Saturday, December 24, 2016 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:30 pm



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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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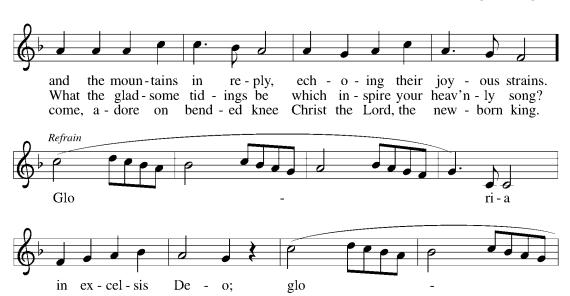
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING CAROL: Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289)



- An gels we have heard on high, sweet ly sing ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep-herds, why this ju bi-lee? Why your joy ous strains pro-long?
- 3 Come to Beth le hem and see him whose birth the an gels sing;





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.

ANTHEM

5:00 pm—In the Bleak Midwinter (Traditional) Elling Payne

7:00 pm—The Birthday of a King (W.H. Neidlinger, Arr. Carl Deis)
Sarah Moran & Richard Edmonds, Duet; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

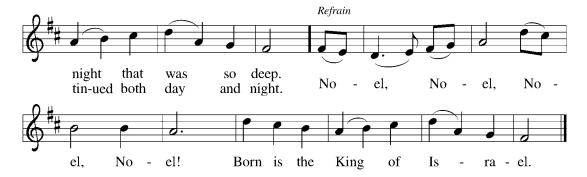
10:30 pm - Away In A Manger (Pelz) Sanctuary Choir Alexia Payne, Violin; Gregory Lewis, Vocal Solo; Lucy Kay Osborne, Organ

FIRST READING: 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.

FIRST CAROL: The First Noel (ELW 300)





SECOND READING: Luke 2:6-7

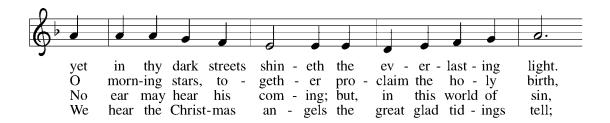
⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

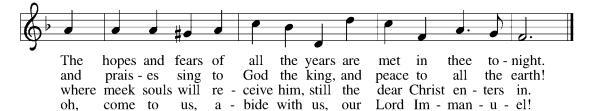
SECOND CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)





A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love. God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings his heav'n. So of out our sin, and to - day. en - ter in. be born in cast us





THIRD READING: Luke 2:8-14

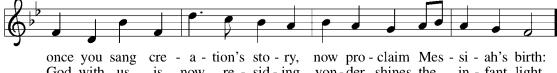
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

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!"

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



- 1 An gels, from the realms of glo ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a bid ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa ges, leave your con tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi sions beam a far
- 4 All cre a tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa ther, Spir it, Son,



God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light. seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star. ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the • e - ter - nal Three in One.

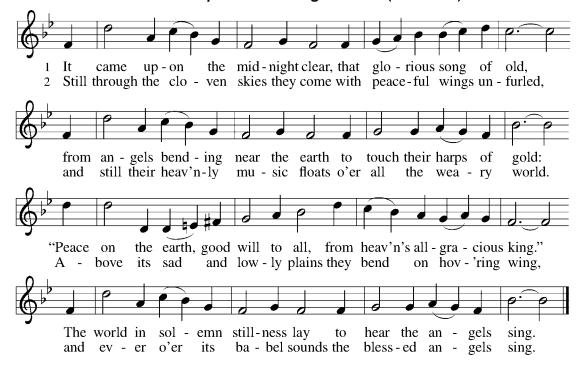


Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

FOURTH READING: 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.

FOURTH CAROL: It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)



FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

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FIFTH CAROL: What Child Is This (ELW 296)



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
- 3 So bring him in cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing. The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



hail. hail the Word made flesh. the babe, the son of Mar - v! for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y! joy, joy,

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.

