

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 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, MAY 3 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Russ Creydt

Preaching: Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller

Greeter: Carol Gahm

Ushers: Sandy Hall & Steve Balentine

Communion Assistants: Shay Andersen

Reader: Steve Balentine

Prayers of Intercession: Carol Gahm

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

Cantor: Jenise Clausen

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Linda Luke & Carol Brumet

Livestream Technician: Kelly Dietsch

Soundboard Technician: Calvin Petersen

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

CLC TEAM

HE IS LORD

EASTER GREETING

ASHLEIGH ELLSWORTH-KELLER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

ELW# 641

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

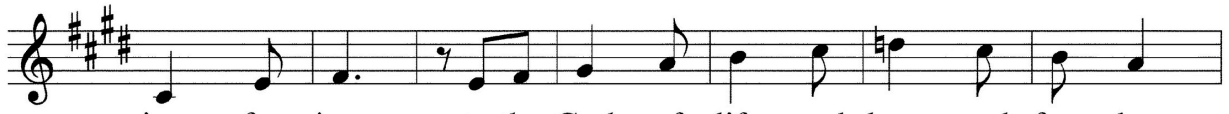


to be one great peo - ple of God.



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
 D.C.
 peo-ple of God; to make all things new.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 31:1-5,15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**² Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**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: 1 PETER 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to

Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,
in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY**

YOU ARE THE WAY

ELW# 758

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.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (especially). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. 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

“FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD HOME”
- MINDY SMITH

JENISE CLAUSEN

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

PR. RUSS CREYDT

The Lord be with you.

And also 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:

Assembly

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (three sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. The lyrics are: '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!'.

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 his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection
and ascension, we pray for his coming again.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 THAT COMMUNION

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

EAT THIS BREAD

CLC TEAM/CONGREGATION

ELW# 474

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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

SPECIAL OFFERING: CAMP LUTHERWOOD**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

HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

ELW# 380

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Community Education Opportunities!

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

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)

5/3: Kid's Korner *TODAY*!

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.

5/4: Pub Church - Stones Throw Brewing

Join others for Pub Church this week at 6:30pm at Stones Throw Brewing (1009 Larrabee Ave, Bellingham)! Text Erin Beebe if you are interested in carpooling from CLC (360-393-2544)

5/6: Walk & Talk - Sunset Pond Loop Trail

A new trail awaits walkers Wednesday May 6. Sunset Pond Loop Trail was recently opened and dedicated in Bellingham. This link tells all about the trail and its development.



We will carpool from CLC parking lot at 9:15 am. Those who wish to drive themselves will meet carpoolers at the parking lot, 3400 James Street, Bellingham, about 9:35. The trail is a combination of compacted crushed rock and elevated boardwalk. Elevation changes are minimal. The loop is 1.2 miles long. Fast pacers can walk it twice or tackle a side spur stairway up to the level of Sunset Center shopping and apartment area. Come and see the scenic boardwalks, mixed forest, and wetlands and how the trail links to more of the City of Bellingham Trail system.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by the Stewardship Team at Christ Lutheran Church. This 19 is its fourth season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Call or text Carolyn Jonson, 360-746-5653, for more information.

5/10: Mother’s Day Brunch

Fellowship is hosting a Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 10 following the morning church service. Please plan to attend to celebrate all the "mothers" in our lives.

COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/3	8:30am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship w/ Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller & Pr. Russ(Sanctuary)
	10:45am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Kid’s Corner! (Godly Play Room)
Monday, 5/4	9:00am	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Pub Church (<i>Stones Throw Brewing</i> <i>1009 Larrabee Ave</i> <i>Bellingham, WA</i>)
Wednesday, 5/6	9:15am	Walk & Talk: Sunset Pond Loop Trail (CLC Parking Lot)
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)
		No Community Education

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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