

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 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 29 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Jill Robertson

Ushers: Kurt & Linda Anderson

Communion Assistants: Susan Holmes, Jill Robertson

Reader: Susan Holmes

Prayers of Intercession: Jan Schlack

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

Cantor: Janet Wilhoite

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Becky McGrady & Lillian Huber

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: ELW Setting 4

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

HE IS EXALTED
HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

ELW# 344

CONFESSION AND 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.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
 Through faith, the free gift of God,
 you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
 dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
 and gives you life and peace.

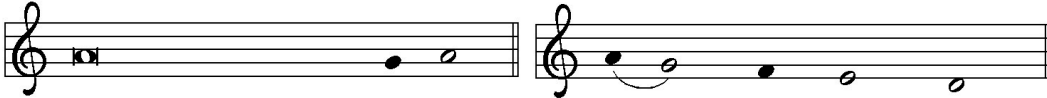
Amen.

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.



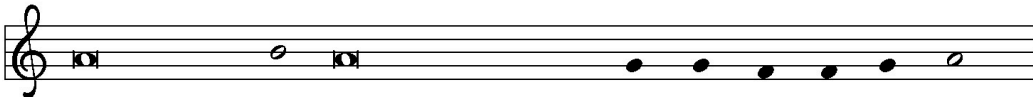
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

⁴ The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens, awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 31:9-16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"HOSANNA"

PR. LEIGH/CONGREGATION

- HILLSONG

Verse 1

I see the King of glory,
coming on the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes,
The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy,
washing over all our sin

The people sing,
The people sing

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Verse 2

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith,
with selfless faith

I see a near revival,
stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees,
we're on our knees

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth in eternity

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

CONFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus,

know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. 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

HOSANNA, HOSANNA!
BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

CLC CHOIR

CALL FOR OFFERING

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- 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



THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

O God, maker of heaven and earth,

your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

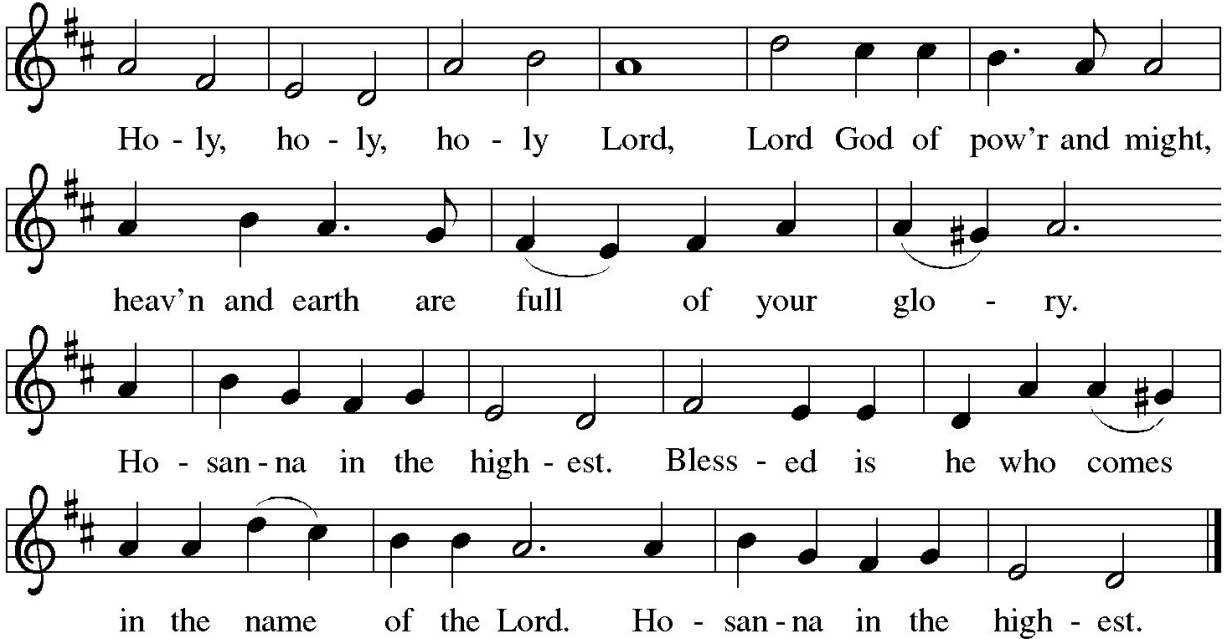
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

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.

