

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 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, JULY 26 PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeters:** Gary Jonson

**Ushers:** George & Susan Holmes

**Communion Assistants:** Gary & Carolyn Jonson

**Reader:** Carolyn Jonson

**Prayers of Intercession:** Betty Behee

**Cantor:** Erin Beebe

**Piano/Organ:** Don Clausen

**Music Director:** Tony Malpica

**Team:** Janet Wilhoite, Anna Malpica, Don Clausen, Jenise Clausen, Tony Malpica

**Violin:** Joanne Donnellan

**Flute:** Nancy Tupper

**Livestream:** Kelly Dietsch

**Soundboard:** Calvin Petersen

**Alter Guild:** Linda Anderson

**Liturgical Setting:** Open the Doors Bonnie Drewes

**Prayground Attendant:** Solveig Shermer

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

CLC TEAM

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, Creator, redeemer, sustainer, ☩  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

OPEN NOW THE GATES OF BEAUTY

ELW# 533

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Leader** **Cong.**

For peace, O Lord to You we pray; Lord have mer - cy,  
 heal - ing of our hearts and lives;  
 just - ice in this bro - ken world;  
 hope when our dreams run dry;

**Leader** **Cong.** 1-3 4 **Leader**

Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer - cy. For cy. - Be

**Leader** **Cong.**

with us through-out our days. A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**REFRAIN**

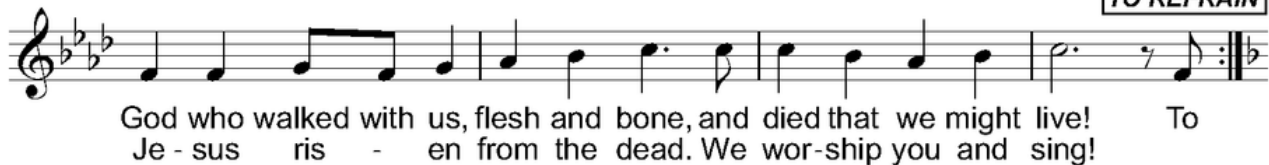
To God be all glo-ry to

God be all praise! With all of cre-a - tion our voi-ces we raise! We

last time to CODA

gath-er to-geth-er in this time and place, giv-ing all glo - ry to God.

God of mir-a-cles, God so wise. God whose Spir - it guides our lives.  
 By Your grace we are set free. We pro - claim this mys - ter - y:



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of

your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: PSALM 119: 129-136**

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup> **When your word is opened it gives light;**

**it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me,**

**as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup> **Rescue me from those who oppress me,**

**and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed streams of tears,**

**because people do not keep your teaching.**

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-30**

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-50

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The word of the Lord.

**Praise to you O, Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW #793

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

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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.**

## 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**

**SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US**

**TAE ISENSEE  
VIOLIN**

## 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](http://christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com)



## TABLE HYMN

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

What can we of - fer? Our lives are filled with Your bles-sings, ac-  
fruits of our lab - ors. Gi-ving gen' - rous - ly to oth - ers, for

cept these gifts of grat - i - tude. Yours. Bless this ta-ble as we  
ev - ry thing we have is

gath-er to receive the gift of Yourself. Bread is bro-ken, wine poured out;

suf fring and love for the world and us all. We know Your good-ness

has no lim - its Lord; deep as the sky, wide as the o - cean.

So - we shall give - a-bund-ant-ly, for ev' ry thing we have is Yours.

## 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

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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.**

