April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 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 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 card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before 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. We also have a nursery with a caregiver available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless—Password: MartyLuther

Serving Us In Worship Today

Greeter	Jerry Bannister
Ushers	Tom Larsen David Osborne
Acolyte	Hazel Baker
Lector	Alain Adjorlolo
Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Camera Tech	Stephanie Conroy
Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjorlolo Randall Wampler
Pew Angel	Noreen Kloster

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Fantasia (J. Pachelbel)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Built on a Rock (ELW 652)



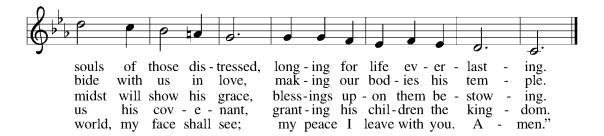
- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e ven when stee ples are 2 Sure ly, in tem ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv ing stones: we are his own hab i -
- Yet in this house, an earth ly frame, Je sus the chil dren is
- 5 Through all the pass ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are fall ing; dwell ing high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - lv tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us praise his name, bless ing; hith - er we come to faith in our hear your Word, ring ing, man - y may come to who here this



chim-ing and call - ing—call-ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the tem-ples ex-cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a - life and sal-va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their Sav-ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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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.

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

ANTHEM: Built on a Rock, J. Althouse

WORD

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

READING: Acs 17:1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Word of God. Word of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine
- 2. Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine
- 3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine

THE WORD: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know,

brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God.

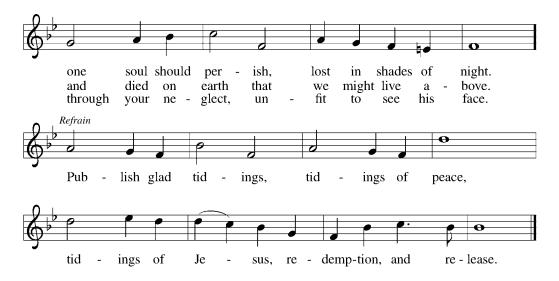
Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Zion, Haste (ELW 668)





Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837-1901

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray. (You may offer up out loud or in the silence of your hearts prayers for yourself, others, or for situations in the world.)

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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Acts 18:1-4

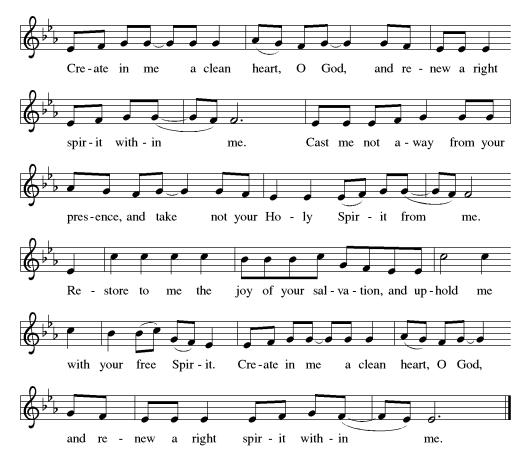
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The church in Corinth

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: This Little Light of Mine (B. Carlson)

OFFERING: Create in Me a Clean Heart



Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers, b. 1948 Music © 1993 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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. <u>Please register each person taking communion on a pew card</u>.

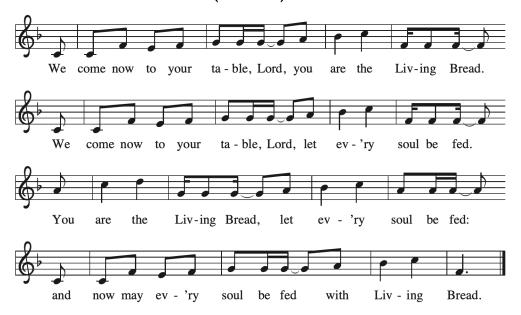
LAMB OF GOD



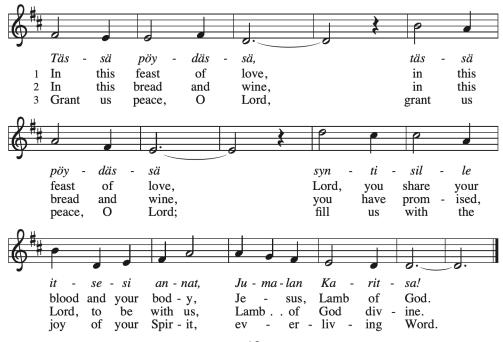
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

