February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 830 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

Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Dave Richards & Carsten Thode
Lector	David Osborne	Sound Tech	Roger Wolter
Greeter	Pat Daane	Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard, Kris Linderoth & Ruth Neitzel
Acolytes	Jackie Fairbanks	Monday Pew Angel	Coni Holmes

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Flute Piece (W. Hine)

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655)



- 1 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er plead: Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; By your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain, by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo-ple should be one,



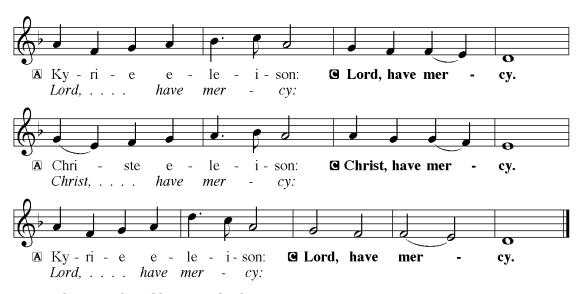
fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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.

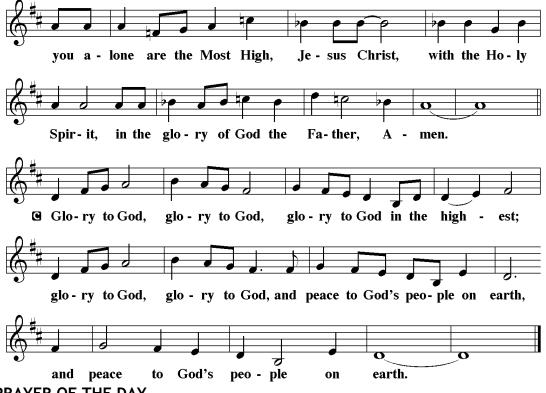
KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the Word, Jesus taught us through stories and the wisdom of the shared word. Teach us through your stories, that we may learn, grow, and love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

ANTHEM: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling (J. Purifoy)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Lord to Whom Should We Go?





THE WORD: Matthew 13:24-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables:

I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Word of God.

Word of life.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (ELW 693)



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi nal har vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in the win-ter storms be - gin. ere wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, iov or sor - row grown. un - to his field shall in of - fens - es purge a - way; that day all Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide sup - plied. for our wants to be First the blade, and then the ear. then the full corn shall ap - pear. give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



the song of Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be. the fruit - ful his ev - er - more. but ears to store in gar - ner Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil.

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect fragile environments from harm. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick, especially. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (especially). Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

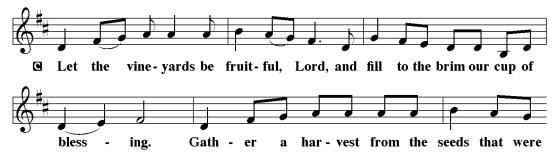
And also with you.

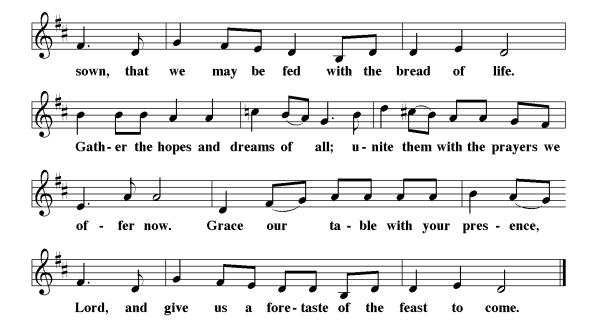
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Air (J. Battishill)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful





OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

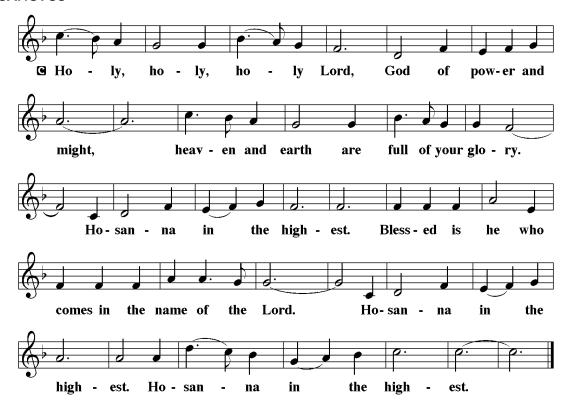
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

As this meal is brought to those who cannot be with us today, may the light of Christ warm their thoughts and their faith.

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

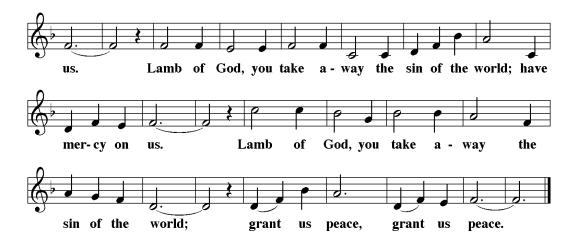
COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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:

We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat (ELW 484)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

tell

the old,

old

Thanks be to God

to

POSTLUDE: Allegro (T. Arne)

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love.

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), 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), Marvin (Renee Markert's father), 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), Kip (Paul Desilet's 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), Ashley (Chris Martin & Tom Agnew's friend), Janice (frequent visitor), Cynthia (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), Nancy Davis (member), Judy (Judy Richard's friend), Sherri Gordon (member), Jackie (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), George (Geri Crawford'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), Keith (Sue Toyoda's brother-in-law), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), 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.

February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany Matthew 14:13-33

Feeding of the 5000

Weekly Financial Report

February 10, 2019 Attendance:82

February 3, 2018 General Offerings: \$10,849 Mortgage Fund: \$1,481

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, February 17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour—Converting All the Way Down

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

Monday, February 18

Presidents Day—Church Office Closed 6:30 pm Hannah Circle

Tuesday, February 19

9:30 am Lectionary 11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 20

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, February 21

9:00 am Quilters

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 22 Church Office Closed Pastor Berg's Sabbath

7:00 pm Ann & Dan Bormann Chile Travelogue

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am Team World Vision Training

Sunday, February 24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Pastor Berg Vacation

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:

