

March 23, 2016
Healing Service
7:00 PM



 **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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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

- + There will be moments of silence during this service.
- + At the time of laying on of hands and candle lighting, feel free to participate however you feel comfortable. There are no expectations of you other than your presence.
- + The entire service is printed in this bulletin.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *How Long, O God* (ELW 698)



- 1 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
5 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign that the reign of God has come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, our source of all healing, we come before you this night to offer our sorrows, our pains, our brokenness, our sins, our depression, and our failing spirit to you. We trust in your unfailing grace and love for us, for you have shown us, through your son Jesus Christ, the length you will go to save your people. With hope we pray, Amen.

READING: PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

(Silence)

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

(Silence)

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver--let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

(Silence)

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

(Silence)

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

(Silence)

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

(Silence)

But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

(Silence)

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

(Silence)

May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

REFLECTIVE READING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people. We name before you those in our congregational family who are struggling with cancer: Allistaire Anderson, Carol Angello, Neal Beachinor, Janet Berg, Carolyn, Lynn Crutcher, Joyce Daily, Janice Davidson, Pam Davis, Craig Decker, Maggie Dygert, Pih Foo, Barb Grillo, Cami Grillo, Pam Hopper, Phyllis Hoefer, Tao Hong, Mark Iverson, Bernie Jenkins, Edna Kastning, Lee Larson, Judy Loudenback, Marcella, Hannah Morris, Pete Nettles, Bruce Niermeyer, Nancy Olsen, Stu Ramstad, Marvin Richter, Audrey Sheffler, Jay Stoddard, Chris Sullivan, Dan Thomson, Yvonne Troedson, Joanne Wejak, Michael Wilson and Darlene Zrust. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. We remember those in our congregational family who struggle with ongoing illness: Kristen Arthur, Diane Berg, Judy Cales, Joey Contreras, Jacquie & Dick Craft, Darline, Judy Edmonds, Marvin, Jan Murphy, Ollie Polonsky, David Richards, Mary Riley, Ryan, Pat Schjelland, Sheron, Mona Shogren, Marcia Stuckle, Roberto Tacchi, Sebastian Tanner, and Dan Terrie. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS/CANDLELIGHTING

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness or to light a candle in the name of the triune God.

MEDITATION SONGS:

Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
Teach us all your way of heal - ing,



Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

D.C.

May the God of All Healing (ELW 220) repeat until all have returned to their seats.



Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SILENT DISMISSAL

We leave in silence. You may remain as long as you like.

