

December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent  
8:30 AM

**A Light for Peace**



**First Lutheran Church**  
**BOTHELL**

# 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.

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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](http://www.flcbothell.org)

#### GATHERING

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

#### PRELUDE:

#### WELCOME

#### Assisting With Today's Service:

Organ	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Chris Burns and Dave Richards
Choir Director	Sarah Moran	Communion Assistants	David Berg, Mark Neitzel & Susan Berg
Lector	Chris Burns	Sound Tech	Carsten Thode
Acolyte	Rebecca Navarette & Libby Peoples	Greeter	Dawn Bastin

## GATHERING SONG: *People, Look East* (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## 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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



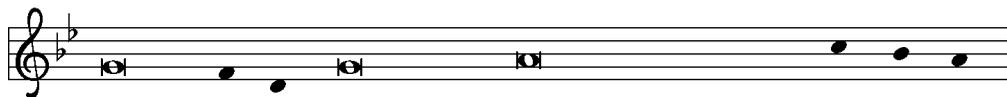
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



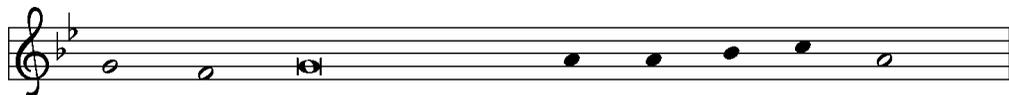
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving Lord, when we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing." With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ our loving savior. Amen.

## ADVENT CANDLE HYMN: *Light A Candle Bright and Tall* (Tune: Dix)

Light a candle bright and tall  
For the Peace we wish to know.  
Peace on Earth for great and small  
God's Good News to us bestows.  
Shine within our hearts today  
Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.

## ADVENT PRAYER

*In a world torn apart by suspicion and hate, we so long for your peace to be among us. We light this fourth candle on our Advent wreath yearning for peace to cure our sin-filled world.*

*(Candle is lit)*

*We place the wise men as a reminder to trust your Word, the Angels to remind us to not be afraid and the camels to encourage us to be steadfast in our good works. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.*

**Amen.**

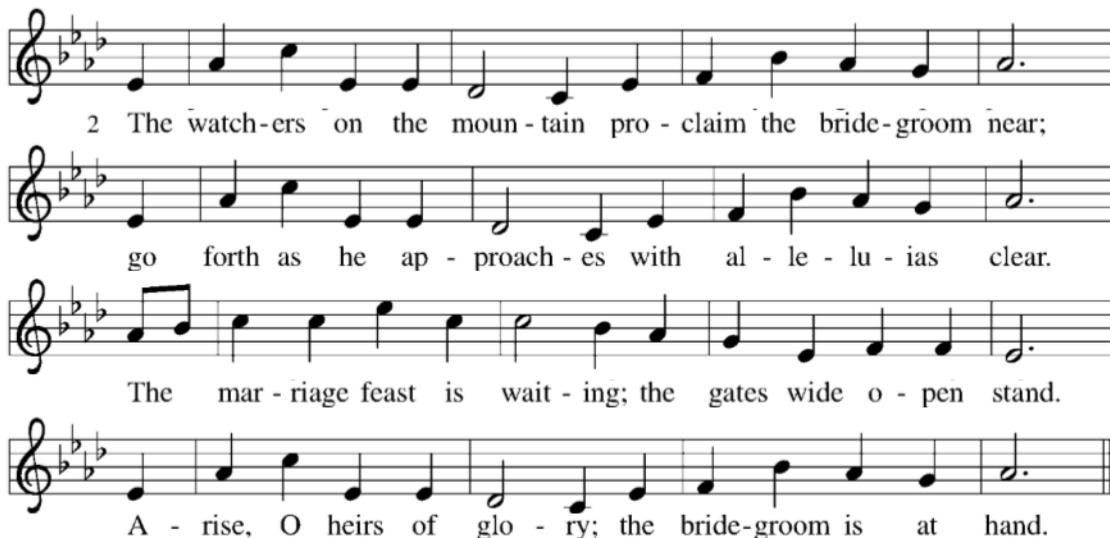
## **ADVENT CANDLE HYMN REPRISE**

**ANTHEM** *There's A Voice In The Wilderness* (H.H. Bancroft, Arr. Anne Krenz)

### **WORD**

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

**WELCOMING THE WORD: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers** (v.2)



2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;  
go forth as he ap-proach-es with al-le-lu-ias clear.  
The mar-riage feast is wait-ing; the gates wide o-pen stand.  
A-rise, O heirs of glo-ry; the bride-groom is at hand.

## **THE WORD: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

28 Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**Word of God,  
Word of life.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

Roger Steinke,  
Director of REACH Ministries

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lost in the Night* (ELW 243)**



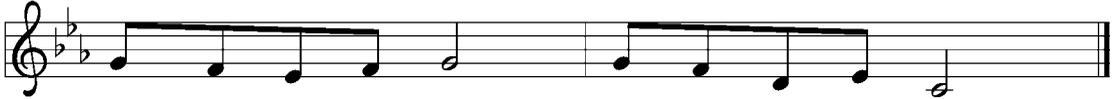
1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,  
2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?  
3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,  
4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;



long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,  
Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,  
dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,  
riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,



plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.  
giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?  
death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling.  
bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.



Will not day come soon?  
Will you help us soon?  
Christ is com - ing soon!  
Come and save us soon!

