

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM

*You are invited.
Will you attend?*



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Mark Neitzel & Carsten Thode
Lector	Joyce Thode	Sound Tech	Jacky Schnarre
Greeter	Roger Wolter	Communion Assistants	Paul Desilet, Ruth Neitzel & Jean Peterson
Acolytes	Levi Schnarre	Monday Pew Angel	Joanne Bjornsen

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: O Lamm, Gottes (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOGUE

Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Why are you standing here idle all day?

Because no one has hired us.

You go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink, or saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing, or saw you sick or in prison and visited you?

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

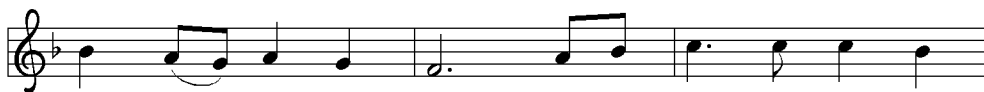
GATHERING SONG: *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (ELW 588)



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

ANTHEM: *Born to be the Bread* (R. Schram)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WELCOMING THE WORD: *We are Turning, Lord, To Hear You*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE WORD: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. Receive martyrs like Oscar Arnulfo Romero, whom we commemorate today into your everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide relief for those suffering and in pain, especially Barb. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for self-reflection.

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: *O Bread of Life From Heaven (J. Walther)*

OFFERING: *Create in Me A Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

WHO MAY COMMUNE? *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come to the Table (ELW 481)

I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW 542) (next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

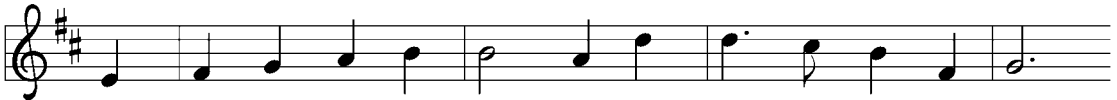
O Living Bread from Heaven



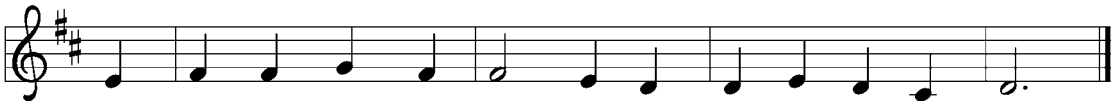
- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength - ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 25:1-13

Bridesmaids

Weekly Financial Report

March 17, 2019 Attendance: 174

General Offerings: \$8742 Mortgage Fund: \$475

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,730

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Compass Housing.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Barbara** (Clint Bastin's mother), **Barb** (Stacy Souriall's friend), **Joyce** (David Osborne's aunt), **Howard** (Carl & Joan Chirstian's son), **Cynthia** (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), **Patricia** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **Linda** (Paul Ehe's mother), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Susan** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Aly** (David Osborne's niece), **Pam** (Marlis Pehling's niece), **Don** (Doug Peterson's brother), **Mary Beth** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Rita** (Ruth Neitzel's sister), **Teresa** (Michelle Tuck's friend), **Roger** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Tim** (Neil McGee's friend), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle) & **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Jeff Almeida (Stephanie Almeida's husband), **Marilyn Anderson** (member), **Paul Anderson** (member), **Ashley** (Chris Martin & Tom Agnew's friend), **Janice** (frequent visitor), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Sherri Gordon** (member), **Jackie** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), **Elodie Ragan** (member), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Roberto** (Beth Phelps' brother-in-law), **Ryan** (Cathy Edwards' grandson), **Sadako** (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), **Hannah** (Mona and Dave Shogren's niece), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother), **Zoe** (Ian Anderson's sister), **Harriet** (Eleanor Walters' mother) & **Vickie** (Cathy Edwards' friend)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Margie Bannister (member), **Phyllis Enger** (member), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Fran Tazuma** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother) & **Phyllis Watters** (member).

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Tyler Ripley** (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

ARMY: **Shaun Cunningham** (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), **Asis Montalvo** (Adjorlolo family friend), **Ben Souriall** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

MARINES: **James Bacon** (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: **Karl Krueger** (Karin Ulvin's husband), **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter), **Kyle Warner** (Karen and Paul Gabrielsen's grandson) & **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn & Richard Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Youth Auction Set up!
3:45 pm Youth Auction—*all are welcome. Tickets available in the narthex after worship, or at the door.*

Monday, March 25

11:00 am Friends Supporting Friends—*Lunch and a Movie!*

Tuesday, March 26

9:15 Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary
11:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing
12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
4:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 28

9:00 am Quilters
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 29

Church Office Closed
Pastor Berg's Sabbath
6:00 pm Family Movie & Game Night

Saturday, March 30

8:00 am Team World Vision Training
9:00 am *How To Talk To Your Racist Uncle* at First Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am *Worship with Holy Baptism of River Freed & Eleanor Fouhy*
2:00 pm Lyric Arts Concert in Sanctuary—*All are welcome!*

SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon should be:



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.