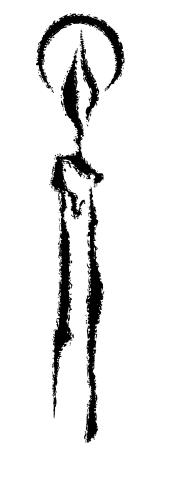
December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 am and 11:00 am



First Lutheran Church

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.

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 at both worship services. 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

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
8:30 am		11:00 am	
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Piano	June Condra
Greeter	Roger Wolter	Flute	Cheryl Miller
Acolyte	Karlyn LaFord	Greeter	Kendahl Adjorlolo
Ushers	Dan Bormann	Acolyte	Hazel Baker
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Ushers	David Shogren Ryan Stute
Camera Tech	Katie Pyne	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Lector	Marlis Pehling	Camera Tech	Jeffrey Kosman
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GATHERING

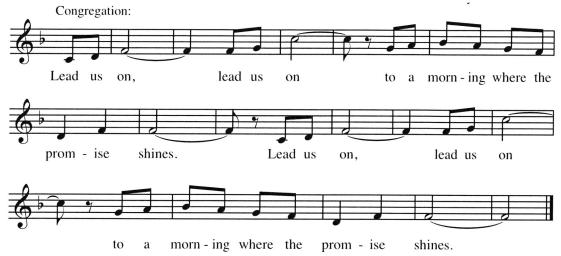
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Freu dich sehr (G. Boehm) The Cherry Tree (Appalacian Tune)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Where the Promise Shines (Moore/Raney)

1. Where the world is waiting for an unknown day, Where a voice, forgotten, cries "Prepare the way!" Show us in a manger our redemption's sign; Bring us to a morning where the promise shines. (refrain)



2. Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night; Guide us through the shadow with your gentle light; When the night is waiting and the old hopes rise, Then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise. (refrain)

GATHERING RITE

Advent a time for God's people to reawaken their longings. We wait in hope for the Lord. We long for every hurt to be healed. We wait in hope for the Lord. We long for every tear to be dried. We wait in hope for the Lord. We long for every injustice to be made right. We wait in hope for the Lord. We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold. We wait in hope for the Lord.

GATHERING SONG: Blessed Be the God of Israel



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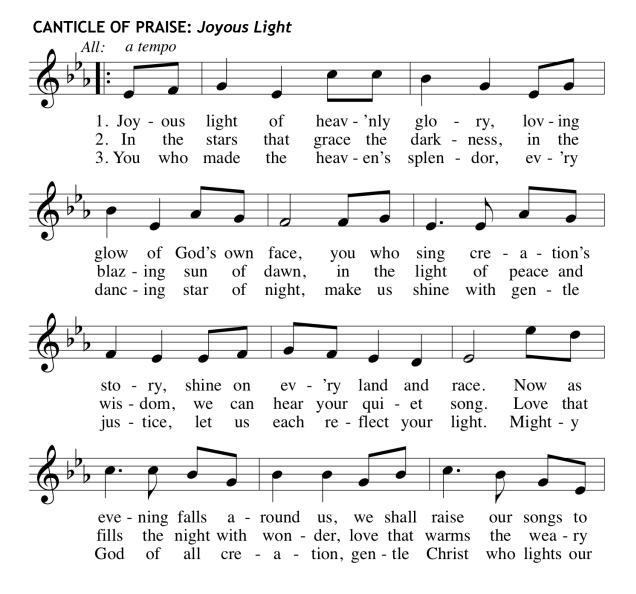
GREETING

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.

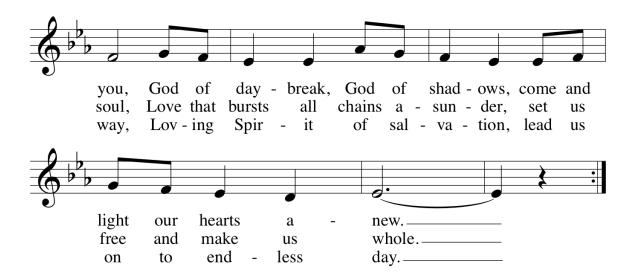
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray.

God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.



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ANTHEM: 8:30 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (H. Hopson) 11:00 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Plainsong)

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 111

Hallelujah! will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,

and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;

you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

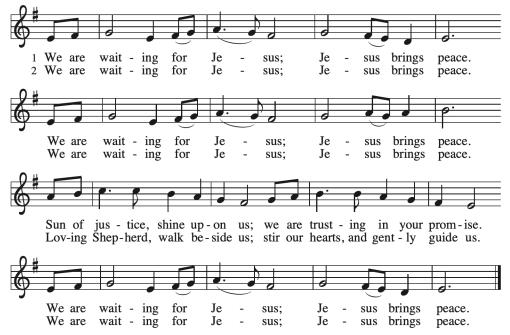
⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

WELCOMING THE WORD: We Are Waiting for Jesus (ACS 905)



THE WORD: Jeremiah 33:10-18

¹⁰Thus says the LORD: In this place of which you say, "It is a waste without human beings or animals," in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard ¹¹the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD:

"Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

For will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the LORD.

