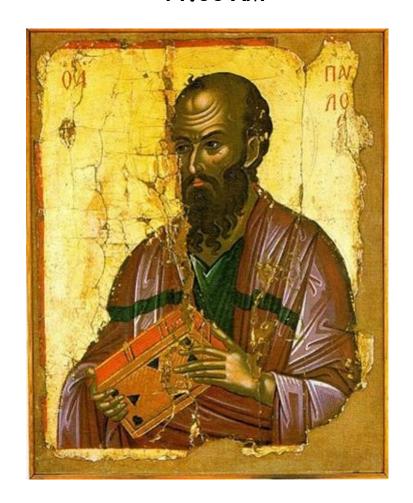
# April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter 11:00 AM





# 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: Rev. Chienyu Jade Li Preaching: Rev. Tor K. Berg

| Ensemble Director | Richard Edmonds | Ushers                  | Lloyd Condra & Randall Wampler  |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| Piano             | June Condra     | Communion<br>Assistants | Kathy Konieczka & Greta Nelson  |
| Lector            | Mona Shogren    | Sound Tech              | Andrew Phelps   |
| Violin            | Alexia Payne    | Greeter                 | Tamara McIntyre   |
| Percussion        | Eric Daane      | Acolyte                 | Michael Penrose   |
|                   |                 | Ensemble                | Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman,<br>Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson,<br>Gordy Phelps & Johannes<br>Skjonsby |

#### GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Serenade (Sumerlin)

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: Be Not Afraid



# GATHERING RITE: Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

# Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

# Alleluia!

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and Naamah and their family.

# Alleluia!

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

# Alleluia!

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!** 

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

# Alleluia!

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

# Alleluia!

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Blessing, Honor, and Glory (ELW 433) Red Hymnal

# **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 resurrection, your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Christ the Lord is Risen (Gather 439)

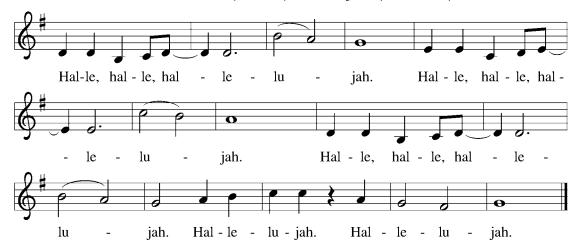


ANTHEM: Sing to the Mountains (B. Dufford)

# WORD

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

# WELCOMING THE WORD: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)



# THE WORD: Acts 9:1-19a

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ¹The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>®</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>®</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and

here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

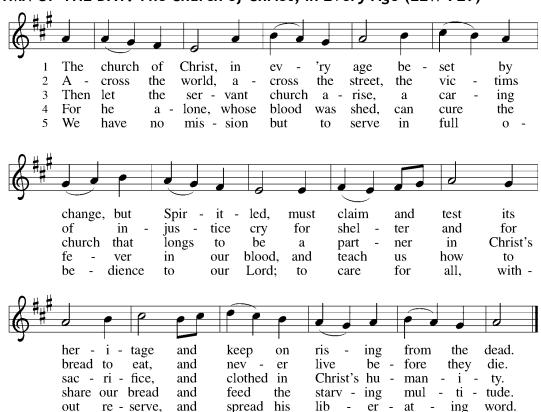
Word of God.

Word of life!

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

**SERMON** 

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)



## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for Jim and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn, especially Kevin. Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# **PEACE**

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

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Danny Boy (Traditional)

# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. 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.

# **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS: Santos, Santos, Santos



## 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. For the homebound, may this meal be a sign of your resurrection in their lives.

Through Christ 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

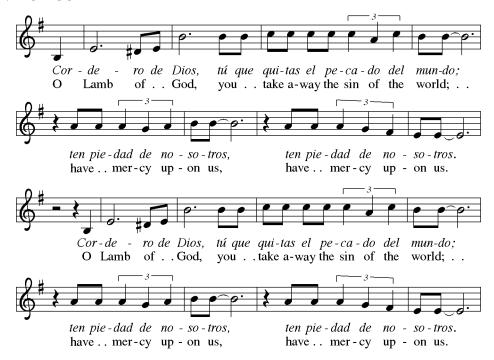
Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

**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:**

Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 474) In the Singing (ELW 466)

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

# **SENDING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

# SENDING SONG: We Are Called (ELW 720)



# **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

# Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Reprise: Sing to the Mountains

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of sympathy for Kevin Prather and family in the death of his father, Larry.

