December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent 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.
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Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Brian Midtbo & Ryan Stute
Lector	Mark Bowers	Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Greeter	Roger Wolter	Communion Assistants	Tom Agnew, Susan Berg & Donna Hillard
Acolytes	Jackie Fairbanks & Levi Schnarre	Monday Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Wachetauf, ruft uns die stimme (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)



- Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear. go shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is more. rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh. gates wide o - pen The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the stand. round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be hold: With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Christ Be Our Light

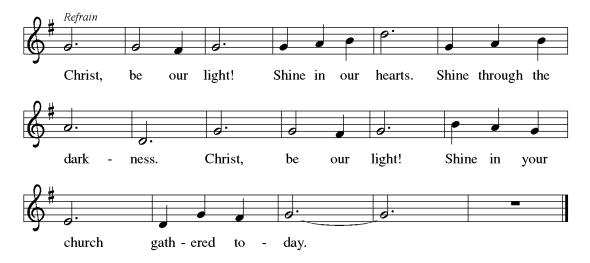
Choir will sing the verse, congregation join on the refrain.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. (Refrain)



RESPONSIVE LITANY: Hope for Those Who Are Weary

The Light shines in the darkness,

but the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

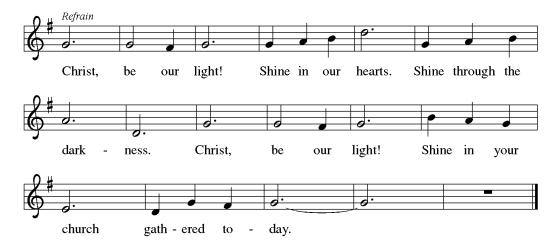
For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates patience in areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

REFRAIN



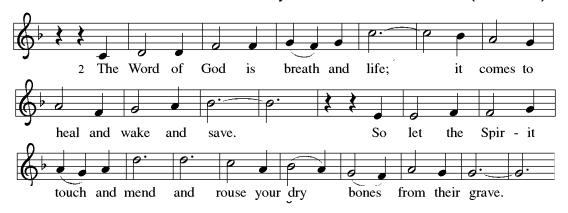
PRAYER OF THE DAY

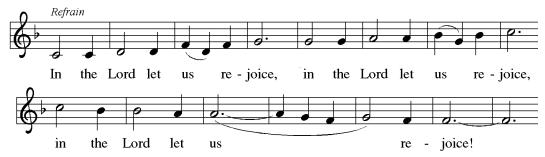
Let us pray.

God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: The Word of God Is Source and Seed (ELW 506)





THE WORD: Esther 4:1-17

¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. ¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you

have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

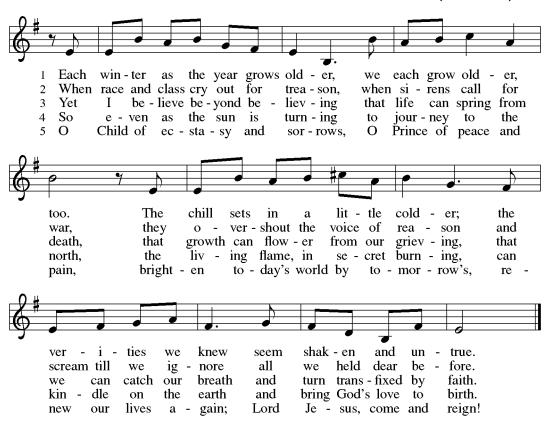
Word of God, word of life.

GOSPEL ANTHEM: Waiting For The Promise (McGuire)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Each Winter As the Year Grows Older (ELW 252)



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect the creation, life-giving God. Sustain the mountains and hills. Restore the rivers. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for wilderness areas and urban ecosystems. Move us to care for your creation in all its forms and richness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Purify the hearts of all people, life-giving God. Remove the hate that lives within us and among us. Mold us into peacemakers. Raise up leaders rooted in your love and fed by your word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Wrap them in your tender care. Remember the forgotten and send us out to share your love with them. Be with the wandering, the worried, and the woeful, especially Hannah, Andrew & Lincoln. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to worship leaders, musicians, and our altar guild as they prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ child's coming among us. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

We remember the generations who have shown us your faithfulness, life-giving God. Shine your light on those who mourn and prepare us for that day when we will see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for self-reflection.

To you, O God,

we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Melanie Veazey in honor of her mother, Mary Jensen's 99th birthday on December 8.

