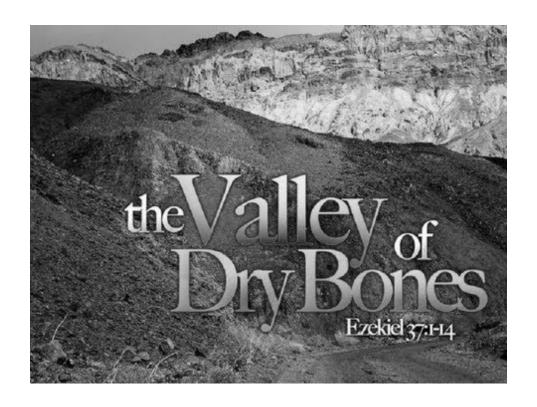
# December 10, 2017 Second Sunday in Advent 8:30 & 11:00 AM





# 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**

- + 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

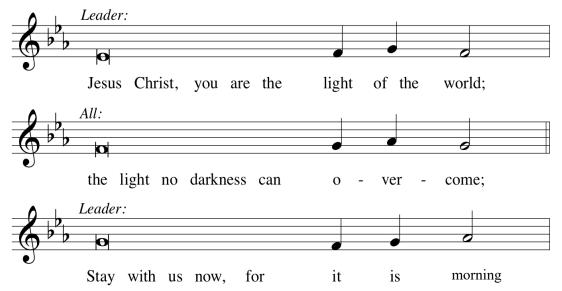
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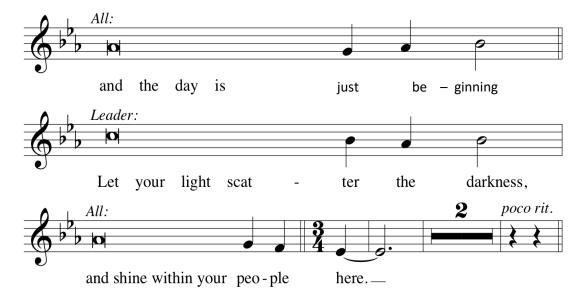
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Wachet Auf (J. S. Bach)

## **WELCOME**

## **GATHERING RITE:**

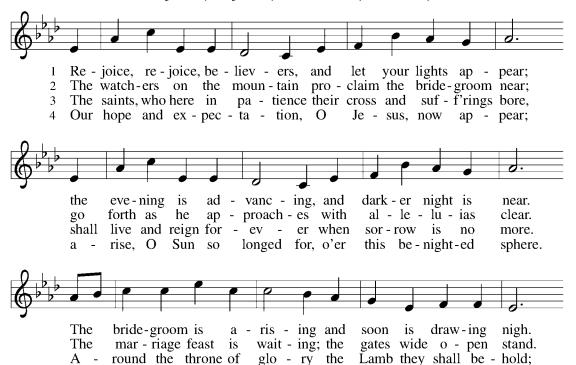




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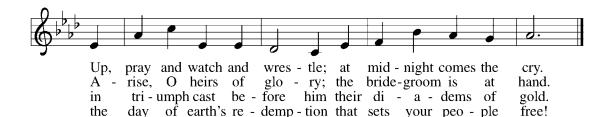
## GATHERING SONG: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we

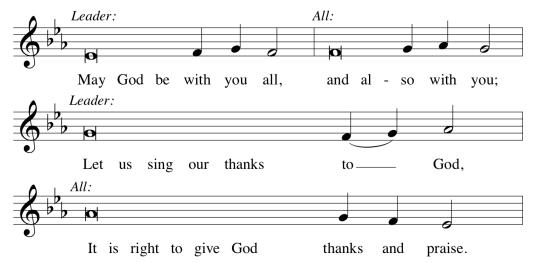


plead, O Lord, to

see



## **GREETING:**



Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe–from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of breath, you promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: We are Waiting

First time: Cantor—Second Time: Congregation



Sung by Cantor

Come and help us by your birth
Come and brighten all the earth
Oh, come, oh, come Emmanuel, we are waiting
And ransom captive Israel, we are waiting for the Lord (refrain)



Let us pray.

