



Celebrating 130 Years!



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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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The entire service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins, and bulletins for children are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Though we love having children be a part of our worshipping community, we know that you may wish to have your child in the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery.
- + 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

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

MEDITATION SONG: Return To God



Verses

- 2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love.
- 3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free; if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost; give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey. Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin. Merciful Father,

we have sinned against heaven and before you.

We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.

We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us,

that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation. **Amen.** GATHERING SONG: What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)



GREETING

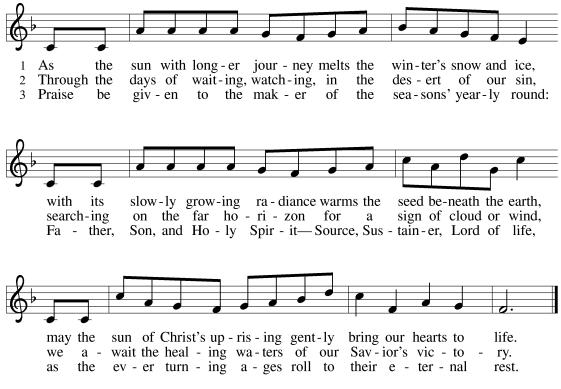
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Son of Man, you encouraged your followers to obey only your voice, and promised that they would see your glorious presence. Show us your glory and teach us to obey. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: As the Sun with Longer Journey (ELW 329)



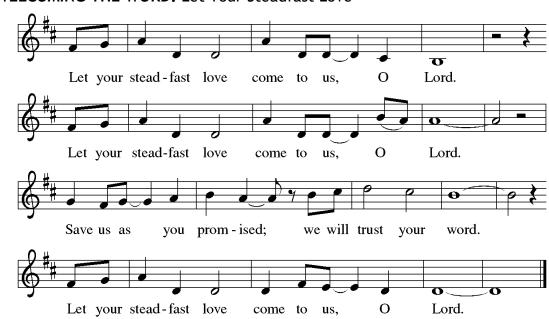
ANTHEM: My Lord, What a Morning (Spiritual; arr. M. Hayes) Richard Edmonds

What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service were 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 the bread, the wine and our gifts of money to the altar help keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all people.

WORD

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



WELCOMING THE WORD: Let Your Steadfast Love

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The gospel of the Lord.

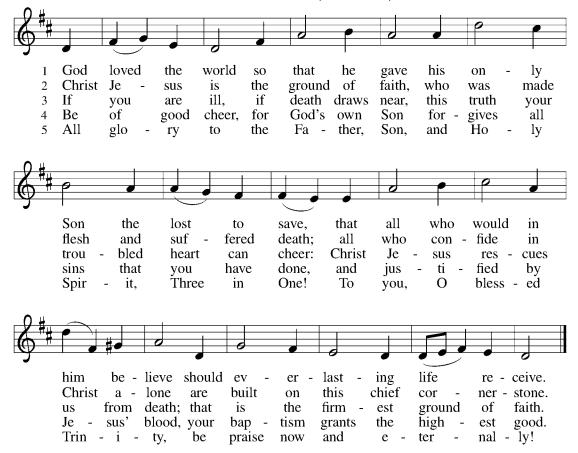
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: God Loved the World (ELW 323)



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. 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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. We lift up Lucy Kay, Richard, Sarah and June. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creative God, you made every living creature and saw that it was good. Teach us to care for the homelands of animals in the wild. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Living God, you require mercy and justice. Bless the work of all organizations that work to restore cities and countries, especially Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Lutheran Disaster Response. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness. We lift up today Mona, Dan, Dave & Dee. Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering, and that your desire is wholeness and life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Shepherding God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation. We lift up today HopeLink, Compass Housing Alliance and Lutheran Counseling Network. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we celebrate 130 years of ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Triune God, in you there is abundant life. Deepen our union with you, that in living we may die and in dying we may live with all your saints. We especially remember Phyllis, Elaine, Manda and Dan. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

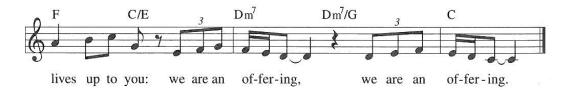
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hohigh - est. san-na in the high est, ho - san - na in the -

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the 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 your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound and imprisoned.