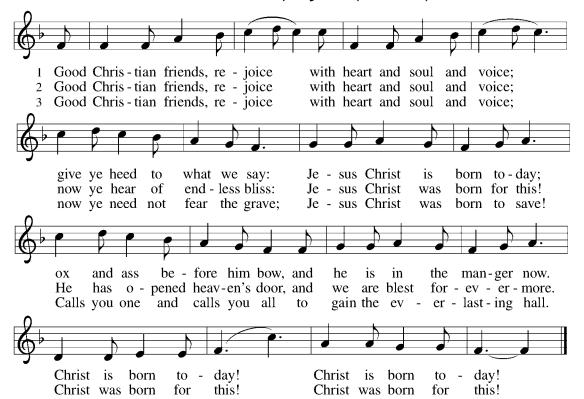
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)

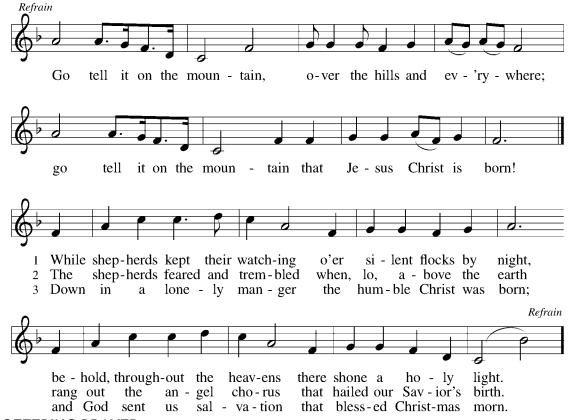


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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

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 white pew card.

5:00 pm—Raise A Torch, Jeanette Isabella (arr. T. Fettke) Richard Edmonds

COMMUNION CAROLS: Away in a Manger (ELW 277)



- 1 A way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit tle Lord 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
- The cat tle are low ing; the ba by a wakes, but lit tle Lord Be near me, Lord Je sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



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.

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;



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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL OF LIGHT: John 1:1-14

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

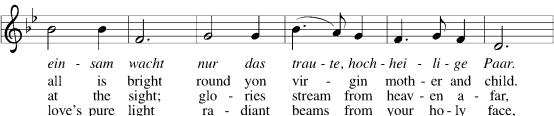
Thanks be to God!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

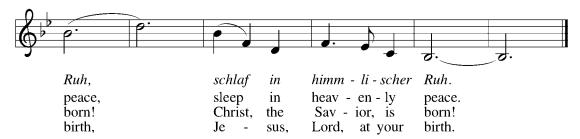
CANDLELIGHT: We will sing the following carol in candlelight. When your neighbor's candle is lit, tip yours toward their flame and light your own. Then offer your light for your neighbor on the other side. When the hymn is concluded, you may blow out your candle.

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









BLESSING

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. **Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

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



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

INFORMATION For the Week!

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25 First Sunday of Christmas

Merry Christmas!

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

1:00 pm Youth & Returning College Students Lunch at Pen Thai—*Celebrate & reconnect*

with friends!

3:00 pm FLC Young Adult, College Students & Youth Party—*Reunite with old friends at*

Three Lions' Pub on Main Street in Bothell. Over 21 may sit anywhere; under

21 must sit in designated area.

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

No Education Hour

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

(The FLC church office will be closed intermittently between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3. Please call the office at 425-486-2314 before going in.)

Assisting With Today's Services:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor Kristian Berg

Organist: Lucy Kay Osborne
Choir Director: Sarah Moran

Ensemble Director: Richard Edmonds

Worship Assistant: 5 pm Roger Steinke

7 pm Stephanie Almeida

Lector: 5 pm Darryl Lageson

7 pm Joyce Thode 10:30 pm Mark Bowers

Acolyte: 5 pm

7 pm

10:30 pm

Communion Assistants: 5 pm Paul Desilet & Jacquie Stoll

7 pm Stephanie Almeida

10:30 pm Bob Berg & Donna Hillard

Sound Tech: 5 pm Ken Smith

7 pm Carsten Thode 10:30 pm Ann Bormann

Ushers: 5 pm Brian Midtbo & Walt Stoll

7 pm Carsten Thode

10:30 pm Dan Bormann & David Osborne

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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;

Charotte & Paul Heide; Jan Heide

Given By: The Adjorlolos

In Memory of: Marvin & Ruth Boyd In Honor of: Maoulay Adjorlolo

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin In Memory of: Clint Bastin Jr.