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

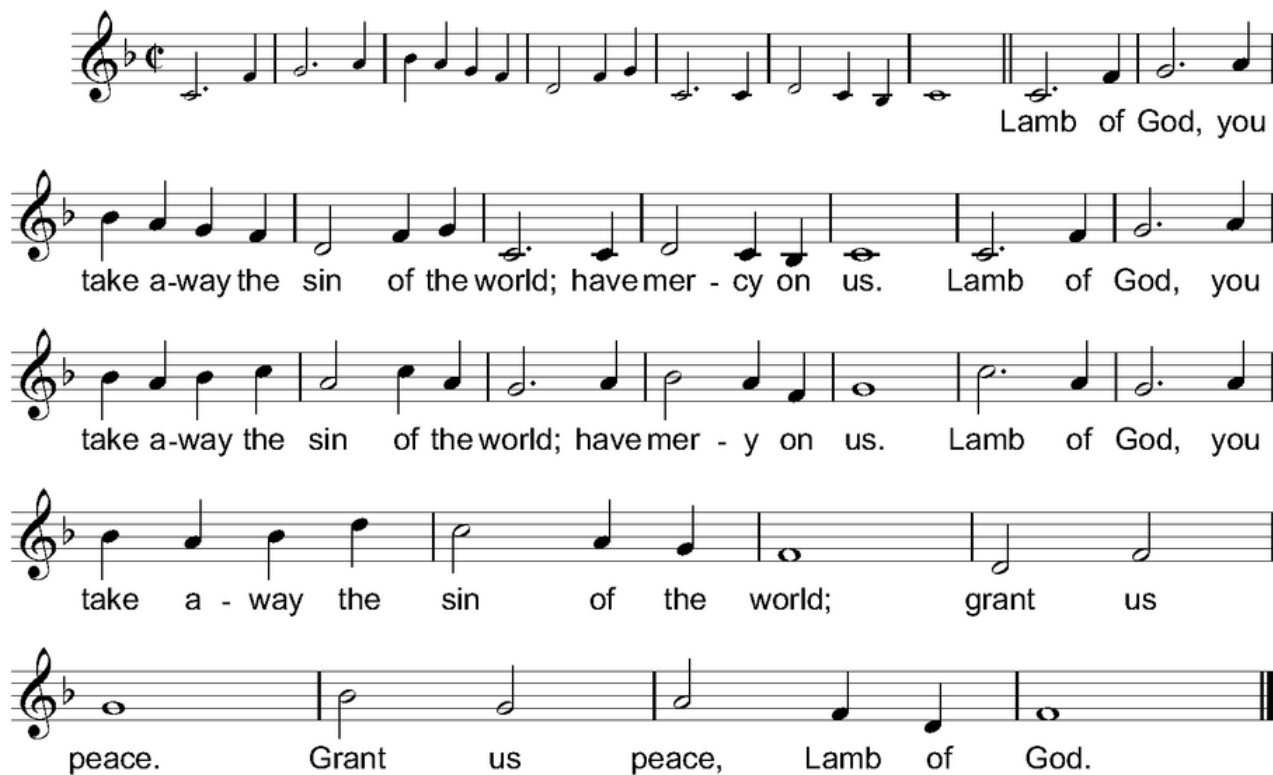
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*You may be seated.*

## 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.

## 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 - y 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

CLC TEAM

SEEK YE FIRST

HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL

## 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

### EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**7/29: Walk & Talk - Padilla Bay Dike Trail**

Padilla Bay Dike Trail in Skagit County is the destination for Walk and Talk Wednesday, July 29. Walkers will follow a level and wide dike path along sloughs, tidal flats and salt marshes. Enjoy unobstructed views of San Juan Islands, Anacortes, Mt. Baker, and active farmlands. Birdlife abounds.

To allow for about an hour's driving distance, carpool will leave CLC at 9:00 am. An hour will be planned for walking but people can shorten that if desired. For those who wish to extend the outing, there will be a picnic stop at nearby Bayview State Park. Bring your own sack lunch. Tables and restrooms available at the park. Return to Ferndale approximately 1:15. If you choose to return directly after walking, the return to Ferndale would be about noon.

To drive on your own take I-5 to Burlington and exit 231. Proceed through roundabouts and head west on Josh Wilson Road for 6.4 miles. Upon entering the village of Bayview, turn left onto 2nd Street and continue for 0.1 mile to the Skagit County Historical Society's parking area for the trail. Meet in the parking lot approximately 10 am.

During the summer weeks as we roam farther afield from Ferndale we will often have a carpool departure time of 9:00 am. Be sure to check the time in each week's announcement.

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.

**8/1: Whatcom ELCA Day at the Lake!**

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)!

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.

