

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM



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 NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before 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.
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Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Pam Russell
Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne
Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds
Piano: June Condra
Children's Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Kendahl Adjorlolo	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
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Lector	Linda Siebert	Camera Tech	David Shogren
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I

now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *You Are Holy* (ELW 525)

1st



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

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.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE: *Sing a New Song to the Lord (GATHER 521)*



1. Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won-ders be -
 2. Now to the ends of the earth See his sal - va - tion is
 3. Sing a new song and re-joice, Pub - lish his prais - es a -
 4. Join with the hills and the sea Thun-ders of praise to pro -
 long! Re - joice in his tri - umph and tell of his
 shown; And still he re - mem-bers his mer - cy and
 broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
 long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the
 power, O sing to the Lord a new song!
 truth, Un - chang - ing in love to his own.
 horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
 earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!

ANTHEM: *The Gift of Love (Traditional Melody, arr. H. Hopson)*

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries

a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’

³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Spirit, Open My Heart* (ACS 1043)

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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:

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: *For the Wholeness of the Earth* (ACS 1067)



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance 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

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

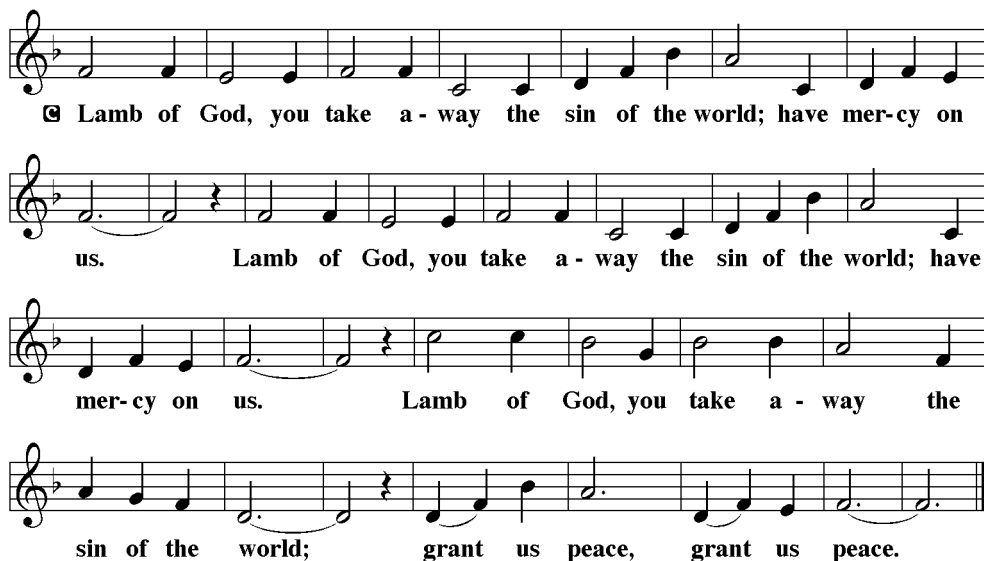
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire, a gluten-free option is available. 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



♪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

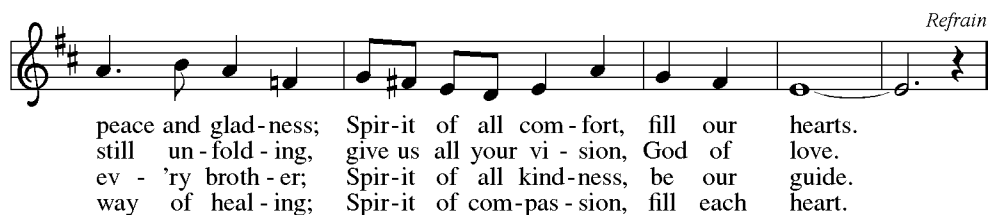
COMMUNION SONG: *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.
 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Let Us Enter In* (ACS 985) Next Page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
 2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
 3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
 Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
 Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
 Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
 Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
 Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
 sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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February 19, 2023 Transfiguration
Psalm 2; Matthew 17:1-9 Forgiveness

Weekly Financial Report

February 5, 2023 Attendance In Person: na Zoom: na

February 5, 2023 General Offerings: \$na Capital Improvement: \$na

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, February 12

Welcome Pastor Pam Russell

Pastor Berg Vacation

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9:45 am Christian Education for Sunday School & Confirmation

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, February 13

Pastor Berg Vacation

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool

10:00 am Widos Support Group

12:00 pm NO Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, February 14

Pastor Berg Vacation

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

12:30 Preschool Chapel

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

Wednesday, February 15

Pastor Berg Vacation

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool

10:00 am Oral History Committee

Rebecca Circle

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Thursday, February 16

9 am FLC Quilters

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am Hannah Circle

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9:45 am Christian Education for Sunday School & Confirmation

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

12:15 pm FLC Church Council Orientation

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Renee & Rob Baker and family In the death of their nephew, Justin

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Sonja** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **Jocelyn Carberry** (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), **Michael** (Jeff Kosman's friend), **Jana** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Linda** (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), **Dave and family** (Almeida family friends), **Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Don** (Almeida family friend), **Kathy** (Almeida family friend), **Jan Anderson** (member), **Tim** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Larry Baker** (member), **Del Benson** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Elizabeth** (Jane King's friend), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Cathy** (Paul Desilet's mother), **Jess Faubion** (member), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Amy** (Nancy McGee's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Richard Keltner** (member), **Jane King** (member), **Karl Kloster** (member), **Renee Markert** (member), **Albert** (Chris Martin's friend), **Jeanne** (Justin LaFord's mother), **Emma** (Leon Romaniuk's daughter), **Andy** (Vickie Shanks' friend), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **David Shogren** (member), **Don & Marilyn** (David Shogren's brother and sister-in-law), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (members), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacquie Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn 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.

SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon should be:



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.