Amen.

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent. As we light this second candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

#### WORD

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

## THE WORD: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves. O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil: then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: (8:30): Now Let All the Heavens Adore Him (J. S. Bach) (11:00): In the Bleak Midwinter (C. Rosetti/G. Holst) Rachel Jackman, voice

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

SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW 242)



#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism: (as your name is called please come forward and gather around the baptismal font) Betty Brown, Tracy Day & Sheryl Mothersbaugh, Michael Fairbanks & Sherri Gordon with daughter Jackie Fairbanks, Donna Gilbery, Loretta Rapp and Carolyn & Richard Whipple

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters* and *brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these brothers and sisters the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

Let us welcome these new members of FLC!

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for self-reflection.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. Bring renewal to open spaces, parks, forests, mountains, and grasslands. Restore the creatures and lands that are damaged or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We long for your peace. Make places of welcome for people fleeing violence. For nations facing conflict or crisis, deliver relief. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We seek healing for all people who long for justice, freedom, and comfort. Sustain them in their time of need. Be with all who wait for you, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Dawn, Mark, Susan, Kathy & Nolan. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who are ready to help in times of crisis. Give courage to disaster and emergency response teams, police officers, nurses, doctors, surgeons, chaplains, and all who work for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We are your beloved flock and you are our shepherd, O God. Along with the saints already at rest in you, bring us together as your people under your holy rule. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

## **PFACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## And also with you.

**MEAL**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING: Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense









## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. 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.

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 ... Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, ... 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. And bless our Eucharistic Ministers who take this meal to the faithful.

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

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

**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.

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250) People, Look East (ELW 248)

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

#### THE ANNUNCIATION:

Cantor: 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. You shall bear a child,, and his name will 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." (immediately to "The Magnificat")

## THE MAGNIFICAT



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **SENDING**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING: Holden Blessing**



#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please wait until Pastor Berg and the acolyte recess.

POSTLUDE: Wake, Awake (P. Manz)

## December 17, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 55:1-13 God's Word is Purposeful

December 3, 2017 Attendance: 190

General Offerings: \$13,796 Mortgage Fund: \$1,684

**Amount needed per Sunday:** 

General Offerings: \$9,038 Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

## What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service is understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord's Supper. Offerings have grown to include the goods and the money we give to the Church to assist in its mission and to provide for the assistance of the needy. The act of bringing our gifts of money to the altar helps keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all people.

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically. To give now, scan the code to the right.



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#### IN OUR PRAYERS.

#### Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

#### Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Bill Beasley (Russel's brother-in-law); Debbie Bell (Renee Markert's cousin), Michele Berger (Karey Coble's friend), Terry Chausee (Cathy Edwards' son-in-law), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Larry & Marcie Clure (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friend), Kim Coleman (Kris Linderoth's friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Patricia Dwonch (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Mikee Epply (Elodie Ragan's friend), Paul Gabrielsen (member), Mason Gordon (Curcio Family friend), Cami Grillo (member), Edith Holbrook (member), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Darryl Lageson (member), Marcella (Benson family friend), Tom McMaster (Dawn Bastin's father), Mark Nesse (Darci Desilet's stepfather). Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Susan Oia (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), Robin (Sherrill and Larry Baker's acquaintance), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Jen Shirley (Curcio family friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Sylvia Stevens (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), Sue (Paula Glandon's friend), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Mary Beth Torgerson (Cathy Tanner's friend), Roger Tuck (Michelle Tuck's brother-inlaw), Kip Van Alstine (Paul Desilet's uncle), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) Danna White (Cathy Tanner's friend), and Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend).