OFFERTORY—Chime Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Drawn to the Light (ELW 593)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

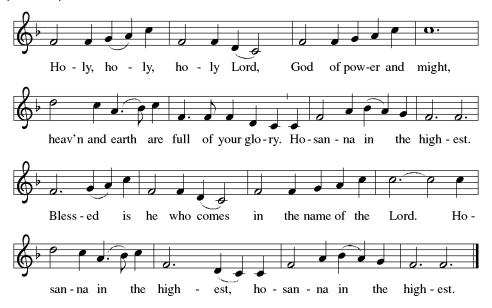
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

As this meal is brought to those who cannot be with us today, may this bread and wine be a sign for them of hope and healing.

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

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

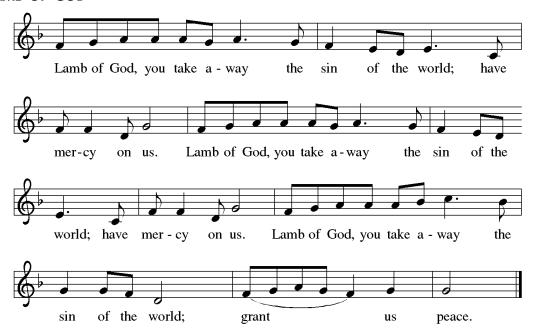
God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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:

As The Dark Awaits The Dawn (ELW 261) Blessed Be The God Of Israel (ELW 250)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn (ELW 242) Next page

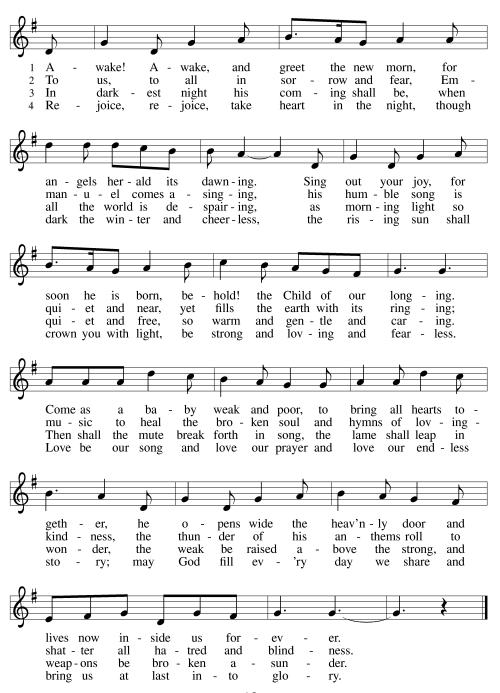
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Wachetauf, ruft uns die stimme (Cherwien)

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 42:1-9 Light to the Nations

Weekly Financial Report

December 2, 2018 Attendance:207

General Offerings: \$10,611 Mortgage Fund: \$1,470.46

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

Today!



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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 9 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

Education Hour - Hymn Sing with Lucy Kay 9:45 am

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

Advent Festival-All are welcome to enjoy beautiful music 3:00 pm

and a Sweets & Savory reception following the concert!

Monday, December 10

Tuesday, December 11

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary 11:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Finance Committee

Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 12

Worship Team Meeting 11:00 am

WELCA Christmas Potluck-The Bothell Jazz Choir will 12:00 pm

entertain us with Christmas music.

Preschool Chapel 12:30 pm

Thursday, December 13

9:00 am **Ouilters**

Preschool Chapel 9:15 am

Friends Supporting Friends—Christmas Party! 10:30 am

6:00 pm Chime Choir

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 14 Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 15

9:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

10:00 am Children's Christmas Program Practice

11:00 am Kid's Time!

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Children's Christmas Program

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

12:15 pm Lunch for Carolers—Get ready to sing! 12:45 pm Christmas Caroling - All are welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

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

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), Pam (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Marvin (Renee Markert's father), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), 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), Barb (Stacie & Mike Souriall's friend), Clare Jackman (member), Judy (Judy Richard's friend), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Sherri Gordon (member), Howard (Carl & Joan Christian's son), Ingrid (Pastor Berg's friend), Jackie (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grand daughter), George (Geri Crawford's friend), Elodie Ragan (member), Roberto (Beth Phelps brother-in-law), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Sadako (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), Hannah (Mona & 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), Tom (Dawn Bastin's father) & Phyllis Watters (member).

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Irag.

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.