

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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, JULY 12 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeters: Carol Soderlund

Ushers: Calvin & Jennifer Petersen

Communion Assistants: Sandy Hall & Susan Holmes

Reader: David Soderlund

Prayers of Intercession: George Holmes

Cantor: Linda Anderson

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Music Director: Tony Malpica

Team: Tony Malpica, Steve Andres, Anna Malpica, Becky McGrady

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Alter Guild: Linda Anderson

Liturgical Setting: Open the Doors - Bonnie Drewes

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

GO, MAKE DISCIPLES

CLC TEAM

O GOD, WHOSE WORD WELL-PLANTED

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,[†] one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God. Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, [†] Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

ELW# 681

Asst. Minister For peace, oh Lord, to you we pray:

Congregation:

Asst. Minister: Christ have mer-cy.

Lord have mer-cy.

Lord have mer - cy.

Asst. Minister: For heal - ing of our hearts and lives:
For jus - tice in this bro - ken world:
For hope when our dreams run dry:

Congregation:

Asst. Minister: Christ have mer-cy.

Lord have mer-cy.

Lord have mer - cy.

Asst. Minister: Be with us through - out our days:

Asst. Minister: A - - - men.

Congregation: A - - - men. A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God be all glo-ry to God be all praise! With
all of cre-a tion our voi-ces we raise. We gath-er to-geth-er in
this time and place, giv-ing all glo ry to God.

God of mira - cles, God so wise, God whose Spir - it
By your grace we are set free. We pro - claim this
guides our lives, God who walked with us, flesh and bone, and
mys - ter - y: Je - sus ris - en from the dead. We
died that we might live To We give all glo-ry to God.
wor-ship you and sing! To

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.**

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.**

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in danger,
yet I do not forget your teaching.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
forever and to the end.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-8

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

The word of the Lord.

Praise to you O, Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

ELW #679

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. We welcome: Lauren and Amelie, Henry and Susanne, and Leah Petersen.

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.**

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

“BE NOT AFRAID”

DON CLAUSEN

- DON CORSON & DON 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:

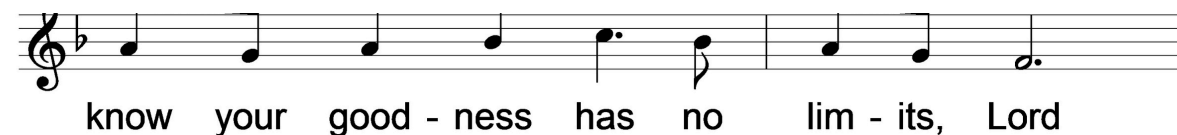
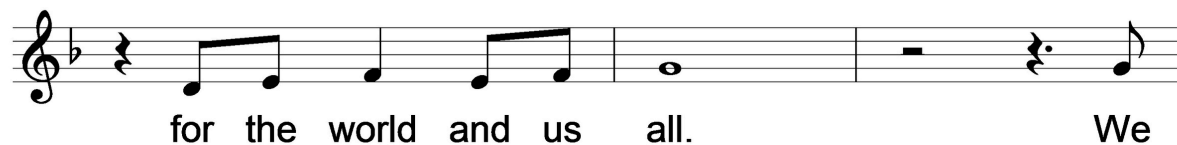
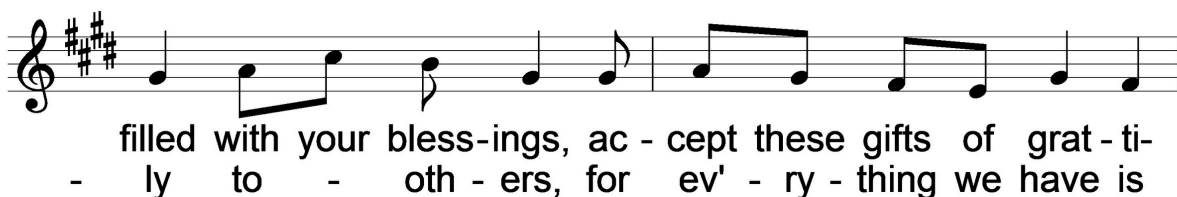
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- Or through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com



TABLE HYMN



How can we be - gin to
Let the gifts we bring to
thank you, Lord?
from the heart What can we say?
Fruits of our lives,



OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Drewes/Clausen

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'Leader' box, followed by a 'Cong.' box, and ends with a 'Leader' box. The second staff begins with a 'Cong.' box and ends with a 'Leader' box. The third staff begins with a 'Cong.' box. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes measure numbers 6 and 10.

