

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 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 26 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Irene & Stephen Wise

Ushers: Kelly Dietsch & Shay Andersen

Communion Assistants: Betty Behee

Reader: Kelly Dietsch

Prayers of Intercession: Susan Holmes

Cantor: Janet Wilhoite

Piano/Organ: Leah Petersen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Jennifer Petersen

Livestream Technician: Beth Andres

Soundboard Technician: Jenni Herold

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

LEAH PETERSEN

EASTER GREETING

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH

GATHERING HYMN

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ELW# 807

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

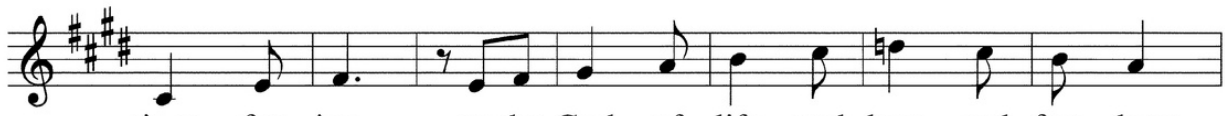


to be one great peo - ple of God.



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;

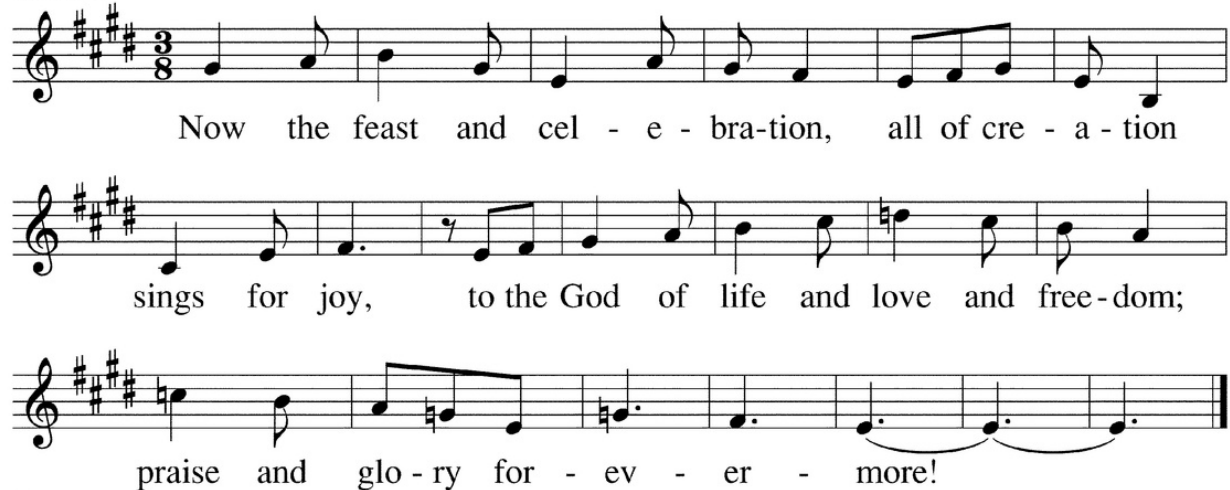


praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



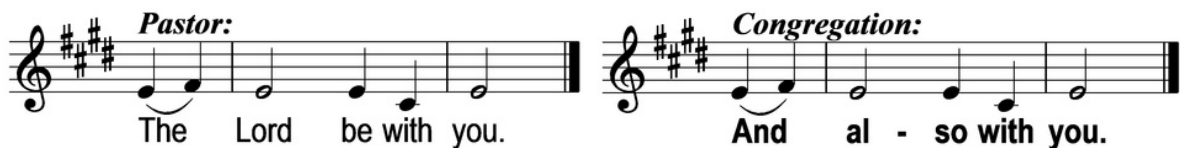
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
 peo-ple of God; to make all things new. D.C.

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!

SALUTATION



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find

pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE : QUILT DEDICATION

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

MY SHEPHERD, YOU SUPPLY MY NEED

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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.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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.

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

Stand in body or spirit

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.

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

Presider *Assembly*

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

Presider *Assembly*

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

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly

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.

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.

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

SPECIAL OFFERING: MAPLE ALLEY INN

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

JESUS SHALL REIGN

ELW# 434

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Stand in body or spirit

Spring Community Education Opportunities!

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

***TODAY* 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!

May & June: An Introduction to Islam

CLC is thrilled to host Dr. Michael Chrzastowski, a Lutheran schooled in Islam to teach a 1-hour class providing a broad-based understanding of Islam—the world religion with teachings closest to Christianity. 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.

Class Schedule:

Sunday May 3, 17, 31, & June 7 | Mosque Field Trip Friday, June 12 (1-2pm)

4/29: Walk & Talk - Hovander Park

Meet up with walkers in the main parking lot near the big red barn at Hovander Park at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday April 29. There are a variety of walking routes within the park and walkers will make their choice when gathered. Hovander Homestead encompasses nearly 350 acres and borders the Nooksack River for over one mile. See what is growing in the gardens and walk along the river, while enjoying the pastoral landscape with Mt. Baker on the Horizon. Hovander Park is located at 5299 Nielsen Ave., Ferndale. The terrain is level with a mix of sidewalks, graveled paths and grass.

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 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 craft in the Godly Play room directly following worship.

COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 4/26	8:30am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)
	10:45am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 4/27	9:00am	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
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Wednesday, 4/29	9:15am	Walk & Talk: (CLC Parking Lot)
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Sunday, 5/3	8:30am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Service of the Word with Ashleigh from Lutherwood (Sanctuary)
	10:45am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Community Education: An Introduction to Islam (Fireside Room) Kid's Corner! (Godly Play Room)

Sunday, 5/10	8:30am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship with Pr. Page & Pr. Dave (Sanctuary)
	10:45am	Mother's Day Brunch (Fellowship Hall) <i>*No Community Education*</i>

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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