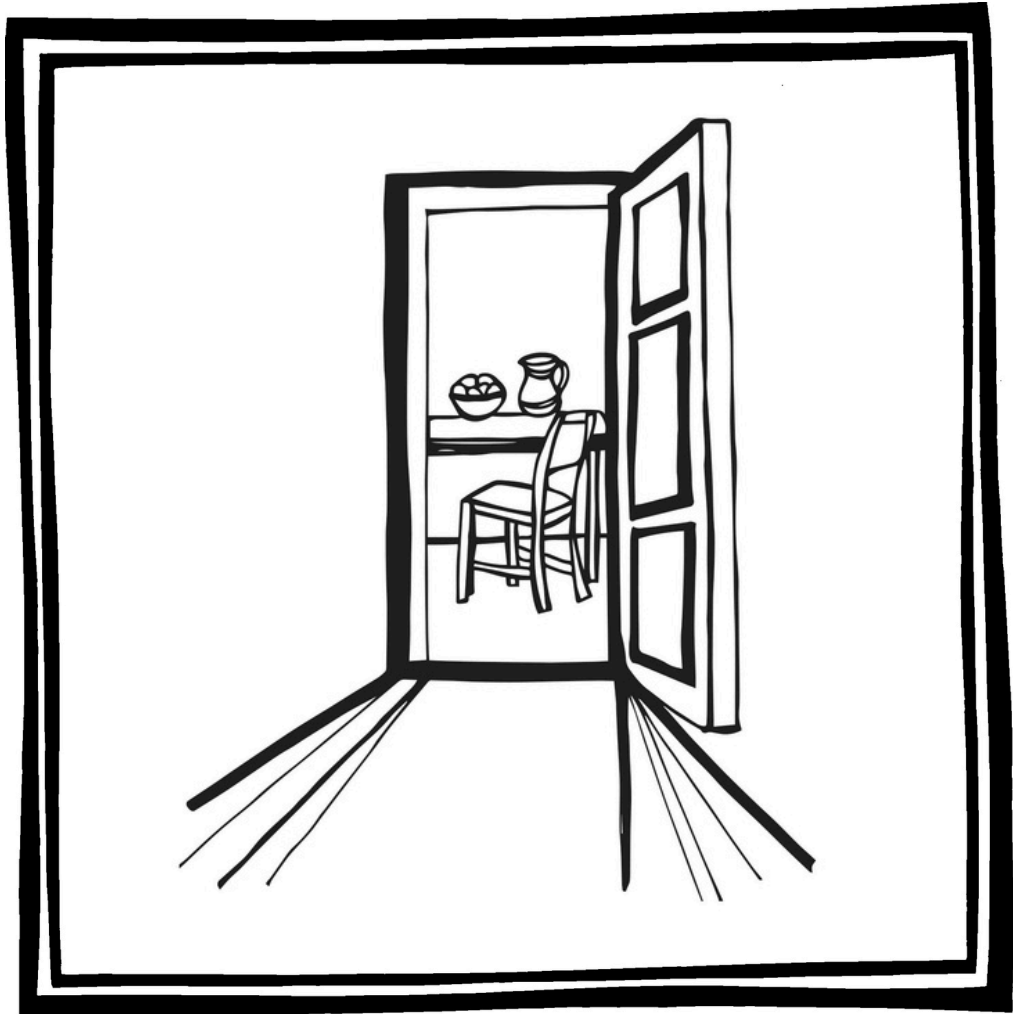


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026 | 9:30AM



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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, APRIL 12 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Melanie Halsell

Ushers: Betty & Daryl Behee

Communion Assistants: Nancy Tupper
& Paula Sanders

Reader: Stephen Wise

Prayers of Intercession: Carol Gahm

Team: Jenise Clausen, Linda Osgood, Erin Beebe, Steve Andres

Cantor: Linda Anderson

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Jennifer Petersen

Livestream Technician: Audra McLain

Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ³

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

BORN REBORN
HE IS LORD

CLC TEAM

EASTER GREETING

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH

GATHERING HYMN

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

ELW# 377

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,

whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us



to be one great peo - ple of God.



Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



D.C.

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
 peo-ple of God; to make all things new. D.C.
to Refrain

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both
died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he
knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his
descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the
Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, **7** so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, **9** for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

12
Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH
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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



TABLE HYMN: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come, when*to Refrain*may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.**OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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 our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ.

Who by his death on the cross and glorious
resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so, with the church on earth,
all creation and the host of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and



might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is the one who comes in your



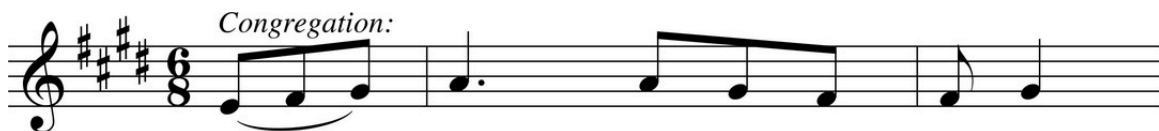
name. Ho - san -na in the high - est, ho -san-na in the high-est!

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, his life, death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming again in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - 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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 Lamb of God, you break the chains of hat-red and
 Lamb of God, you are the way of just-ice and
 Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
 fear: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
 peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
 love: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

DAY BY DAY

ELW# 790

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

ELW# 396

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, 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

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ELW# 646

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Walk and Talk | April 15 - Coffee and Book Conversation

We venture on with lively discussion from Disquiet Time on April 15 for Walk and Talk's third Wednesday of the month activity. Meet in the Fireside Room at 9:15. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be ready for your arrival.

Read ahead these essays from the book:

- "Piece Be With You" - p. 64
- "A High Tolerance for Ambiguity" - p. 124
- "The Starlit Way" - p. 173

If you do not have a book and would like to participate, contact Carolyn or Steve Balentine.

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.

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:

TODAY! Sunday, April 12 @ 10:45am

Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:00pm

Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, April 19 @ 10:45am

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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