Leader Cong. Leader

The Lord_ be with you. And al- so with_ you. Lift your_ hearts to the

6 Cong. Leader

Lord. We lift them to the_ Lord. Let us_ give thanks to the

10 Cong.

Lord our_ God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God,
Maker of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, you spoke-
calling all things into being,
claiming a covenant people,
choosing them to be a blessing.
You are the source of life;
you are the land of promise;
you are the hope of generations.

For your love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and praise,
joining the hymns of our ancestors:

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er

5 wis-dom and might, hea-ven and earth are filled with Your glo - ry! Ho-san-na in the

9 high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in Your name. Ho -

13 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!

Blessed are you, O God,
 Savior and Sovereign of all.
 Out of captivity, you called us—
 redeeming us from oppression,
 leading us through the waters,
 delivering us from death to life.
 You are the bread of heaven;
 you are living water from a stone;
 you are the Lord, the great I AM.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of his arrest,
 took bread, and when he had given thanks,
 he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you.
 This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper,
 and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

As we receive this holy meal we remember Christ our passover,
 proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O God,
 Spirit of wisdom and joy.
 In this assembly, you pour out grace-
 transforming the bread and the cup,
 revealing the flesh and the blood,
 building up the body of Christ.
 You are our daily destination;
 you are our earthly pilgrimage;
 you are our heavenly home.

With heart and soul and might
 we will love and serve you alone,
 glorifying your holy name. **Amen.**

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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of
God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL
YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

CLC TEAM AND CONGREGATION

ELW #512
ELW #484

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

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

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
⊕ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ELW # 547

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

7/15: Walk & Talk - Coffee & Conversation

Walk and Talk takes a break from walking Wednesday July 15. The third Wednesday each month offers Book Conversation with coffee/tea and refreshments at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. It's always an enjoyable and thought provoking time!

Prepare by reading these chapters from Disquiet Time:

"Daydreaming of Bed Linens" - p.208

"Move Down! Clean Cup!: Pulling Back the Covers on Revelation" p. 245

"The Eeyore of Christians Learns to Pray" - p. 322

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.

7/18: Ferndale PRIDE Festival

Join us for Ferndale's second annual PRIDE Celebration - a day of music, performances, and good vibes, co-sponsored by Connect Ferndale, the City of Ferndale, and LGBTQ+ Western. The day's festivities will include: non-profit tabling, vendors, games and activities, face-painting, library fun, costume contest and more!

More details can be found at www.connectferndale.org.

July 1x1x1 Project – Milk (alternative!) and Moolah!

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. You pitch in by supplying the suggested items...! The month of July we are focusing on:

- 1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:
- 1 x 1 item for the Food bank (**July: Milk Alternative** - dry milk or non-dairy shelf stable milk) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (**July: Monetary Donation!** We've gone through the majority of the Other Bank donation list and before starting the rotation of items again, we are suggesting monetary donations! You can contribute during the offering by noting your specific donation to "The Other Bank Ferndale" OR you can donate directly to the Other Bank using this QR code ).

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.

8/1: Whatcom ELCA Day at the Lake!

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Members and friends of all the ELCA congregations/ministries in Whatcom County are welcome to gather on Lake Samish for Day at the Lake 2026 at Camp Lutherwood! Free afternoon activities include swimming (lifeguard on duty 1-5pm), kayaking/canoeing/paddleboarding (borrow one at camp or bring your own), crafts, hiking, and enjoying fellowship with each other! Bring your own picnic dinner and end the day with a campfire worship (s'mores provided)! *Saturday, August 1, from 12:30-7:30pm at Camp Lutherwood (1185 Roy Road, Bellingham)!*

COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/12 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
New Member Sunday!
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Council Meeting (Fireside Room)

Monday, 7/13 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 7/15 9:15am Walk & Talk: Coffee & Conversation (Fireside Room)

Saturday, 7/18 10:00am Ferndale Pride (Pioneer Park)

Sunday, 7/19 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

- Sara, 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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