December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent 11:00 AM





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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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

Ensemble Leader	Richard Edmonds	Ushers	Lloyd Condra & Randall Wampler
Piano	June Condra	Lector	Joe Siebert
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Greeter	Emily Curcio
Percussion	Eric Daane	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Ensemble	Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps, Johannes & Karishma Skjonsby & Randall Wampler	Communion Assistants	Alain & Kendahl Adjorlolo
Acolyte	Sarah Holmes	Pew Angel	Bobbi Osborne

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: My Soul In Stillness Waits



OPENING DIALOGUE: Psalm 118:1-5

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

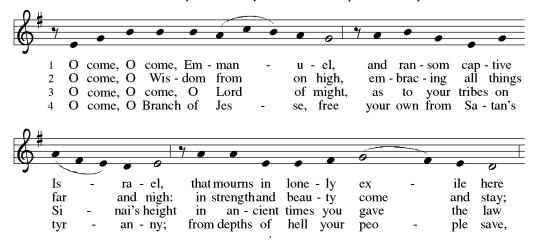
Let those who fear the LORD say,

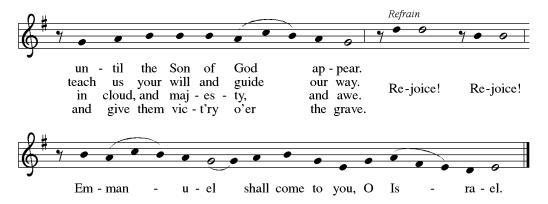
"His steadfast love endures forever."

⁵Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

GATHERING SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257) v. 1-4





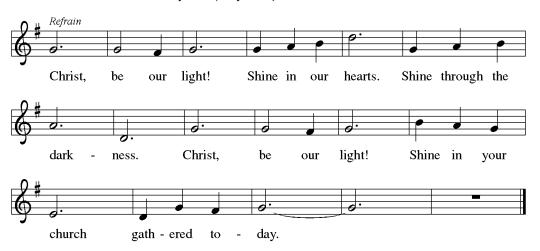
GREETING

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Christ Be Our Light

Choir will sing the verse, congregation join on the refrain.

Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread broken for others, Shared until all are fed. (Refrain)



RESPONSIVE LITANY: Hope for Those Who Are Watching
Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.
We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Grant us vision to behold your glory.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Maker us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

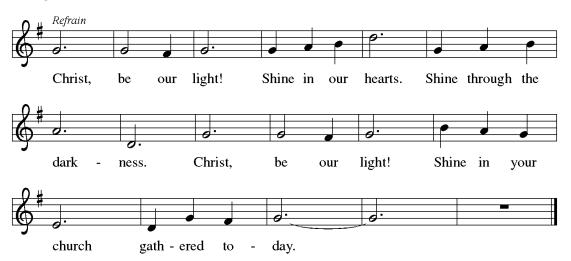
We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

This morning we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The second candle is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The third candle awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming. (refrain)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of Eternity, you called faithful people throughout the ages to behold your glory. We acknowledge you call us to the same awareness today. We confess at times our spiritual senses are stifled. Rekindle a new awareness

of your everlasting glory. We stand in awe of your deeds and ask you to repeat them in our day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (ELW 519)



THE WORD: Isaiah 42:1-9

God

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

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²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street: ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not guench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations. 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: People of the Night (David Haas)

1.We are your people of the night, We long to see your newborn light, Distant glimmer; rising from afar. We await you, holy morning star.

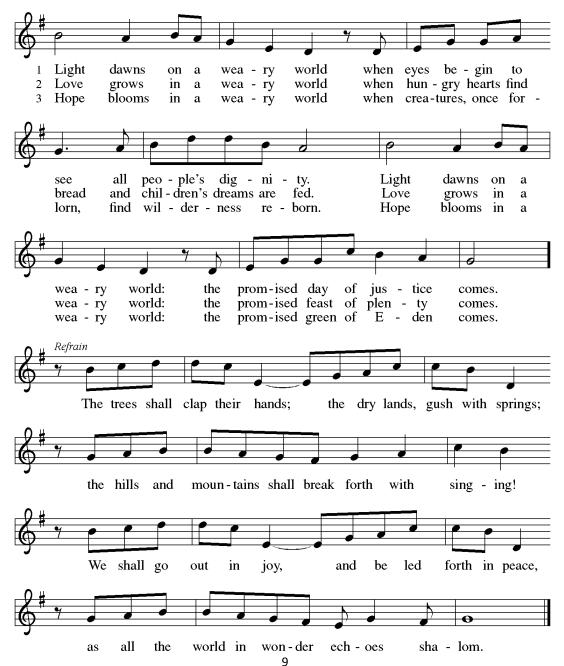
2.For in our winter we are dead, Lead us in hope to see ahead The springtime and the gift that is to come. Come and save us, be God's only Son. 3. You wait for us, you are our choice, The living word; the saving voice. Break the silence, listen to our call. Be our answer, new life for us all.