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

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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 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:

Solo: Let Us Break Bread Together—Rachel Jackman Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (ELW 333) Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (ELW 337) In the Singing (ELW 466)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. Amen.

THE DARKNESS CANNOT OVER COME THE LIGHT

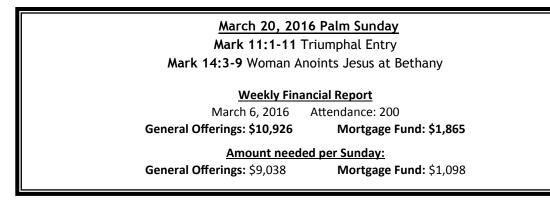
You will notice our Christmas banner is up on the wall again. It seems out of place for the season of Lent. But, it is not. We are using it to mark our weekly progress through this penitential season. Every week the black shroud will be lowered to cover the white banner. It symbolizes the darkness attempting to snuff out the light. By Holy Week it will seem all is lost! (We know otherwise.) SENDING SONG: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)



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

POSTLUDE

| Assisting With Today's Service: | | | |
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| I | Presiding Minister: | Rev. Tor K. Berg | |
| I | Ensemble Director: | Richard Edmonds | |
| I | Piano: | June Condra | |
| , | Violin: | Alexia Payne | |
| I | Percussion: | Joe Siebert | |
| I | Ensemble: | Kelsey Benfield, Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, | |
| | | Curtis Koger, Gordy Phelps, Donella Robbins | |
| | | and Johannes Skjonsby | |
| I | Lector: | Susan Berg | |
| | Acolyte: | Audrey Mador | |
| (| Communion Assistants: | Susan Berg & Tom Payne | |
| 9 | Sound Tech: | Jason Liang | |
| I | Ushers: | Lloyd Condra & Rob McCaw | |
| (| Greeter: | Stephanie Almeida | |
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of sympathy for the family of Phyllis Anderson in her death; for Art Flanik, Doreen Schley and family in the death of their wife and mother, Elaine; for the family of Manda Hosheit in her death; and for Marlis Pehling and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dan Steig. Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Salt House, Morogoro Diocese and Bishop Mameo, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

Those living with cancer:

Allistaire Anderson (Paul Anderson's great-niece), Carol Angello (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Janet Berg (Pastor and Susan Berg's sister-in-law), 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), Maggie Dygert (Lageson family friend), Pih Foo (Lisa and Brad Hamilton's friend), Barb Grillo (Cami Grillo's daughter-in-law), Cami Grillo (member), Pam Hopper (Geri Crawford's friend), Phyllis Hoefer (Marlis Pehling's friend), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Mark Iverson (Marilyn Iverson's step-son), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Edna Kastning (member), Lee Larson (Beth Phelps' cousin), Judy Loudenback (Susan Berg's friend), Marcella (Benson family friend), Roy McMullen (Cathy Tanner's friend), Pete Nettles (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Nancy Olsen (Ruth Neitzel's friend), Stu Ramstad (Beth Phelps' cousin), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Jay Stoddard (Ray Thomas' brother-inlaw), Chris Sullivan (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Yvonne Troedson (Carlene Russell's sister), 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:

Adam (Melanie Veazey's friend), Alexandra (Tanya Preston's friend), Kristen Arthur (Karen Thomas' niece), Diane Berg (member), Cindy (Sarah Holmes' aunt), Joey Contreras (Pastor Berg's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Darline (Paula Glandon's mother), Dave (Cathy Tanner's friend), Dee (Cathy Tanner's friend), Judy Edmonds (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Marvin (Cathy Edwards' cousin), Jan Murphy (Sally Adams' sister), Ollie Polonsky (regular visitor), David Richards (member), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Pat Schjelland (member), Mona Shogren (member), Roberto Tacchi (Beth Phelps' brother-in-law) and Dan Terrie (Cathy Edwards' friend).

