Friday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:30 pm





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 Godgiven 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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December 24, 2022 Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve 5:00, 7:00 and 10:30 PM

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Christmas Carols Medley

GATHERING CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW 283)



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.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CAROL OF PRAISE: The First Noel (ELW 300)



ANTHEM: 5:00 & 7:00—Were You There On That Christmas Night?,

Natalie Sleeth, arr. L. Larson; sung by Richard Edmonds

10:30 - Sing We All Noel (Schramm)

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

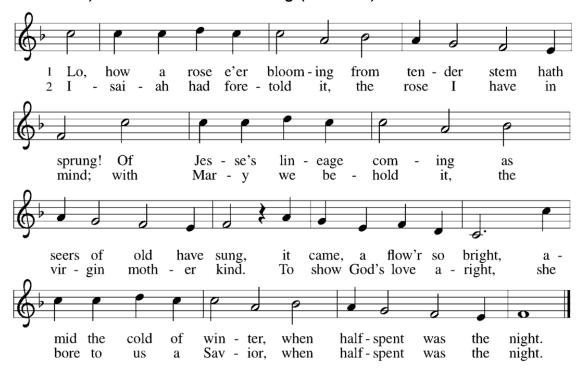
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life.

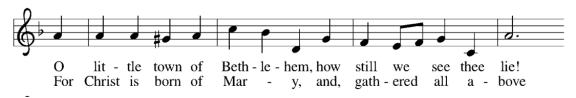
CAROL: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (ELW 272)

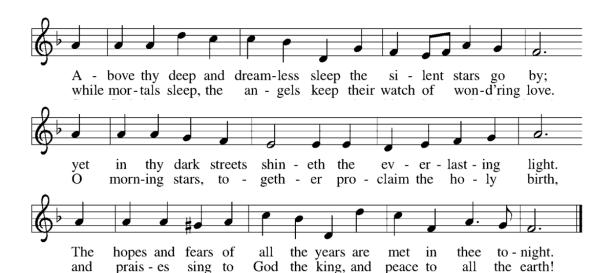


THE CENSUS: Luke 2:1-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)

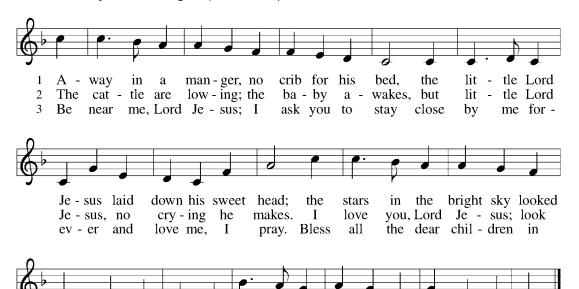




THE BIRTH: Luke 2:6-7

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL: Away in a Manger (ELW 278)



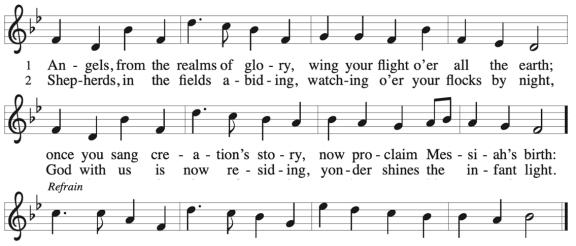
down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh. your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

THE CHORUS OF ANGELS: Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CAROL: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW 275)



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

THE SHEPERDS: Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL OF THE DAY: It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)



- I It came up on the mid night clear, that glo rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un furled,
- 3 And you, be neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world. who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."

A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing, look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing; when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing. and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing. oh, rest be - side the wea-ry road and hear the an - gels sing! the world give back the song which now the an - gels and sing.

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

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are pleased to dwell with your creatures and the whole earth sings for joy. Renew the splendor of creation from the smallest cell to the widest galaxies. Guide us to be wise stewards of your gifts for the sake of generations to come. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your authority is over the nations. Break the rod of oppression in every land and free all people from fear. Bring peace where there is war, compassion where there is suffering, and healing where there is disease. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You cherish those who are most vulnerable. Protect infants and children, and bless those who care for them. Watch over women giving birth, attend the dying, and relieve any who are in pain. Shelter refugee families and those who have no home. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your lovingkindness embraces everyone in need. Help any for whom this season is lonely or joyless. Comfort those among us, or known to us, who are experiencing distress of body or mind, missing loved ones, or grieving. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have died into the joyous light of glory. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place who have praised you with lives of faith and humility. Inspire us by their example to love you by serving others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MFAI

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: 5:00 & 7:00 pm In Dulci Jubilo, J. Mikkelson & P. Manz

10:30 pm Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, B. Greer

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)



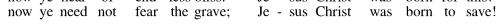
- 1 Good Chris-tian friends, re joice
- 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re joice
- 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re joice

with heart and soul and voice; with heart and soul and voice;

with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ is born to - day; Je - sus Christ was born for this!





ox and ass be - fore him bow, and He has o - pened heav-en's door, and Calls you one and calls you all to he is in the man-ger now. we are blest for - ev - er - more. gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him 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

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire, a gluten-free option is available. 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)



- 2 Christ, by high est heav'n a dored, Christ, the ev er last ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth. and mer - cy mild. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled." in time be-hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.





with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!" Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el! born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (ELW 271)



Jeg er så glad hver ju - le-kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;

- 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je sus' birth!
- 2 The lit tle child in Beth le hem, he was a king in deed!
- 3 He dwells a gain in heav en's realm, the Son of God to day;
- 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais es then I sing;
- 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je sus too;



stjer - nen som en sol, da lys - te og eng - ler sang sødt. Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth. he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need. and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray. ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of he o - pens now for king. and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

GOSPEL OF LIGHT:

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

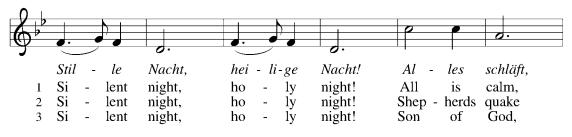
⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

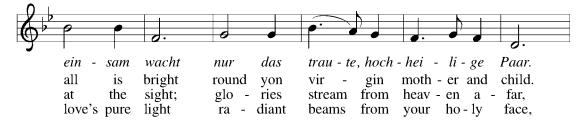
¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

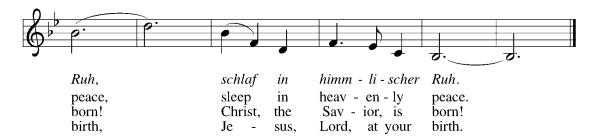
SERMON

HYMN OF LIGHT: Silent Night, Holy Night! (ELW 281)









BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289)



DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Gloria, Arr. D. Cherwien

Assisting With Toda	v's	Services:
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Presiding Minister:
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7:00 pm Stephanie Almeida

10:30 pm Gordy Phelps

Lector: 5:00 pm Jean Peterson

7:00 pm Johannes Skjonsby

10:30 pm Jeffrey Kosman

Acolyte: 5 pm Jett Krema

7:00 pm Beorn Skjonsby

10:30 pm

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7:00 pm Christy Freriks

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7:00 pm Alain Adjorlolo 10:30 pm Ann Bormann

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Ushers: 5:00 pm Dave Berg & Ryan Stute

7:00 pm Alain Adjorlolo

10:30 pm Dan Bormann & Dave Richards

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THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF LOVED ONES We thank everyone who has so generously given the gift of poinsettias to beautify the chancel this Christmas season.

Given By: Ann & Knut Aagaard

In Memory of: Annie & Gunnar Aagaard,

Jan, Charlotte & Paul Heide

Given By: Sally & Joe Adams

In Memory of: Jean & Walter Appleseth;

Sandra Appleseth Holien

Given By: The Adjorlolos

In Memory of: Ruth & Marvin Boyd;

Laurence & Ezueyou Adjorlolo;

Garrett Sheldrew, Grace Tanon-Toti &

Marie-Madeleine Brerost

Given By: Chris Martin & Tom Agnew

Given By: Raelynn Asah

In Honor of: Sophina & Luther Asah

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin In Memory of: Tom McMaster; Barbara & Clinton Bastin

Given by: Del Benson

In Memory of: Margie Benson & great-

grandson, James

Given by: Robert Berg **In Memory of:** Diane Berg

Given by: Ann & Dan Bormann In Memory of: Irdene Bonzer

Given by: Beth & Mark Bowers

In Honor of: Jamie Nemeyer's (Beth's

mom) 105th Birthday on 12/25

Given by: Nancy Davis

In Memory of: her husband, Rev. Charles

R. Davis & her daughter, Barbara

Given by: Paula Glandon

In Memory of: Gil; Mom & Dad

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn Given by: Mark & Mary Hatlen

In Memory of: Matthew and their parents

Given by: Meigi He

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard

In Honor of: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Brian

and Erica

Given by: Marilyn Iverson

In Memory of: Her beloved husband,

mother, father & sister In Honor of: Fritz

Given by: Darryl & Debbie Lageson

In Memory of: Their parents In Honor of: Their parents

Given by: Jean & Doug Peterson In Memory of: Doris, Ken, Dorothy &

Emmett

Given by: Marlis Pehling

In Memory of: Parents, Agnes & Earl

Pehling

In Honor of: Niece, Denise Steig

Given by: Beth & Gordy Phelps

In Honor of: Granddaughters. Reagan &

Marin Rahlfs

Given by: Dave & Judy Richards
In Memory of: Their parents
In Honor of: Children & Grandsons

Given by: Vickie Shanks

In Memory of: Husband, Joseph Shanks;

son, Chad Shanks

Given By: Marilyn Sides In Memory of: Don Sides

Given by: Derrick StaRosa & Gary Curtis **In Memory of:** Thelma StaRosa, Dennis StaRosa, Ruth Curtis, Cole & Brownie

Given by: Nora Strothman **In Honor of:** Loved ones

Given by: Tim & Barb Thieme **In Memory of:** Loved ones gone

In Honor of: Family

Given by: Carsten & Joyce Thode In Memory of: Manfred Thode;

Hank & Frances Rodne In Honor of: Sigrid Thode

Given By: Karen & Ray Thomas

In Honor of: Osten, Samantha, Addie &

Morgan

Given by: Patty Weston

In Honor of: Carol & Tom Weston



Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

10:00 am Worship

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 pm Book Club on Zoom— *The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall*

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1, First Sunday of Christmas

Happy New Year!

10:00 am Worship

(The FLC church office will be closed intermittently between Dec. 26 and New Year's day. Please call the office at 425-486-2314 before going in. For pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Berg directly at 509-595-5493)

N E W Y E A R

OFTEN WITH A NEW YEAR ON THE HORIZON WE BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT NEW THINGS WE CAN DO TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR OURSELVES. BEING A PART OF A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY HELPS US WITH OUR STRUGGLES. IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT MAKING A CHANGE AND BECOMING MORE ATTENTIVE TO YOUR FAITH, CONSIDER FLC.

PASTOR BERG IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSATION.

Adult Sunday School January

January I - No Class

January 8 - Vision 2025: Update w/Council

January 15 - Committee Party w/Committees

January 22 - We Cry Justic w/Kendahl Adjorlolo

January 29 - We Cry Justic w/Kendahl Adjorlolo

Every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall





SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:	
My favorite quote:	
Main message:	