4. Give us new faith, give us the joy, As we await your Son, the Lord. In our presence, child born of your breath, Savior brother; life that shatters death.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)



APOSTLES' CREED

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

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

For choirs, hymn writers, musicians, and off-key singing, we give you thanks, Holy One. Fill us with your song of joy. Open us to proclaim your glory in our singing, speaking, and silence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the hurting places in creation; for seas and lands ravaged by natural disasters; for communities and creatures displaced by floods and droughts. Grant peace through your presence and joy in your healing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For peace to ring out in our hearts and in our homes; for mercy and forgiveness to reign in every community; for war to cease and hunger to end. Give us this joy now, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who are oppressed; for soldiers and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and their families; for neighbors who have no access to medical

care; for those who are ill and those who mourn, especially Cynthia. Fill them with your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For foster families opening their homes; for grandparents raising grandchildren; for single parents struggling to make ends meet; for expectant parents who now grieve. Give strength and comfort, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for preachers and teachers who have guided us on the way. Bring us with them to rejoice eternally in you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for self-reflection.

To you, O God,

we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.

Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of H
Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

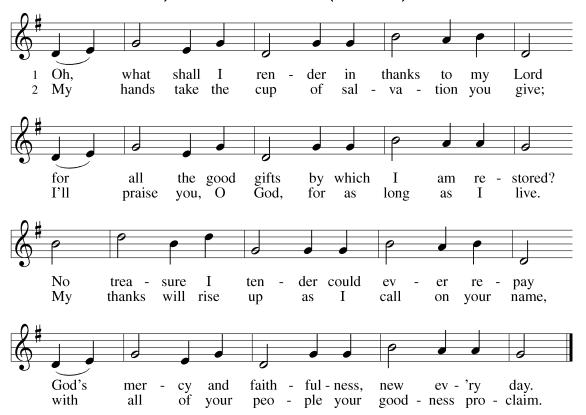
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING SONG: Oh, What Shall I Render (HFW 983)



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

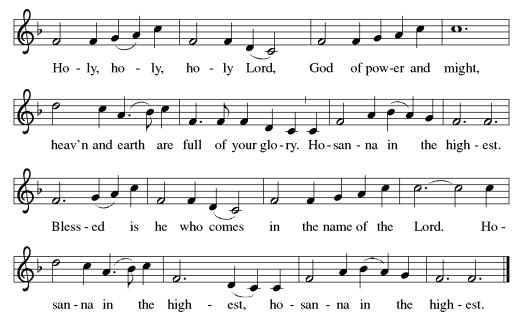
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering 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 his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

As this meal is brought to those who cannot be with us today, may this bread and wine be a sign for them of hope and healing.

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

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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



COMMUNION HYMNS:

Savior of the Nations, Come (ELW 263) Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257) v. 5-8

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*



Re-joice! Re-joice!



DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25 Jesus is Immanuel

Weekly Financial Report

December 9, 2018 Attendance:228

General Offerings: \$9,853 Mortgage Fund: \$665

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,907 **Mortgage Fund:** \$1,098

Today!

Sunday, December 16, 12:15 - 3 pm



All are welcome! Light lunch 12:15 - 12:45!

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Children's Christmas Program

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

12:15 pm Lunch for Carolers—*Get ready to sing!* 12:45 pm Christmas Caroling - *All are welcome!*

Monday, December 17

6:30 pm Hannah Circle

Tuesday, December 18

9:30 am Lectionary

11:00 am Preschool Christmas Program

Staff Meeting

2:15 pm Preschool Christmas Program

6:00 pm Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 19

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

Peace by Piece Sewing Worship Team Meeting

7:00 pm Longest Night Worship Service

Thursday, December 20

11:00 am

9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Chime Choir

Emergency Preparedness Task Force

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 21

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 22

Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship—Childcare available 11:00 am Greening of the Sanctuary

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship—Childcare available

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

Those living with cancer:

Audrey (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Barbara (Clint Bastin's mother), Joyce (David Osborne's aunt), Patricia (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Linda (Paul Ehe's mother), Cami Grillo (member), Edith Holbrook (member), Susan (Cathy Tanner's friend), Pam (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Marvin (Renee Markert's father), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), Teresa (Michelle Tuck's friend), Roger (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Tim (Neil McGee's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Rick Ulvin (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend) & 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), Paul Anderson (member), Barb (Stacie & Mike Souriall's friend), Cynthia (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), Judy (Judy Richard's friend), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Sherri Gordon (member), Howard (Carl & Joan Christian's son), Ingrid (Pastor Berg's friend), Jackie (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grand daughter), George (Geri Crawford's friend), Elodie Ragan (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), Mona Shogren (member), Swede (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's 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), Tom (Dawn Bastin's father) & 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.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.