#### Our Ministry Partners:

Bothell Chinese Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

#### Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Barbara Bastin (Clint Bastin's mother), Debbie Bell (Renee Markert's cousin), Larry & Marcie Clure (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Bob Davis (Curcio family friend), Patricia Dwonch (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Mikee Epply (Elodie Ragan's friend), Mason Gordon (Curcio Family friend), Cami Grillo (member), Dee Onn Hodges (Bob Berg's friend), Edith Holbrook (member), Darryl Lageson (member), Tom McMaster (Dawn Bastin's father), Mark Nesse (Darci Desilet's stepfather), Susan Oja (Cathy Tanner's friend), Pam (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Kenneth Rapp (Loretta Rapp's son), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Richard Robilard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Jen Shirley (Curcio family friend), Pam Steig (Marlis Pehling's niece), Sylvia Stevens (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), Sue (Paula Glandon's friend), Mary Beth Torgerson (Cathy Tanner's friend), Roger Tuck (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Kip Van Alstine (Paul Desilet's uncle), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) Danna White (Cathy Tanner's friend).

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

Peter Barnard (Pastor Berg's friend), Roger Bedell (Geri Crawford's friend), Judy Bigham (Frequent visitor), Jim Conricode (member), Cathy Edwards (member), Nancy Graumlich (member), Sarah Henderson (Cathy Edwards' grand daughter), Swede Johnson (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Greta Nelson (member), Dee Oughtred (Sue Toyoda's aunt), Elodie Ragan (member), Judy Richards (member), Kevin Sailand (Karey Coble's brother), Mona Shogren (member), Eunice Williamson (member) & Connie Wolter (member).

#### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Margie Bannister (member), Phyllis Enger (member), Arlene O'Neall (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Eleanor Simonsen (Lisa Graumlich's motherin-law), Joyce Sullivan (member), Fran Tazuma (member), Sigrid & Manfred Thode (Carsten Thode's parents), & 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)

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 and close friends 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 15 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am **Education Hour** 

Living Truth Bible Study

**Ensemble Rehearsal** 10:00 am

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm **Bothell Chinese Mission Lunch** 

Journey Class—Moral Politics presented by Ray Thomas. All are welcome; dinner 5:00 pm

will be served.

#### Monday, April 16

6:30 pm Hannah Circle

#### Tuesday, April 17

9:30 am Lectionary — Meet in the library with Pastor Berg, to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are

#### welcome!

Staff Meeting

11:00 am 4:15 pm Library Committee

6:00 pm Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

#### Wednesday, April 18

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

10:00 am Rebecca Circle Peace by Piece Sewing

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting

12:30 pm Preschool Chapel

5:30 pm **Preschool Board Meeting** 

7:00 pm Cascadia Parish Study—Women and Justice

# Thursday, April 19

9:00 am Quilters

Preschool Chapel 9:15 am

12:30 pm Preschool Chapel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

# Friday, April 20

Church Office Closed

12:00 pm All Seasons Lunch

3:00 pm Nancy Graumlich Memorial Service

#### Saturday, April 21

9:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Maureen Ollestad Memorial Service 2:00 pm

#### Sunday, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am **Education Hour** 

Living Truth Bible Study

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm **Bothell Chinese Mission Lunch** 

5:00 pm Journey Class—Moral Politics presented by Ray Thomas. All are welcome; dinner

will be served.

# April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34 Paul and Silas

#### **Weekly Financial Report**

April 8, 2018 Attendance: 195

4/1/2018 General Offerings: \$15,098 Mortgage Fund: 1,385 4/8/2018 General Offerings: \$10,383 Mortgage Fund: \$560

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

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# **SERMON NOTES**

| What caught my attention:                                     |
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| What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person? |
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| I think the title of the sermon should be:                    |
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