

March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM



 First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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	Dan Bormann
Lector	Andrea Peoples	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Greeter	Carsten Thode	Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard, David Osborne & Lynn Scoggins
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Wondrous Love (W. Held)

WELCOME

We begin in silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship

OPENING DIALOGUE *(various verses from each Lenten Sunday's text)*

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: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW 810)



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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 holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

ANTHEM: *Come Down, O Love Divine* (R. V. Williams)

Quartet: Doug Peterson, Richard Edmonds, Michelle Richards & June Condra

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 25:1-13**

¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Word of God,
word of life.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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.

God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. 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.

OFFERING: *The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by the Daane family in honor of Marge Gonyea, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on April 4th!*

OFFERTORY: *If You But Trust In God To Guide You (J. Leavitt)*

OFFERING HYMN: *Create In Me*



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.

Bless these communion boxes as they are carried to those who cannot be with us this day. May the love of God be shared, and hope be gained.

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:

What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)

Just As I Am, without One Plea (ELW 592)

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.

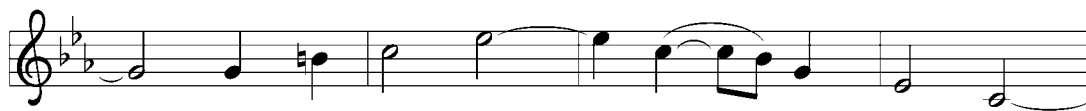
SENDING SONG: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (ELW 325)



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *If You But Trust In God To Guid You (g. Bohm)*

April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 25:31-46

Last Judgement

Weekly Financial Report

March 24, 2019 Attendance:210

General Offerings: \$13,920

Mortgage Fund: \$1,120

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), **Marcie** (Dan Hendricks' 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.

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INFORMATION For the Week!

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**
4:00 pm Lyric Arts Concert in Sanctuary—*All are welcome! (Note Corrected Time!)*

Monday, April 1

10:00 am Friends Supporting Friends

Tuesday, April 2

9:15 Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary
11:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Property Committee
7:00 pm IT/Communications Committee
 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 am Deborah Circle
12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
4:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

Church Office Closed
Pastor Berg's Sabbath

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship

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.