In Honor of: Tom & Dorothy McMaster

Given by: Dominic Battle **In Memory of:** His mother,

Stephanie Battle

Given by: Robert & Laura Beckstrom **In Memory of:** His father, Rudy J.

Beckstrom, Jr.

In Honor of: Military & First Responders

Given By: Robert Berg

In Memory of: His beloved wife, Diane

Given by: Noah & Madeline Berg

In Memory of: Their beloved Nana, Diane

Berg

Given by: Mark & Beth Bowers

Given by: Ginny & Jim Conricode

In Memory of: Ginny's parents, Al Kearns

and Julie Lober

Given by: Eric, Pat & Bo Daane In Memory of: Bill Gonyea In Honor of: Marge Gonyea

Given by: The DeGard Family **In Memory of:** Dona Buhr

Given by: Paul and Darci Desilet

In Memory of: Dennis Pemberton, Roy & Opal Sieck, and Gene & May VanAlstine

Given by: Trudy Eichelsdoerfer **In Honor of:** Karen Eichelsdoerfer

Given by: Ethel & Gordon Eide

Given by: Evelyn Gaylord

In Memory of: Pat Kelley & Jim Gaylord

Given by: Paula Glandon

In Memory of: Gil and her parents

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn In Memory of: Their parents

Given By: Marge Gonyea
In Memory of: Bill Gonyea

In Honor of: Pat & Eric Daane, & family

Given by: The Hatlen Family **In Memory of:** Their parents and

grandparents

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard

In Honor of: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Brian

and Erica

Given By: Marilyn Iverson

In Memory of: Her beloved husband, Jim,

and sweet mother, Ruth

Given by: Marilyn Kay

In Memory of: Margaret Schupp

Given by: Chris Martin & Tom Agnew In Honor of: Their grandkids, Delilah, Max

& Gus Agnew

Given by: Ida Beth Morgan

In Memory of: Ida & Harold Johnson and

Lloyd Morgan

Given by: Mark & Ruth Neitzel In Memory of: Their parents

Given by: Larry & Greta Nelson In Honor of: Christ's birth

Given by: David & Lucy Kay Osborne In Memory of: Don & Lucille Alexander

and Jim Osborne

Given by: Jean & Doug Peterson In Honor of: Faye, who turned 1 on

December 19

Given by: Beth & Gordy Phelps **In Honor of:** Their granddaughters,

Reagan & Marin Rahlfs

Given by: Tanya & Michael Preston **In Memory of:** Michael's mother, Eve

Given by: David &Judy Richards **In Memory of:** Their loving parents **In Honor of:** Their children, spouses, & grandchildren

Given by: John & Lynn Scoggins In Memory of:

Mary Belle Scoggins and Armin

Reschenberg

In Honor of: Their children &

grandchildren

Given by: Terry Straka

In Memory of: Her dear husband,

Rowland

Given by: Nora Strothman

In Memory of: Bill

Given by: Tim & Barb Thieme

In Memory of: Keira In Honor of: Their family

Given by: Carsten & Joyce Thode In Memory of: Hank & Frances Rodne In Honor of: Manfred & Sigrid Thode

Given by: The Toyoda Family

In Memory of: Marge & Bob Burns, and

George Toyoda

In Honor of: Sadako Toyoda

Given by: The Ulvin Family **In Honor of:** Family and friends

Given by: Randall & Elizabeth Wampler In Honor of: Their sons, Thor, Olav and

Hans Wampler