### **COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday 7/26** 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)  
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

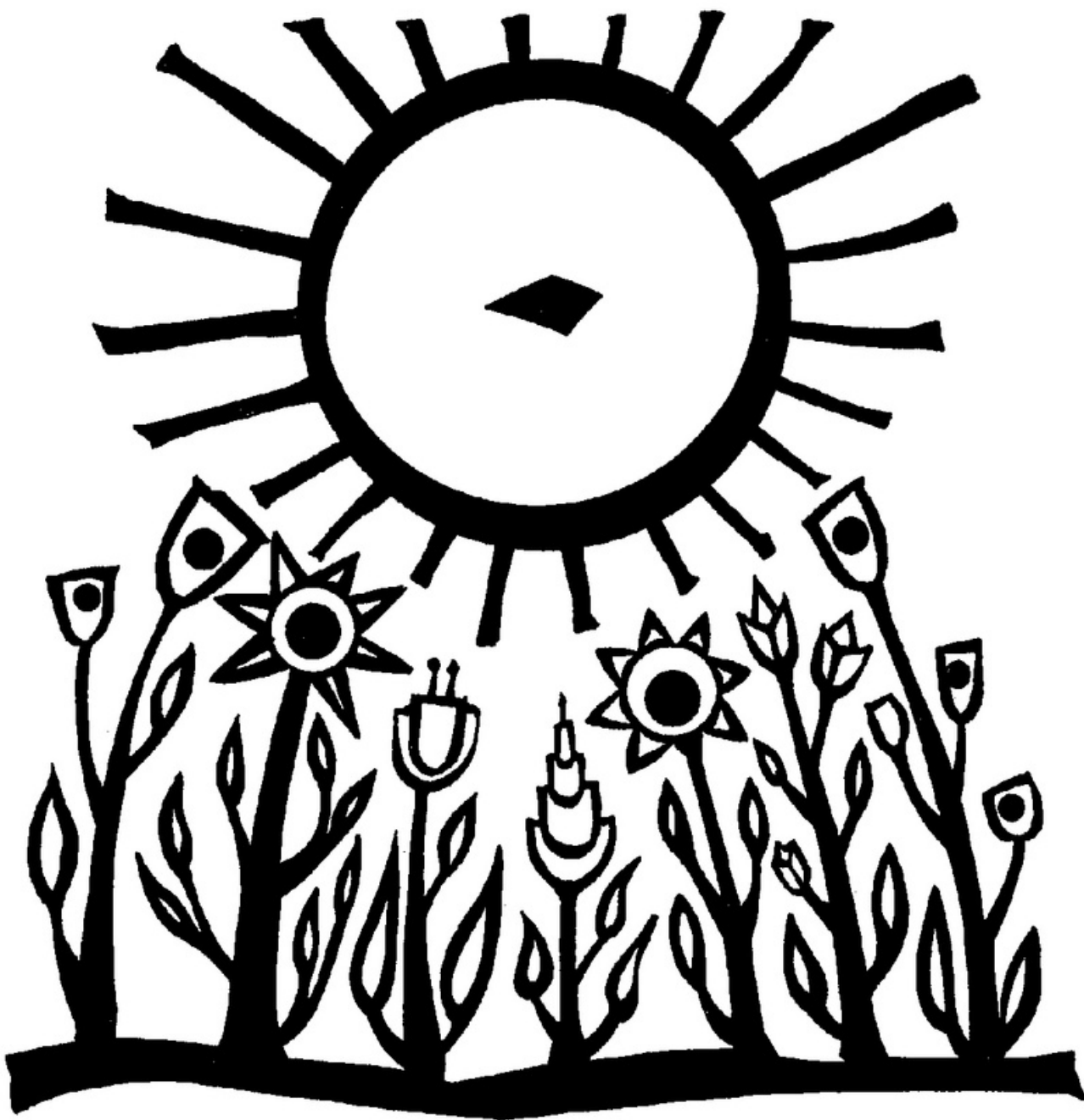
**Monday, 7/27** 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, 7/29** 9:00am Walk & Talk: Padilla Bay Dike Trail (CLC Parking Lot)

**Sunday, 8/2** 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)  
10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

