

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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 17 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeter: Steve Balentine

Ushers: Betty Behee & Becky Wageman

Communion Assistants: Dave Soderlund & Sandy Hall

Reader: Dave Soderlund

Prayers of Intercession: George Holmes

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Team: Jenise Clausen, Erin Beebe, Steve Andres

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Linda Luke & Carol Brumet

Livestream Technician: Beth Andres

Soundboard Technician: Calvin Petersen

Liturgical Setting: Now the Feast & Celebration

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE
WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE

CLC TEAM

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

GOD IS HERE!

ELW# 526

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!

Stand in body or spirit

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

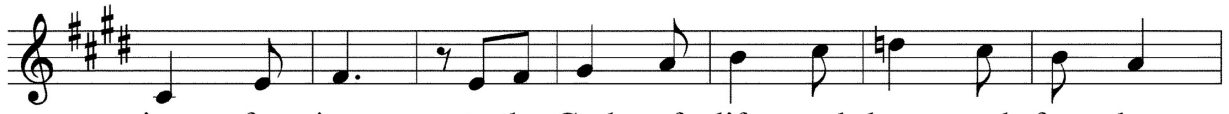


to be one great peo - ple of God.



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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;

you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,

giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

ELW# 396

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.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. 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

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

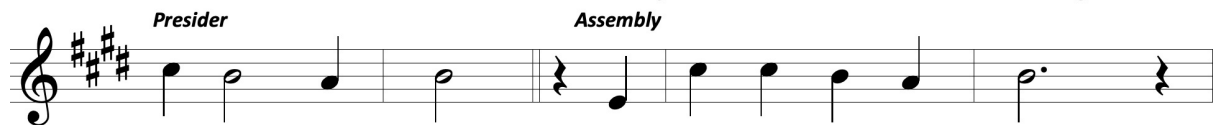
Merciful God,

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



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



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



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.**

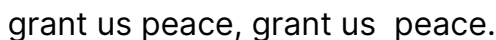
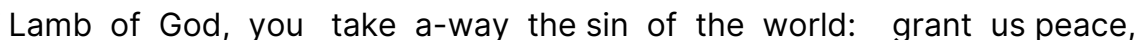
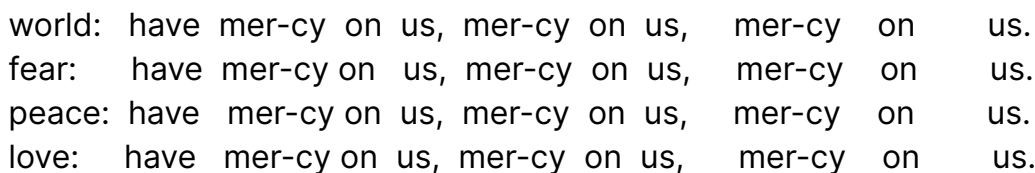
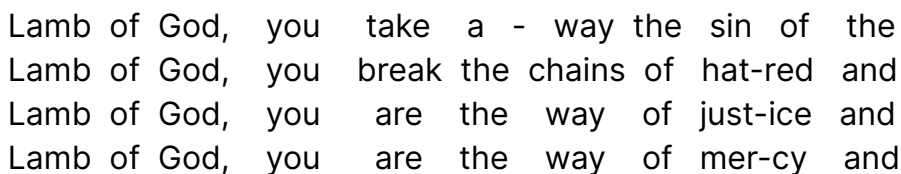
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

You may be seated.

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.



CLC TEAM

CHANGE MY HEART

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.

Stand in body or spirit

BLESSING

Amen.

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sunday 5/17	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 (Fireside Room)

Monday, 5/18 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 5/20 9:15am Walk & Talk: Coffee & Conversation (Fireside Room)

Sunday, 5/24	8:30am	Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Worship with Pr. Leigh Sanctuary)
	10:45am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

5/17: Community Education - 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)

5/20: Walk & Talk - Coffee & Conversation

It's 3rd Wednesday Coffee and Book Conversation, May 20, 9:15 in the Fireside Room. Join us for morning beverages and treats as we delve into this month's reading selections from Disquiet Time. Read the chapters beginning on these pages in advance:

p. 24 The Bible: It's Full of Crap

p. 182 Stillness

p. 193 Slut!

Did those titles pique your curiosity? They're not quite as they seem! Come and find out as we enjoy a lively discussion. Two books remain available for any who would like to regularly participate in the monthly reading and conversation.

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

5/30: Northwest WA Synod Gathering

Held from 9am-5pm in Lynnwood at Trinity Lutheran Church & Schools and the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center – it will be a full day centered around the many aspects of generosity. Our theme is Life In God's Garden – Seeds of Generosity. We have a wonderful keynote speaker – and 22 fantastic workshops!

Registration is required – and will close on May 18.

All the details – and registration link – can be found here:



May 1x1x1 Project – Canned Fruits/Veg & Tissues

Join in on an initiative to support our Ferndale Food & Other Banks! This is called a 1x1x1 Project and it goes like this... each month will highlight items we are looking to supply to the Ferndale Food & Other Banks. The month of May we need:

- 1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:
- 1 x 1 item for the Food bank (May: Canned Fruits or Vegetables!) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (May: Tissues!).

The Social Concerns Committee & CLC are dedicated to helping our neighbors get the essentials they need to face the day with dignity and we hope you will join us in supporting those in our community! Please drop your contributions in the designated bins in the Narthex. Contact Carol Gahm or Shay Andersen with any questions.

Thank you to CLC and CLCP for your generosity to these critical local organizations!

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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