

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 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, MARCH 1 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Netsie Griffith

Preaching: Pr. Wendell Hendershott

Greeter: Liz Brown

Ushers: Gary Jonson and Matt Durkee

Communion Assistants: Melanie Halsell & Liz Brown

Reader: Melanie Halsell

Prayers of Intercession: Betty Behee

Team: Jenise Clausen, Becky McGrady, Janet Wilhoite, Steve Andres

Cantor: Jenise Clausen

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Janet Wilhoite

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: ELW Setting 4

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE
O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. NETSIE GRIFFITH

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

O Lord our God,

you created us and called us good. You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided everything we might need. Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our own desires. We sin against you, disobeying your commandments. We sin against others, causing sorrow and suffering. We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us, O Lord our God. Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness, that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Since we are justified by grace through faith, we have peace with God in Jesus Christ. This is the promise and hope of the gospel – and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People of God, believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

ELW# 335

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.

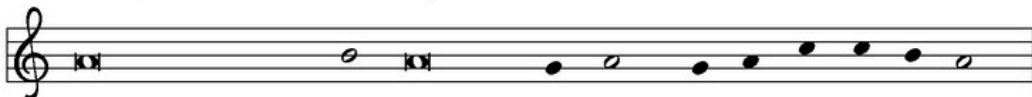
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



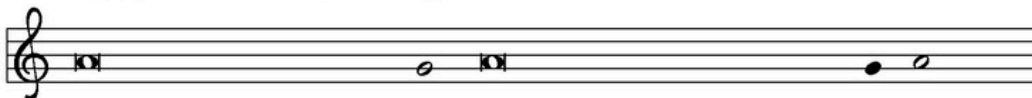
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



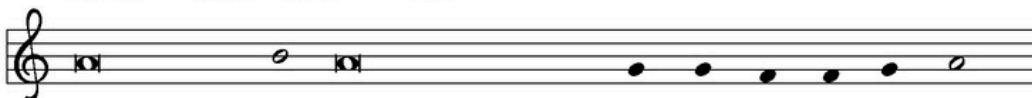
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

¹ The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**8 The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Stand in body or spirit

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

PR. WENDELL HENDERSHOTT

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages (like George Herbert whom the church remembers today), give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to ⁹ any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly (especially) and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
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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INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

Glory to you, O God.
 You love the world so much
 you sent your only Son to save us.
 Jesus gives living water
 to those who are thirsty.
 He offers healing and grace
 to those who are suffering in sin.
 And to those in the dust of death
 he is the resurrection and the life.

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.

Jesus is the bread of life;
 he is the vine, and we are the branches.
 As we share this bread and cup,
 we offer our lives to you, O God,
 with thanksgiving and praise.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Glory to you, O God.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit among us.
 Transform this simple meal
 into the heavenly banquet of grace.
 Transform this human gathering
 into the living body of Christ.

Teach us to love one another
 just as Jesus had loved us,
 so all the world will know
 that we are Christ's disciples.
 Keep us faithful in your service
 until, with all the saints, we cry:
 "It is finished!" God has done it.

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

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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

CLC TEAM

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

MESSIAH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, 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

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

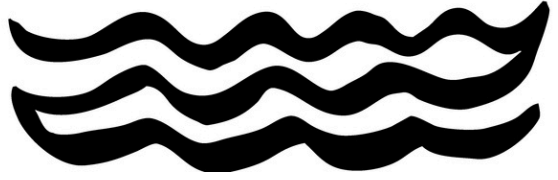
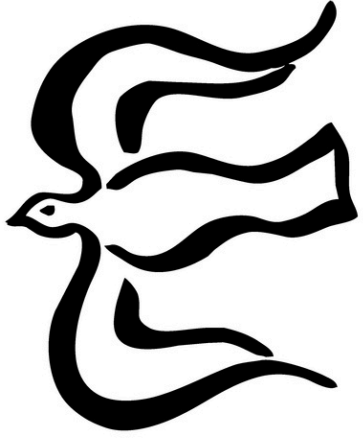
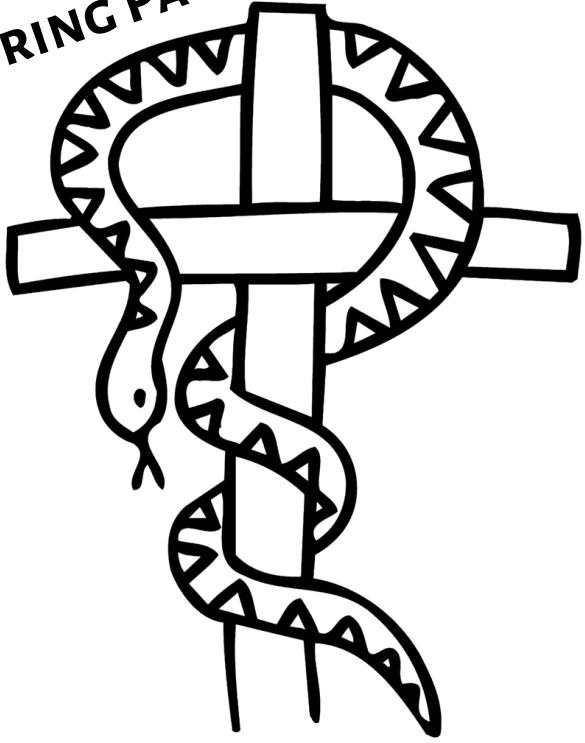
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.



COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday 3/1 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Netsie & Pr. Wendell (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 Kid's Corner (Godly Play Room)
 11:00am Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study

Monday 3/2 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
 12:00pm Brown-Bag Lunch & Book Club (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study

Wednesday 3/4 9:15am Walk & Talk (CLC Parking Lot)
 5:00pm Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 5:45pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

Saturday 3/7 3:00pm Interfaith Coalition Music Fest
(First Congregational Church, Bellingham)

Sunday 3/8 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am ***New Member Installation & Preschool Sunday!***
 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 11:00am Community Education (Fireside Room)
The Universal Christ Book Study

Friday 3/13 6:30pm CLCP Alumni Night @ District Brewing in Ferndale!
7pm Magic Show from Chris Yiull

MARCH

March 1x1x1 Project – “Mind the P’s & Q’s”

Join in on a new initiative to support our Ferndale Food & Other Banks! This is called a 1x1x1 Project and it goes like this... each month will highlight an item we are looking to supply to the Ferndale Food & Other Banks. The month of March we need:

- 1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:
- 1 x 1 item for the Food bank (March: “P” is for Pasta Sauce!) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (March: “Q” is for Q-Tips!).

The Social Concerns Committee & CLC are dedicated to helping our neighbors get the essentials they need to face the day with dignity and we hope you will join us in supporting those in our community! Please drop your contributions in the designated bins in the Narthex. Contact Carol Gahm or Shay Andersen with any questions.

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

The Universal Christ Book Study - Community Education

Sunday 3/1: 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 3/2: 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, 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.

3/1: 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 project or craft in the Godly Play room directly following worship.

3/4: Walk & Talk - Walker's Choice!

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It's walker's choice for Wednesday, March 4th. Gather by 9:15 at church parking lot and return to same about 10:00 am after a local neighborhood Ferndale walk. You can choose your option for speed and stamina. Coffee and tea follows in Fireside Room. Come and join us!

Coming Up: Whatcom Transit Field Trip March 11. Ride the bus from Ferndale to Bellingham with Andrew Herndon along to show us how! Andrew is the WTA community trainer who presented at Walk and Talk in January. Learn how and where to transfer, and if eligible, obtain your senior pass. Schedule details forthcoming. We expect to board the bus about 10 am near the church at Vista Drive and Seamount.

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.

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. CLC choir members will be participating under the leadership of our Music Director, Don Clausen!

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!

3/13: CLC Preschool Alumni Night

Join fellow CLCP alumni at District Brewing in Ferndale, on Friday, March 13th @ 6:30pm! A family fun night to help celebrate the history of CLCP with a FREE magic show starting at 7:00pm! With each alumni attendee, a donation will be matched for the Christ Lutheran Church Preschool Scholarship Fund. At the end of the school year, a CLCP Alumni high school graduate will be chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship! Thanks for showing up to support our preschool!

Wednesdays in Lent!

5:00pm: Soup Suppers

Join fellow CLC friends in the Fellowship Hall for community and a tasty soup supper!

5:45pm: Holden Evening Prayer

After your belly is warm and full, venture down to the Sanctuary for a short worship service using the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen.

If you'd like to prepare a soup to share at one of the Soup Suppers, please check the Narthex for a sign-up sheet for spots needing to be filled!

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) Agree 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).

Coffee Hour Help!

Do you enjoy the delicious coffee and treats during Coffee Hour Sunday? Did you know that anyone can help with this? We have a handful of dedicated volunteers who continue to help with this on a rotating basis, but are always looking for more people to help! If you are interested in taking on one (or multiple) Sundays, please sign up in the Narthex. If you are new to this - there are helpers available to train you!

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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