Special Prayers: Marc Osso (Dave Shogren's friend)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Jean and Walter Appleseth (Sally Adams' mother & father), Ruth Boyd (member), Perdy Carlson (member), Claire (Sue Ebert's mother), Phyllis Enger (member), Mavis Hatlen (Mark Hatlen's mother). Manda Hosheit (member), Carol Nelson (member), Virgina & Erik Olson (members), Arlene Smathers (Mona Shogren's mother), Joyce Sullivan (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 (grandson of Winnie Carman)

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: Tress Goodwin (Tom Larsen's cousin), Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's friend), Toby Pickens (Jean Pickens' grandson), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

| INFORMATION For the Week! | | | |
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| Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent | | | |
| 8:30 am | Worship | | |
| 9:45 am | Christian Education Hour— <i>Sunday school by age; confirmation for grades 7—9; high</i> | | |
| | school class for grades 10—12; 2 adult education offerings. | | |
| | Celebrate FLC's 130th Anniversary—Anniversary viewing of Bill & Nora Strothman's 125th | | |
| | Anniversary DVD, Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future in the FLC Library. | | |
| 11:00 am | Worship | | |
| 12:30 pm | Living Truth Worship | | |
| 5:00 pm | Youth Night— Grades 7—12 meet at church to go to a unique worship service at one of the | | |
| · · | Northwest Washington Synod's newest, experimental congregations, Salt House in | | |
| | Kirkland. | | |
| Monday, March 14 | | | |
| Pastor Berg's Sabbath | | | |
| Tuesday, March 15 | | | |
| 9:30 am | | | |
| | welcome! | | |
| 11 am | Staff Meeting | | |
| 6:00 pm | Personnel Committee | | |
| 7:00 pm | Church Council | | |
| Wednesday, March 16 | | | |
| 9:15 am | Preschool Chapel | | |
| 10:00 am | Rebecca Circle—Bible Study and Fellowship; Celebration of Marian Johnson and | | |
| | Agnes Koch. | | |
| | Peace By Piece Sewers—Craft sewing; all are welcome! Questions to Donna Hillard. | | |
| 12:15 pm | Preschool Chapel | | |
| 4:30 pm | Liturgical Arts Guild | | |
| 6:00 pm | Soup Supper—Join the First Lutheran Church family for delicious soup and a film series | | |
| (Sitting In The Dark: Growing Through the Poetry of Pain) discussion about grief, pain, | | | |
| | depression and fear. | | |
| 7:00 pm | Lenten Vespers - Joyous Light: Evening Prayer | | |
| 7:45 pm | Sanctuary Choir | | |
| Thursday, March 17 | | | |
| 9:00 am | Quilters | | |
| 9:15 am | Preschool Chapel | | |
| 12:30 pm | Preschool Chapel | | |
| Friday, March 18 | | | |
| 12:00 pm | All Seasons Lunch—All senior members and friends of FLC are invited for yummy soup and | | |
| | salad! | | |
| 4:00 pm | Lutherwood Elementary Retreat Departs—Bible study, fun and games for grades 3—6 at | | |
| | Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center in Bellingham! | | |
| Saturday, March 19 | | | |
| 8:00 pm | Lutherwood Elementary Retreat Returns | | |
| Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday | | | |
| 8:30 am | Worship | | |
| 9:45 am | Christian Education Hour— <i>Sunday school by age; confirmation for grades 7—9; high</i> | | |
| school class for grades 10—12; 2 adult education offerings. | | | |
| 11:00 am | Worship | | |
| 12:30 pm | Living Truth Worship | | |
| 7:00 pm | Chime Choir | | |