

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 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, AUGUST 16 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries

Greeters: Linda Anderson

Ushers: George & Susan Holmes

Communion Assistants: Jan & Dave Schlack

Reader: Linda Anderson

Prayers of Intercession: Carol Gahm

Piano/Organ: Don Clausen

Music Director: Tony Malpica

Team: Steve Andres, Don Clausen, Jenise Clausen, Mel King, Anna Malpica, Tony Malpica, Becky McGrady

Violin: Joanne Donnellan

Flute: Nancy Tupper

Livestream: Steve Andres

Soundboard: Jenni Herold

Altar Guild: Russ & Dana Creydt

Liturgical Setting: Open the Doors Bonnie Drewes

Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

ELW# 712

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.

KYRIE

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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

A - men. 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-gether 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:

God who walked with us, flesh and bone, and died that we might live! To
Je - sus ris - en from the dead. We wor-ship you and sing!

CODA

We give all glor - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the
name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not
profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house
shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to
them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15: 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The word of the Lord.

Praise to you O, Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

BUILD A LONGER TABLE



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

"MEDITATION"

JOANNE DONNELLAN

FROM THAĪS BY MASSENET

CALL FOR OFFERING

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to access);
- Or through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com



TABLE HYMN

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.

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!

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.**

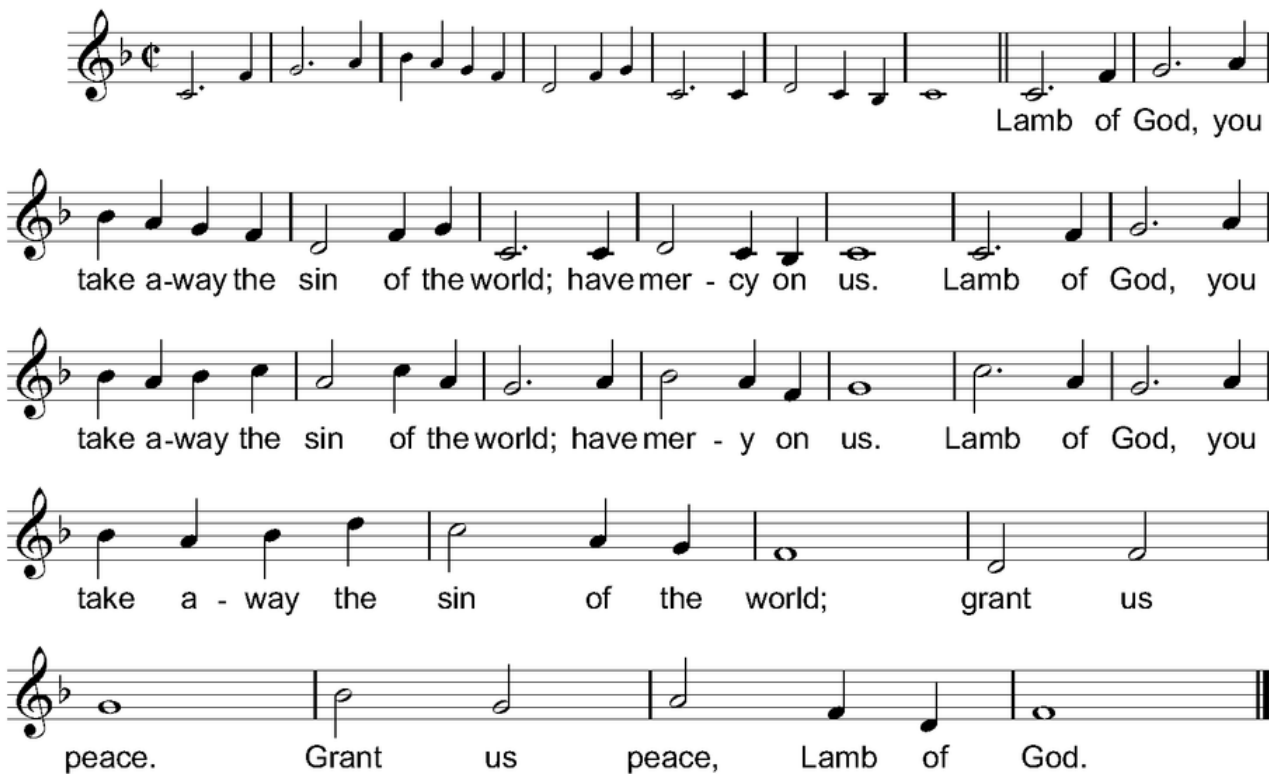
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 AND CONGREGATION

AS THE DEER

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ELW# 496

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

SPECIAL OFFERING: SPOKANE WILDFIRES

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

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**OPEN THE DOORS****REFRAIN**

O - pen the doors, go out, — go out! We are the bear - ers of God's good news.

last time to coda



O - pen the doors and sing and shout! Peo - ple of God go forth in joy!

verse 1

God has filled us to o - ver - flow ing. Let us share that a - bun - dant love,



work - ing for peace, work - ing for jus - tice, in the world and in our lives.

to refrain

verse 2

We give thanks for all cre - a - tion. We will care for it as God's peo ple;



We will be faith - ful ser - vants, giv - ing glo - ry to God. A - men!

to refrain

coda

Peo - ple of God — go forth in Joy!

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

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/19: Walk & Talk - Coffee & Conversation at CLC

Once a month Coffee and Book Conversation is Wednesday August 19, 9:15 am, CLC Fireside Room. Join the group as we gather for a lively discussion of short selected chapters from this year's book Disquiet Time. For August you can read ahead:

"The Gentle Fatalism of Ecclesiastes" - p. 41

"Probably Less Holy Than Thou" - p. 79

"Early Morning Matters" - p. 217

You are welcome, even if you've not done the reading! The fellowship, coffee/tea, and treats are always enjoyable. A book or two remains available. If you would like one, check with Carolyn.

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.

The Chosen Viewing Class

Starting Thursday, August. 13 at 7 pm we will meet for the next 3 weeks (8/20 & 8/27) in the Fireside room to view and discuss episodes of "The Chosen". Each episode runs for about 1 hour followed by discussion for 30 minutes. The first episode will be "The Wedding Gift" which is the story to the wedding in Cana. Please join us as we explore the biblical stories through the eyes of those who lived them.

August 1x1x1 Project – Tuna and Toothbrushes/toothpaste!

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 (**August: Tuna**) and,
- 1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (**August: Toothbrushes/Toothpaste!**)

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 8/16 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 8/17 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 8/19 9:00am Walk & Talk: Julianna Park Trails (CLC Parking Lot)

Thursday, 8/20 7:00pm "Chosen" Viewing Class (Fireside Room)

Sunday, 8/23 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

For more church information, visit our website at clcferndale.org!

You can access council minutes directly using this QR code:



COLORING PAGE

An assortment of pens, markers, and crayons can be found at the entrance of the sanctuary near the worship buddies and bags.



- Bill, 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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