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

Addison Albert (Hamilton family friend), Jack Barry (Betty Brown's friend), Don Brown (Betty Brown's friend), Lou Bruce (Cathy Edwards' friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Joan Davis (Curcio family friend), Theda Dawley (Cris Sherman's mother-in-law), Cathy Edwards (member), Steven Glenn (Sandra & Allen Glenn's son), Sherri Gordon (regular visitor), Marge Gonyea (member), Gloria Groff (Cathy Edwards' friend), Dee Onn Hodges (Bob Berg's friend), Swede Johnson (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Moriah Landry (Marly Helgeland's friend), Edna McDonald (JoAnn Poor's fiend), Melissa (Judy Richards' friend), Dawn Moses (Roger Steinke's friend), Bill O'Neall (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), Gunn Nesse (Andy Nesse's mother), Richard Peterson (Sherri Gordon's father), Elodie Ragan (member), Mark Redland (Betty Brown's son-in-law), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Wade Sanders (Ida Beth Morgan's son-in-law), Sharel Sheldrake (member), Mona Shogren (member), Debbie Slaughter (Kevin & Vicki Kastning's friend), Lana Tanner (Cathy Tanner's daughter-in-law), Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend), Jeff Ward (Melanie Veazey's brother-in-law), Lily Wichman (Holmes family friend), & Connie Wolter (member).

Special Prayers: Sarah (Cathy Edwards' granddaughter), Kathy & Nolan Reese (Cathy Tanner's friends).

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

Marilyn Anderson (member), Margie Bannister (member), Perdy Carlson (member), Phyllis Enger (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Arlene O'Neall (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Eleanor Simonsen (Lisa Graumlich's mother-in-law), Joyce Sullivan (member), Fran Tazuma (member) & 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)

#### INFORMATION For the Week!

#### Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

#### **New Member Sunday!**

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour

11:00 am Worship

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

12:30 pm Living Truth Lunch

#### Monday, December 11

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, December 12

9:30 am Lectionary — Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!

11:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Finance and Budget Mtg.

#### Wednesday, December 13

9:30 am WFLC (WELCA) Board Meeting

10:00 am Living Truth Fellowship 11:00 am Preschool Christmas Program 11:30 am Worship Team Meeting

12:00 pm WFLC (WELCA) Christmas Potluck—Bothell High School choir will perform. All are weldome!

2:15 pm Preschool Christmas Program

#### Thursday, December 14

9:00 am Quilters

9:15 am Preschool Chapel 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 15

10:00 am Living Truth Basic Beliefs

12:00 pm All Season's Christmas Lunch - For our senior members and community friends!

6:00 pm Pasta with Pastor (Signup full)

#### Saturday, December 16

9:00 am Men's Breakfast—Food for the body, and food for the soul! All men are welcome!

10:00 am Children's Christmas Program rehearsal

11:00 am Kids' Time

4:00 pm Living Truth Gathering

#### Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School Children's Program

Living Truth Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

12:30 pm Living Truth Lunch

4:00 pm Christmas Caroling—All are welcome to join the fun!

## **Assisting With Today's Service:**

## 8:30 am

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ushers	Chris Burns & Carsten Thode
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard, Kris Linderoth & Jacky Schnarre
Lector	Ginny Conricode	Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Acolyte	Libby Peoples & Benjamin Schnarre	Greeter	Jerry Bannister
Cantor	Gordy Phelps	Cantors	Susan Berg & Bob Berg

## 11:00 am

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ushers	Walt Stoll & Randall Wampler
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Lector	Paul Flatness
Violin	Alexia Payne	Greeter	Jacquie Stoll
Percussion	Joe Siebert	Communion Assistants	Marilyn Kay & Marilyn Iverson
Ensemble	Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Sigrun Payne, Doug Peterson and Gordy Phelps	Acolyte	Anna Holmes
Cantor	Gordy Phelps	Cantors	Rachel Jackman & Richard Edmonds



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## **SERMON NOTES**

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