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

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

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.

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

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP

CLC TEAM/CONGREGATION

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy birth/birthday 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

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

ELW# 343

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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| COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH |
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| Sunday 3/29 | 8:30am | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 9:30am | Palm Sunday Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:45am | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) |
| Monday 3/30 | 9:00am | Quilting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wednesday 4/1 | 9:15am | Walk & Talk: (CLC Parking Lot) |
| | 6:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday 4/2 | 6:00pm | Maundy Thursday Dinner (Fellowship Hall) |
| Friday, 4/3 | 12:00pm | Good Friday Service (Sanctuary) |
| Sunday 4/5 | 8:30am | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 9:30am | Worship: Easter Sunday! with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:45am | Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall) |
| Saturday, 4/11 | 10:00am | Adopt-A-Highway (Meet at CLC) |
| | 1:00pm | Darryl Wren Memorial (Sanctuary) |
| Sunday, 4/12 | 8:30am | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 9:30am | Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:45am | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:45am | Q&A: CLC Financial Navigation (Fellowship Hall) |

APRIL

4/1: Walk & Talk

Walkers will take a route from CLC on Wednesday April 1 that includes the trail around the "Duck Pond" off Artist Drive just west of Vista Drive and the church. A report from local residents, the Hubers, is that the perimeter banks of the pond have been cleaned up and there are many ducks to observe. No ducklings yet, but could appear soon! Meet at the church parking lot at 9:15. About 10 am we'll return to the Fireside Room for coffee/tea and time to visit. Come with your April Foolery!

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.

4/2: Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service

You are invited to join a special Maundy Thursday Dinner and worship service on Thursday during Holy Week! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm with a service to follow after the meal in the sanctuary. There is a suggested donation of \$12/person to go toward the meal.

4/3: Good Friday Service

CLC will host a joint service with the United Church of Ferndale on Good Friday this year at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

4/11: Darryl Wren Memorial Service

All are welcome to attend and celebrate the life of Darryl Alfred Wren, long time and beloved friend and member of Christ Lutheran Church. The interment of both Marilyn & Darryl's ashes will also occur at this service.

The Future of CLC: Q&A Sessions & Congregational Meeting

With the continued deficit budgets CLC has approved over the last few years, the Congregational Council and staff are dedicated to the work and transparency of improving our financial circumstances. We are interested in the possibility of bringing on a church consultant firm, Ministry Architects (MA), to support that work. We've taken steps to plan a few Q&A sessions and a congregational meeting to prepare the congregation.

At these sessions, we will delve into such topics as financial stability, engaging Ministry Architects (www.ministryarchitects.com) to support the future of the church, and discern staffing priorities. Since the proposal cost to work with Ministry Architects is outside the approved budget for 2026, the CLC council will call a congregational meeting to vote on that proposal on **Sunday, April 19** directly after worship. Preceding the congregational meeting, two Q&A sessions will be available for those interested in learning and discussing these matters more. All sessions (Q&A and congregational meeting) will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Material supporting these meetings will be available on Sunday, April 12th.

Q&A Sessions:

Sunday, April 12 @ 10:45am

Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:00pm

Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, April 19 @ 10:45am

Christ Lutheran Church Preschool - Cascades Best 2026

Every year, The Bellingham Herald offers an opportunity for Whatcom County to discern the best of the best in all areas. Restaurants, salons, and even PRESCHOOLS! CLCP has been honored with this title the last two years running and we'd love for you to help us get there a third year in a row! Use this QR code to cast your vote. *You can vote daily through April 3rd!*



Coloring Sheet

Assorted crayons, markers and pens can be found with the buddy bags at the entrance of the sanctuary!



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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