¹²Thus says the LORD of hosts: In this place that is waste, without human beings or animals, and in all its towns there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. ¹³In the towns of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places around Jerusalem, and in the towns of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the LORD. ¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

Word of God. Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

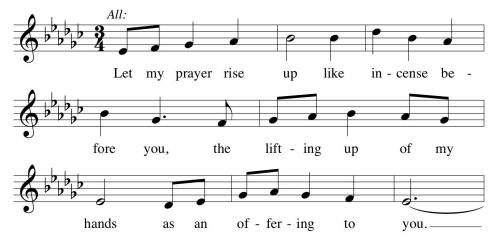
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Comfort, Comfort Now My People (ELW 256)



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION/LET MY PRAYER RISE

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.



Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. We pray, (Sing Refrain)

All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. We pray, (Sing Refrain)

Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. We pray, (Sing Refrain)

Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief. Deliver all in any need. We pray, (Sing Refrain)

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. We pray, (Sing Refrain)

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. We pray, (Sing Refrain) Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of **D** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. Amen.

PEACE

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

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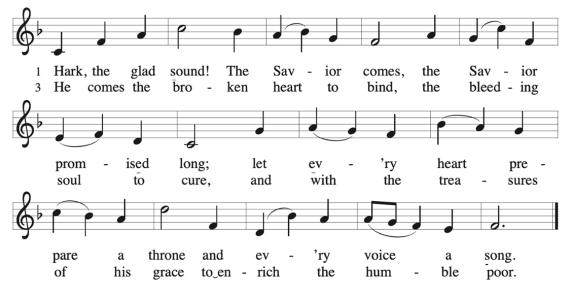
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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: 8:30-O Come, O Come, Emmanual (Arr. J. Vogt) 11:00-Still, Still, Still (Austrian Carol by Chip Davis)

OFFERING: VS. 1 & 3 Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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, 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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

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 that 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.

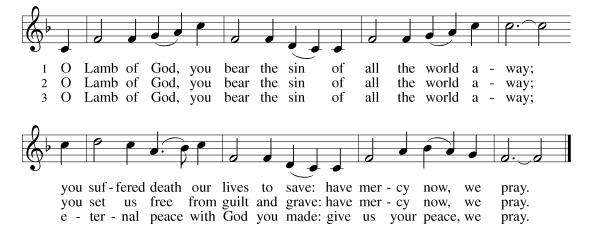
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: O Lamb of God, You Bear the Sin (HFW 906)



COMMUNION HYMN: Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)



ANNUNCIATION/THE MAGNIFICAT

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. Ou shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



SENDING

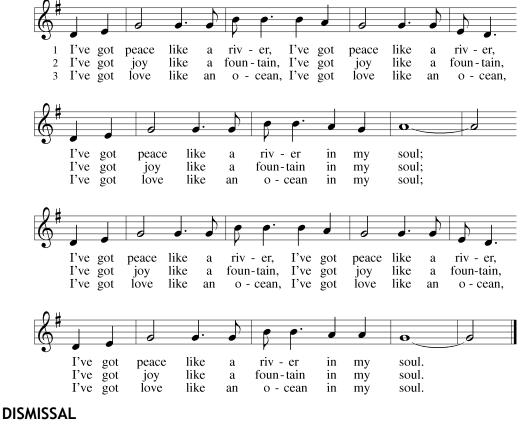
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: I've Got Peace like a River



Go in peace. Keep awake. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: 8:30–0 Come, 0 Come, Emmanuel (M. Burkhardt)

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

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<u>Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of Advent</u>			
8:30 am	Worship w/Holy Communion		
9:45 am	No Sunday School		
	Coffee with Council		
11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion		
3:00 pm	Christmas Concert and Reception—All are welcome!		
Monday, December 4			
9:00 am	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
12:00 pm			
Tuesday, December 5			
9:00 am	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel		
9:30 am	Lectionary		
	Weekly News Submissions Deadline		
	Property Committee IT/Communications Meeting		
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Wednesday, December 6			
9:00 am	4 & 5 Year old Preschool		
Thursday, December 7			
9:00 am			
7.00	3 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir		
<u>Friday, December 8</u>			
Church Office (
	3 Year Old Preschool		
<u>Saturday, December 9</u>			
1:00 pm	Special Council Meeting		
Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent			
8:30 am	Worship w/Holy Communion		
	Sunday School for All Ages		
	Worship w/Holy Communion		
12:30 pm	Executive Committee		

December 10 2023 Second Sunday of AdventPsalm 65Isaiah 40:1-11A Voice in the WildernessWeekly Financial ReportNovember 26, 2023 Attendance in Person: 94Zoom:30November 26, 2023General Offerings: \$3,380Capital Improvement: \$360General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Mark & Beth Bowers in the death of their brother-in-law, Greg in Missoula, Montana on Thanksgiving.

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), Del Benson (member), 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), Sharlene Hauge (FLC Quilter), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert'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 sisterin-law), Diane Mackey (Del Benson's friend), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Tom Agnew (member), Jeff Almeida (member), Alice (Del Benson's friend), Carolyn Becker (member), Mary Jane (Beth Bowers' mother), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in -law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Judy (Linda Chapman's friend), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Audrey Fisher (member), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Mark Hatlen (member), Marilyn Iverson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Debbie Lageson (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Vicki (Darryl Lageson's sister), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

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 & Larry Nelson (members), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), 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.

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:

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