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### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Marilyn, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism and becoming a member of this congregation.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all 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**

*Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and 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.**

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 Marilyn and your people 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. We give also give you thanks for the gift of Marilyn, may she continue to be a blessing to this community. In the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever we pray.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment; that we see God's goodness revealed in every living thing, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, those suffering from malaria and HIV/AIDS, the sick and the bereaved, especially Jess and Danna; that they experience Christ embodied in healthcare workers and caregivers, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation; that in all we do we praise and glorify God, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ; that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

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

### **OFFERING**

## 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.

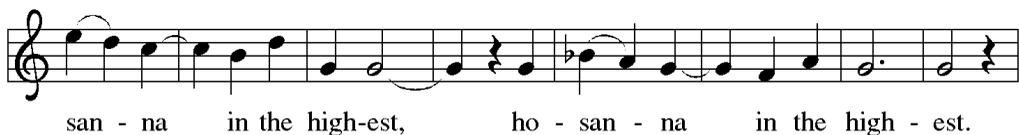
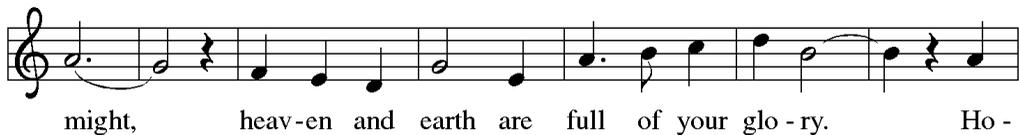
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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





san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **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.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned.

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**

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 from a pouring chalice 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 side 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 yellow pew card.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW 494)*

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW 249)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**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**

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from before your path.

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)*



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

## Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wood boxes on the altar. These boxes are our communion kits for our Eucharistic Ministry Team. This team is made up of members of the congregation who take Holy Communion to our shut-ins, those in the hospital and others upon request. They go out two by two, just as Jesus sent his disciples out. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

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



## 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.

# The Longest Night

December 21, 2016

7:00 pm

A worship service for those  
who struggle this time of year.

Song. Candlelight.

Silence. Prayer.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod—Flooding

### Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Carol Angello (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), Danna (Cathy Tanner's friend), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Janet Berg (Pastor and Susan Berg's sister-in-law), Owen Carter (Lisa Hamilton's friend), Lynn Crutcher (Busch family friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Pam Davis (Phelps family friend), Craig Decker (Judy & Dave Richards' friend), Patricia Dwonch (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Sandra Glenn (member), Mason Gordon (Curcio Family friend), Jan Gregersen (Nicole Thomas' friend), Cami Grillo (member), Phyllis Hoefer (Marlis Pehling's friend), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Edna Kastning (member), Lee Larson (Beth Phelps' cousin), Marcella (Benson family friend), Roy McMullen (Cathy Tanner's friend), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Bill Schenk (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Maureen Volz (Doug & Jean Peterson's friend), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend) and Darlene Zrust (Andrea Faubion's mother)

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

Jay Arndtson (member), Erika Beers (member), Margie Benson (member), Isabel de Jesus Congdon (Sue Toyoda's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Rachel & Jeff Danforth (member), Cathy Edwards (member), Jess Faubion (member), Sherri Gordon (regular visitor), Marge Gonyea (member), Bernard (Buck) Kelly (Betty Kelly's husband), Charlene Maxfield (member), Annie McCracken (member), Melissa (Judy Richards' friend), John Peterson (Val Cole's father), Michael Preston (Tanya Preston's husband), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Ryan & Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), Karishma Skjonsby (member), Jeff Smeck (Mark Neitzel's friend), Joyce Sullivan (member), Tina (Dawn Bastin's sister), Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend), Darlene Toycen (Anne & Tom Larsen's friend), Phyllis Watters (member) and Donna White (Cathy Tanner's friend).

Special Prayers: LeRoy & Lois Rothe (Sarah & Anna Holmes' grandparents)

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

Perdy Carlson (member), Claire (Sue Ebert's mother), Phyllis Enger (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Erik Olson (member), Fran Tazuma (member), Helen Young (member) and Roger Zimmerman (Connie Wolter's brother)

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

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and those nations battling Boko Haram.

### Those Serving Our Country:

**AIR FORCE:** Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

**ARMY:** Christopher Fjeld (Richard & Judy Edmonds' grandson) and Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

**MARINES:** James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend), Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son) and Luke Yandell (Annie McCracken's grandson)

**NAVY:** Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's friend), Toby Pickens (Jean Pickens' grandson), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

## December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-11 Spirit of the Lord

### Weekly Financial Report

November 27, 2016 Attendance: 194

General Offerings: \$5,821

Mortgage Fund: \$414

### Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

## INFORMATION For the Week!

### Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am           Worship  
9:45 am           Education Hour  
11:00 am          Worship  
12:30 pm          Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship  
3:00 pm           Advent Festival—***All are invited to an afternoon of music and fellowship. Please sign up in the narthex to help.***

### Monday, December 5

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

- 10:00 am          Friends Supporting Friends—***Planning meeting***

### Tuesday, December 6

- 9:30 am           Lectionary—***Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!***  
11:00 am          Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 am          Deborah Circle

### Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 am           Quilters  
6:00 pm           Music Team Meeting  
7:00 pm           Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, December 9

- 10:45 am          Friends Supporting Friends—***Christmas party!***

### Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 am           Men's Breakfast & Bible Study—***Food for the soul and food for the body. All men are invited!***

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## SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

At First Lutheran God calls us to:

**CARE** for one another in community,

**GROW** in faith and discipleship,

**SERVE** the needs of a broken world; and in all we do,

**PROCLAIM** the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

**Freed** & RENEWED  
**in Christ** 500 YEARS OF GOD'S  
**GRACE** IN ACTION



*Celebrating*  
THE BIRTH OF  
*Christ*

Christmas Eve:  
5pm, 7pm & 10:30 pm

Christmas Day:  
10 am



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God's work. Our hands.