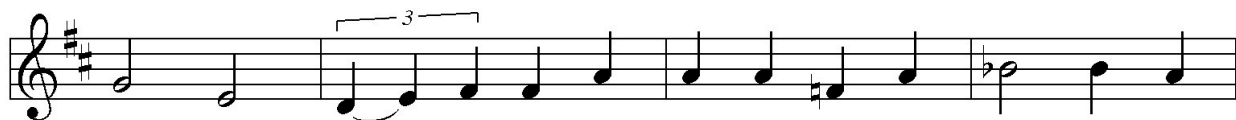
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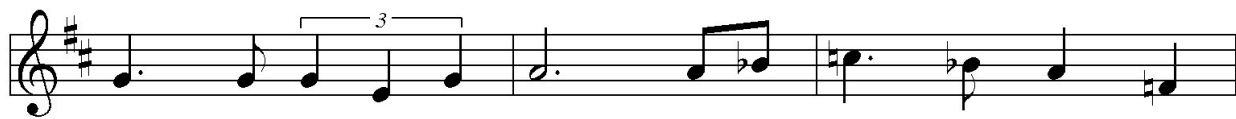
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



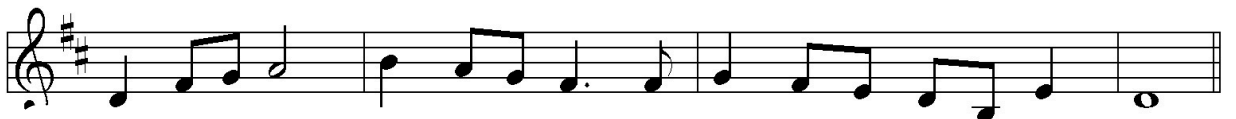
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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.

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.

Lord God,

with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-9A,9B-12

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,
 as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
 they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?"

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 27:1, 4-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-31

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age

or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, ⁸ a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁹ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him".

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: MATTHEW 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

ELW# 715

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

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.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm,

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

SHINE ON ME
BY ROLLO DILWORTH

CLC CHOIR

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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

WHAT FEAST OF HEAVEN

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

CLC TEAM & CONGREGATION

ELW# 487

ELW# 787

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/birthday 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

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

FEBRUARY

February 1x1x1 Project – “Hearts for Hygiene” – The Ferndale Other Bank

“Helping neighbors get the essentials they need to face the day with dignity.”

This month's 1-1-1 project is a “takeover” for the Ferndale Other Bank! Hearts for Hygiene is a community-wide hygiene drive to raise funds and products for The Other Bank. *In 2025, The Other Bank served over 725 households in Ferndale and North Whatcom County!* We want to keep this up in 2026, so we are asking for your help.

How to give:

Want to donate?

This QR code will take you directly to The Other Bank donation page (run by Ferndale Community Services). Donations of funds are kept in reserve for FCS to use as specific items run low, and are essential for keeping the shelves stocked. FCS shops with wholesalers to get the very best deals on items- better than retail prices- to ensure each dollar given goes as far as possible.

Want to donate items?

Do you have time to shop? Use the QR code to access the list of essentials we are collecting for The Ferndale Other Bank.



As with all of our 1-1-1 collections, you may drop off your donation in the designated bin at CLC! A huge thank you to all of our CLC members and Preschool families who continue to make these initiatives thrive! You are helping us to make a real impact for our neighbors.

The Universal Christ Book Study - Community Education

Sunday 2/8: Join us during the Community Education hour at 11am in the Fireside Room. 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.

Monday 2/9: All are invited to gather for a small group that will be engaging experientially with Rohr. After a fellowship-filled brown-bag lunch at 12:00pm, and after 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 Ed., just Monday's experiential small group, or a combo of the two.

2/11: Walk & Talk

It's Walker's Choice for Wednesday February 11. We'll choose from various Ferndale locations based on weather and walker preferences. Meet at CLC parking lot at 9:15 for about 45 minutes of walking. Return to the Fireside Room for coffee/tea and friendship.

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.

2/18: Ash Wednesday Service

Join us at 7:00pm for an Ash Wednesday Service.

2/27: Barbara Kelln Memorial

Les Jensen's sister, Barbara Kelln passed away last week after a short illness. Her Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, February 27, at 1:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran Church. Suggested memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church. QR code to donate.

**MARCH****3/7: Interfaith Music Festival**

To be held at First Congregational Church in Bellingham on Saturday, March 7th at 3:00pm! Join fellow music lovers to gather and support the offerings of local ministry partners.

3/8: New Member Installation

Have you been attending Christ Lutheran Church and have interest in becoming a member? We look forward to welcoming new members during a worship service on March 8th and invite any interested non-members to contact Pastor Leigh (pastor@clcferndale.org) or Shay Andersen (parishadmin@clcferndale.org) for more details!

Help Needed! On the Fellowship Committee

Fellowship Committee is in need of younger and more able bodied members! The tasks required to host special events are challenging for the majority of our 5 active members, therefore we are encouraging more participation! Tasks required include walking, standing, lifting heavy items for extended periods of time. There are two ways you can help: (1) Join our committee! AND/OR (2) Agreeing to be available to help with the varying phases of events (set-up, tear down, etc.)! If you are interested, please contact either Sandy Hall (sandyhall67@gmail.com) or Lillian Huber (randlhuber@comcast.net).

COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Sunday 2/8** 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study
- Monday 2/9** 09:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
12:00pm Brown-Bag Lunch & Book Club (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study
- Wednesday 2/11** 09:15am Walk & Talk (CLC Parking Lot)
- Sunday 2/15** 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
Council Installation
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study
- Wednesday 2/18** 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Wednesday 2/25** 5:00pm Lent – Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
5:45pm Holden Evening Prayer Vespers
- Sunday 3/8** 08:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
09:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
New Member Installation & Preschool Sunday!
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study

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Don Clausen, Music Director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

Shay Andersen, Parish Administrator: parishadmin@clcferndale.org

Please hold these people in prayer:

- Sara, Brandon, Sean, Lucia, Gary, Jay, Col. Melissa Dooley, Rich Mason, family of Mark Pair, family of Heather Liske, Marina, Marisa, Louvenia, Ashley



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