January 6, 2019 Epiphany Of Our Lord 8:30 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 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	Brian Midtbo & Ryan Stute
Lector	Geri Crawford	Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Greeter	Dawn Bastin	Communion Assistants	Clint Bastin, Allen Glenn & Cathy Tanner
Acolytes	Jackie Fairbanks & Levi Schnarre	Monday Pew Angel	Evelyn Gaylord

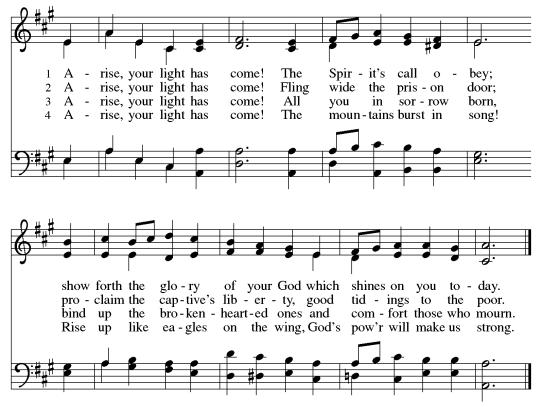
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (J. Pachelbel)

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come! (ELW 314)



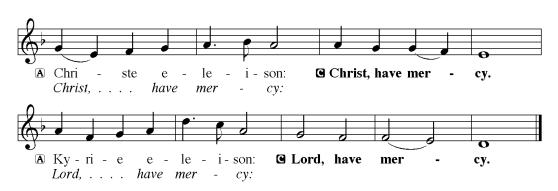
GREETING

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.

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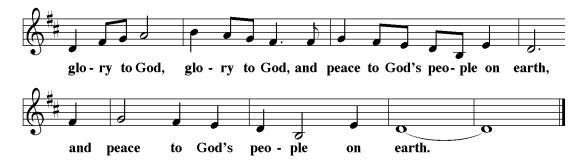




HYMN OF PRAISE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

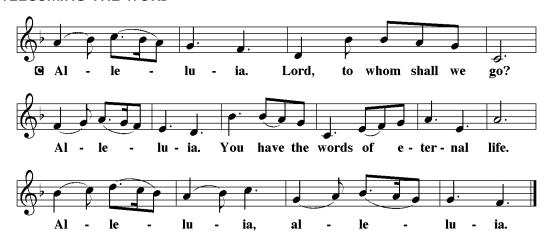
Extravagant God, you sent magi with generous gifts to visit the baby Jesus and proclaim his reign to all the world. Make our voices heard when we proclaim God's love to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: Come Follow That Star (D. Besig)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD



THE WORD: Matthew 2:1-23

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he

inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Word of God.

Word of Life.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Three Kings of Orient Are (WOV 646)

SERMON



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

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering, especially Rita. Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence for self-reflection.

God, wonderful counselor,

we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

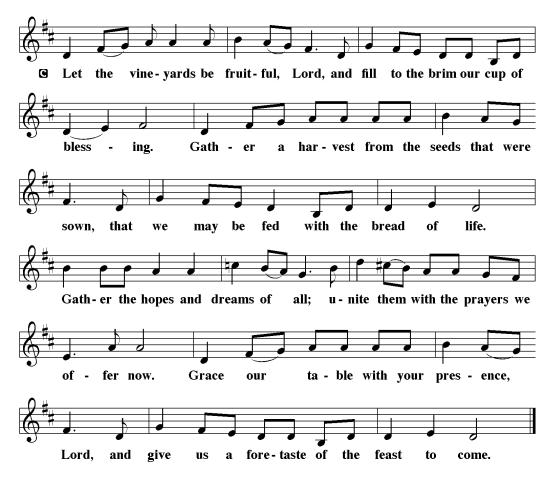
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: As With Gladness Men Of Old (D. Dahl)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

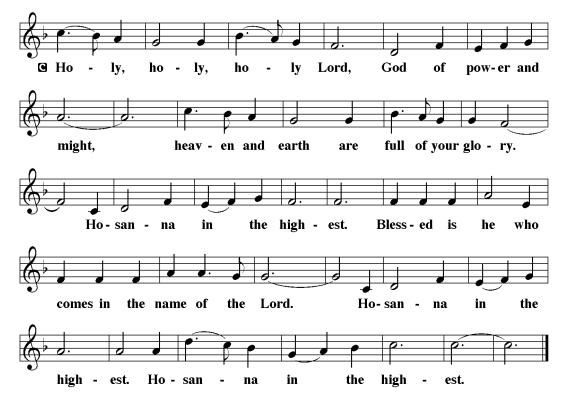
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty Lord we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.

Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation, he 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.

With joy we tell your story:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We call for your Spirit to be on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.

And so we pray and praise:

Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

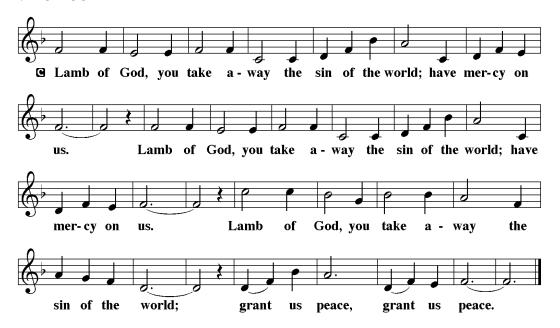
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, 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

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (ELW 301) As with Gladness Men of Old (ELW 302)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

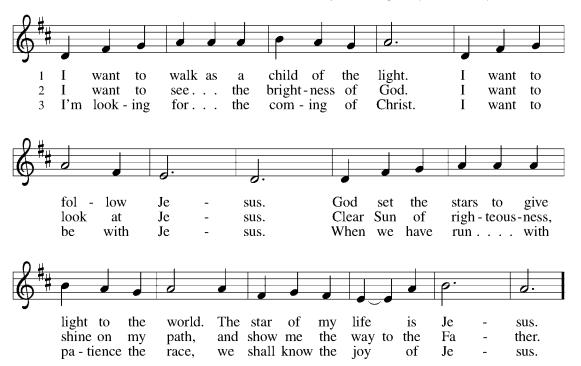
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

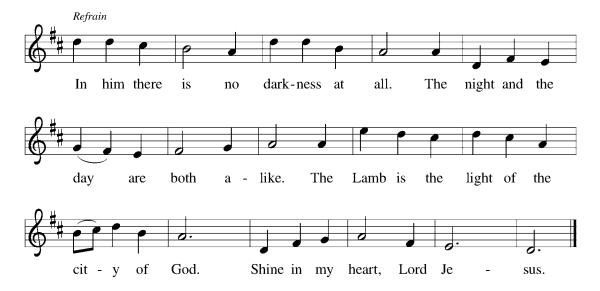
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: How Brightly Shines The Morning Star (J. Walther)

January 13, 2019 First Sunday After Epiphany

Matthew 3:1-17
John the Baptist

Weekly Financial Report

December 24, 2018 Attendance:562

General Offerings: \$6,146 Mortgage Fund: \$523

December 30, 2018 Attendance:131

General Offerings: \$5,139 Mortgage Fund: \$605

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany / Baptism of our Lord

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Journey Class—Kaaren Hatlen will share her experiences

with World Vision

Monday, January 7

10:00 am Friends Supporting Friends

Tuesday, January 8

9:15 am Preschool Chapel 9:30 am Lectionary 11:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting 6:00 pm Property Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee

> IT/Communications Committee Social Ministries Committee Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 9

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel 7:00 pm Visioning Team Meeting

Thursday, January 10

9:00 am Quilters

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 11

10:00 am WELCA—Epiphany Event Set-up Family Movie—Game Night

Saturday, January 12

6:30 pm WELCA's Epiphany by Starlight Dessert

Sunday, January 13 First Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Journey Class—The History of Bothell with Margaret Turcott

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of sympathy for Dawn & Clint Bastin in the death of Dawn's father, Tom McMaster

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Compass Housing.

Those living with cancer:

Audrey (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), 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), 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 uncle), 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), Cynthia (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), Judy (Judy Richard's friend), Sherri Gordon (member), Jackie (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grand daughter), 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), Mona Shogren (member), Swede (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's 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.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.