We Come Now to Your Table (ACS 970) 3X



In This Feast of Love (ACS 962)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

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

QUILT BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576) next page

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Postlude in G (G. F. Handel)

Weekly Financial Report

March 24, 2024 Attendance in Person: 150 Zoom: 23

March 24, 2024 General Offerings: \$5,540 Capital Improvement: \$241

March 31, 2024 Attendance in Person: 351 Zoom: 38

March 31, 2024 General Offerings: \$6,986 Capital Improvement: \$783

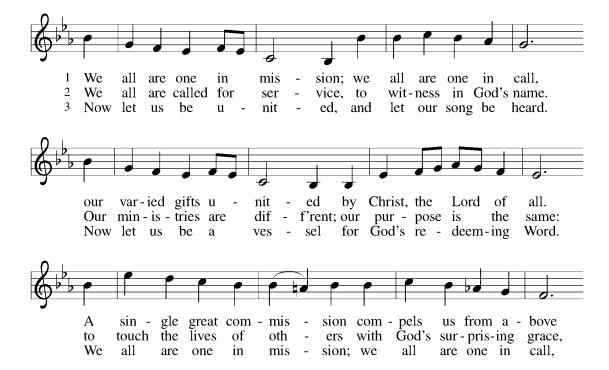
April 7. 2024 Attendance in Person: 102 Zoom: 42

April 7, 2024 General Offerings: \$16,292 Capital Improvement: \$1,433

April 14, 2024 Attendance in Person: 135 Zoom: 22

April 14, 2024 General Offerings: na/a Capital Improvement: n/a

We All Are One in Mission





to plan and work to - geth er that all may know Christ's love. God's warm em - brace. SO ev - 'ry folk and na tion may feel our var - ied gifts u nit ed by Christ, the Lord all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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In Our Prayers

We pray for Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Richard (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Shervin (Ann & Tom Larsen's neighbor), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Tim (Dave Shogren's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (Del Benson's friend), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Deborah (Vicki Shank's cousin), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), August (Karey Coble's friend) Patty Weston's Father.

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Carolyn Becker (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Judy (Linda Chapman's friend), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Susanne (Erika Beers' daughter), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), John Godek (member). Alexa & Ellie (Tracy Harrison's children), Teresa Fesalbon (Friend of the Bakers) Beau & Gray (Tracy Harrison's grandsons), Cindy (Tracy Harrison's friend), Les & Lois (Tracy Harrison's parents), Karen (Tracy Harrison's sister), Marilyn Iverson (member), Mary (Melanie Veazey's mother), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Stephen (Ann & Tom Larsen's son-in-law), John (Valarie Cole's father), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O Connor (member), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sarah (Susan & Ross Cook's daughter), Sandy Sailand (member), Mona Shogren (member), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Walt Stoll (member), Kathy Telford-Luiz (frequent visitor), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Melanie Veazey (member), Roger Wolter (member).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeanette
Backstrom (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge
Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member),
Greta Nelson (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Emma (Dave Shogren's mother), Jacquie
Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew), Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: Christopher Whipple (Carolyn 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.

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:30 am Sunday School and Adult Education

11:45 am New Orleans Youth Gathering Lunch

Monday, April 22

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Olds Preschool

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Olds Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

7:00 pm Book Club Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Olds Preschool

Thursday, April 25

9:00am 3 & 5 Year Olds Preschool

FLC Quilters

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

Friday, April 26

Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 Year Olds Preschool

<u>Saturday, April 27</u>

Sunday, April 28 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 am Sunday School and Adult Education

3:00pm Lyric Arts Concert