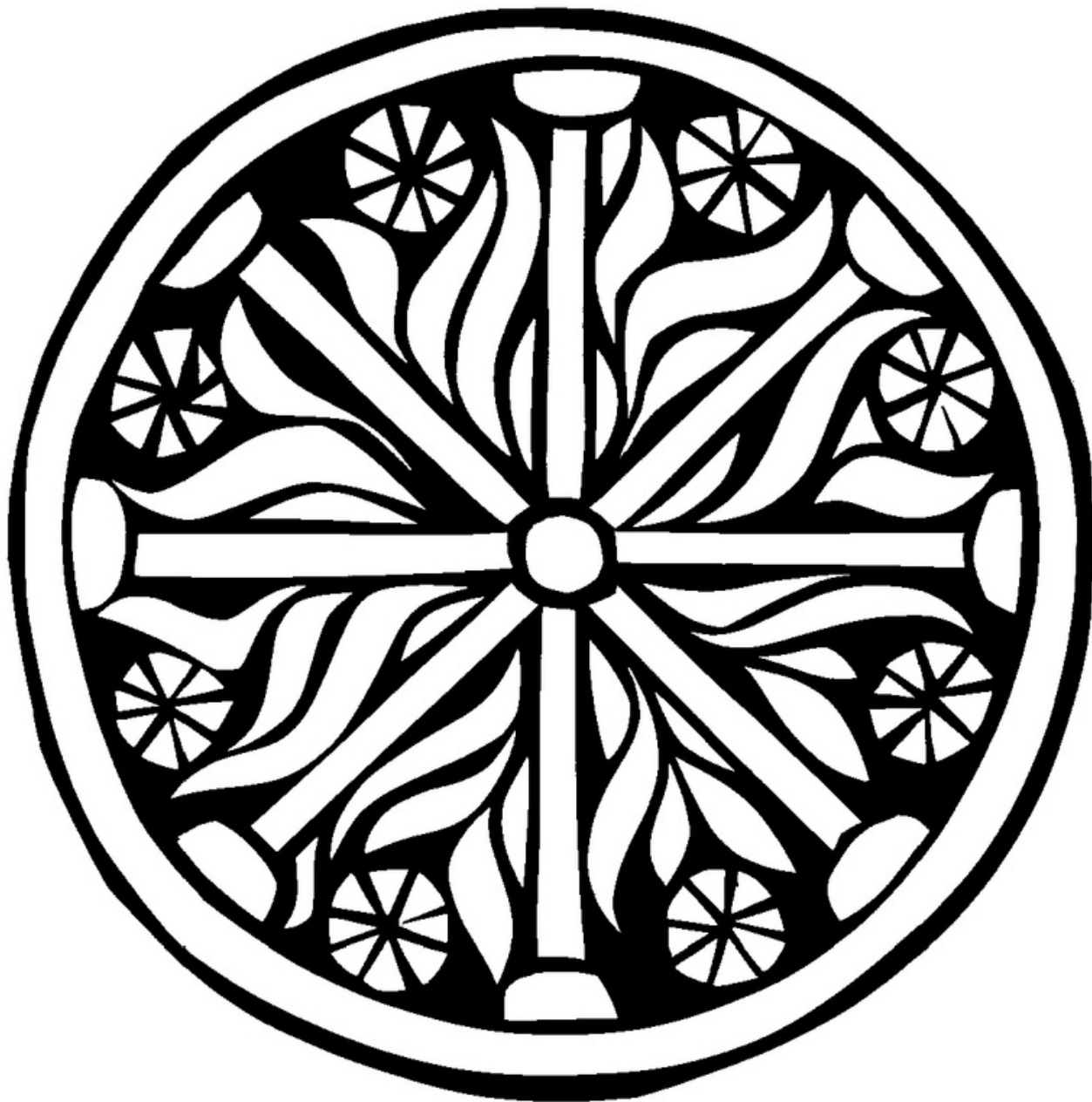
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- Sara, Sean, Lucia, Gary, Jay, Col. Melissa Dooley, Rich Mason, family of Mark Pair, family of Heather Liske, Marina, Marisa, Louvenia, Ashley



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