

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026 | 9:30AM



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, APRIL 19 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Laurie Bianco

Ushers: Kelly Dietsch & Shay Andersen

Communion Assistants: Nancy Tupper
& Veda Andersen

Reader: Laurie Bianco

Prayers of Intercession: Jan Schlack

Team: Becky McGrady, Janet Wilhoite, Erin Beebe, Steve Andres

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Jennifer Petersen

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Soundboard Technician: Jenni Herold

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO PRAISE THE LORD
BLESSING, HONOR, AND GLORY

CLC TEAM

EASTER GREETING

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH

GATHERING HYMN

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

ELW# 522

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

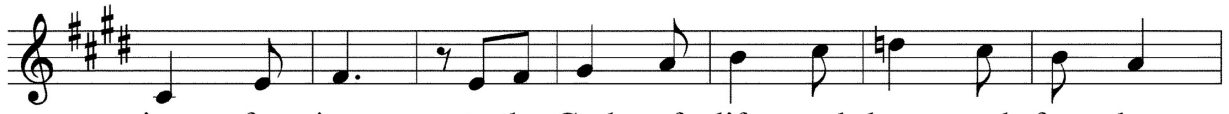


to be one great peo - ple of God.



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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.
 Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him
 both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the
 other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be
 baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be
 forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you,
 for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls
 to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,
 "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his
 message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.
 The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**² for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

**¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people.

**¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people,

**¹⁹ in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-23

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.

⁸Although 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, ⁹for 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



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these

things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were 10
at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they
came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he
was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as
the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how
foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!
²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter
into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to
them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he
were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is
almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰
When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it
to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished
from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³
That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven
and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen
indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the
road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

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.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for (Olavus Petri, Laurentius Petri and) all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of 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

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES

CLC CHOIR

- TOM FETTKE

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



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.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

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



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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection
and ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider



A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus.

Assembly



A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je sus.

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.

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*



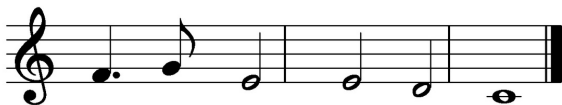
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 Lamb of God, you break the chains of hat-red and
 Lamb of God, you are the way of just-ice and
 Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and



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

I LOVE YOU LORD

O LORD, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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



COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 4/19 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour & Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 4/20 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 4/22 9:15am Walk & Talk: (CLC Parking Lot)

Sunday, 4/26 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 11:00am Community Education: *Renew NW - Supporting our Immigrant Neighbors* (Fireside Room)

Sunday, 5/3 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
 11:00am Community Education: *An Introduction to Islam*

Congregational Meeting *TODAY*

Join CLC leadership in the Fellowship Hall directly following worship. A congregational meeting has been called to vote on a long-term solution that requires a financial investment outside of the approved 2026 budget.

Walk and Talk April 22 - Little Squalicum Pier

One year ago Walk and Talk ventured out on the newly renovated Little Squalicum Pier on Bellingham Bay. After this winter's storm damage the trail onto the pier has been repaired. It is the destination for Walk and Talk Wednesday April 22. Walk the longest pier in Washington state, and one of the longest on the West Coast. Take in a wide view of the bay and waterfront from its vantage point. Little Squalicum Pier (formerly Columbia Cement Co pier) was built on Bellingham Bay over 100 years ago.

We will carpool from the church at 9:15 am. If you prefer to drive yourself, the address is Little Squalicum Park at 640 Marine Drive, Bellingham. Watch for the parking lot and park sign. We will meet there approximately 9:35. From the parking lot, a trail goes down the ravine to the beach and pier. Walking time will be under an hour; then return to Ferndale. We will forego the coffee and tea break back at the Fireside Room but you're welcome to bring your own drink with you. The trail is wide with gravel surface and moderate grade. The pier itself is level and hard surfaced.

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.

Spring Community Education Opportunities!

All are welcome in community education sessions that happen most Sundays directly following worship (around 11am).

April 26: Renew NW - Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors

A presentation from Executive Director, Steven Shutterly with Renew NW - an organization seeking to walk alongside our newest neighbors. If you are interested in learning how you can support immigrants in Whatcom County, join us for this community education session!

May & June: An Introduction to Islam

Through four Sundays in May and early June, Christ Lutheran Church will host a 1-hour class providing a broad-based understanding of Islam—the world religion with teachings closest to Christianity. The class will meet after the Sunday worship and will be taught by Dr. Michael Chrzastowski, a Lutheran schooled in Islam, who has taught at multiple ELCA churches in Western Washington.

The four classes will cover the life and times of Muhammad, structure and content of the Qur'an, Islamic theology, and Muslim practice. There will also be a group field trip to the mosque in Bellingham to observe Friday prayer.

The class is free and all are welcome.

Classes are Sunday May 3, 17, 31, and June 7

Mosque Field Trip Friday, June 12 (1-2pm)

This is a guaranteed learning adventure!

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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Spring Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9:15am - 3:00pm

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