March 6, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Lent 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 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 Kol Nidre (Bruch)

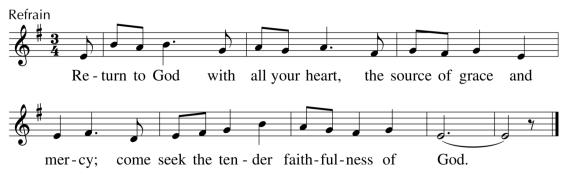
A Jewish melody recited as a prayer in the synagogue before the beginning of the evening service on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

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,

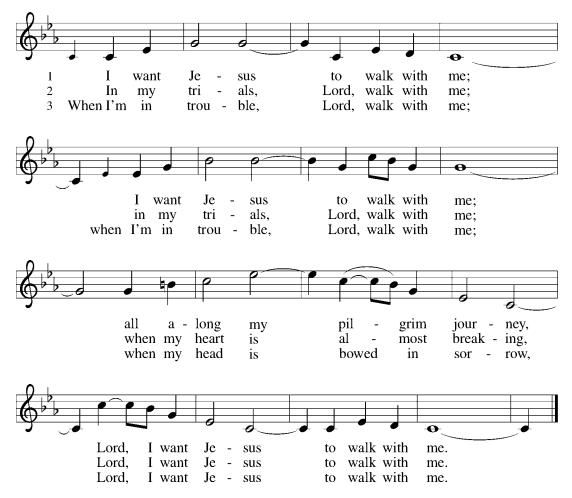
that we may resist all that draws us away from you,

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: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)



GREETING

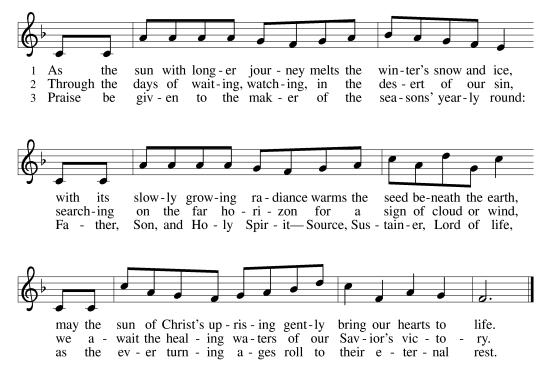
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us. Amen.

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

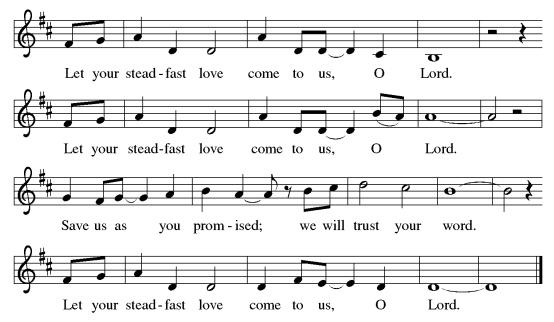


ANTHEM: When the Poor Ones (Text: J. Olivar Tune: M. Manzan)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Let Your Steadfast Love



GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-44

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

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet." '

³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

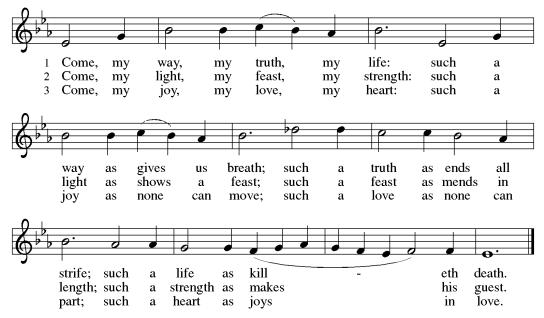
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (ELW 816)



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.

For campus ministries, we give you thanks, eternal Lord. Equip the students, staff, and ministers to share your steadfast love with their university community and all whom they meet. We lift up UW Campus Ministry and Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings, and the Ministry to Chinese Students. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For polluted oceans and rivers, we seek your healing, creative Lord. Restore the homes of manatees and sea turtles. We lift up the Strait of Juan de Fuca and our many rivers and lakes. Teach us to love the earth as you do. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For conflicts between political parties, we ask for your discernment and wisdom, merciful Lord. Enable citizens and elected officials to listen to one another and to work together for your justice. We pray for the spirit of pluralism to conquer the rise of totalitarianism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the unemployed, the working poor, and all who struggle to make ends meet, we pray for your provision, gracious Lord. Break down systems that shame, and hold all in the truth that they are your children. We lift up Compass Housing Alliance and Lutheran Community Services. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all who engage in the disciplines of Lent, we seek your strength and grace, loving Lord. Even as we rest in your mercy, create a new heart within us. We lift our own weaknesses up to you to strengthen our desire to follow you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who struggle with mental and physical illness, bring them comfort and healing. We lift up Diane, Paul, Darline, Marc, Cindy, Janice and Pam. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

For all the saints, sinners of your own redeeming, we praise your name, faithful Lord. Grant that we continue to grow as your people by their teaching and example. We remember all those who have taught us the faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We Are an Offering





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.

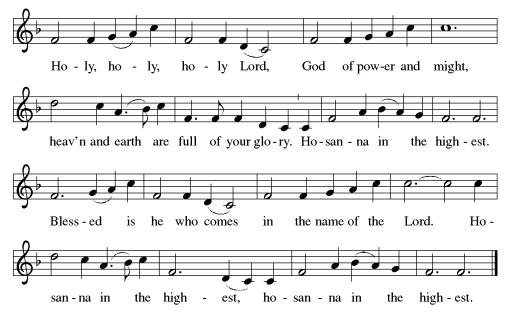
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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:

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (ELW 721) Day by Day (ELW 790) Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)

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.

SENDING SONG: Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service were traditionally understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord's Supper. Over time, 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 all of the offerings; the bread, the wine and our gifts of money to the altar at the same time help keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all of His people.

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. Every Sunday Pastor Berg asks God's blessing to be upon this ministry during the Eucharistic prayer.

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.)

Assis	ting With Today's Service:
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Ensemble Director:	Richard Edmonds
Piano:	June Condra
Flute:	Cheryl Miller
Percussion:	Joe Siebert
Ensemble:	Kelsey Benfield, Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman,
	Curtis Koger, Gordy Phelps, Donella Robbins,
	Robyn Rydzak and Johannes Skjonsby
Lector:	Marilyn Iverson
Acolyte:	Jake Peoples
Communion Assistants:	Paul Flatness & Janet Jorve
Sound Tech:	Andrew Phelps
Ushers:	Tom Larsen & Walt Stoll
Greeter:	Jacqueline Stoll

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Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 End of the Age

Weekly Financial Report

February 28, 2016 General Offerings: \$ 9,008 Attendance: 208 Mortgage Fund: \$490

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

IN OUR PRAYERS

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), Jan Gregersen (Nicole Thomas' 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-in-law), 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), Paul Berg (Pastor Berg's brother), Cindy (Sarah Holmes' aunt), Joey Contreras (Pastor Berg's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Darline (Paula Glandon's mother), 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) and Roberto Tacchi (Beth Phelps' brother-inlaw).

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)

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INFORMATION For the Week!

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Sunday, March	1 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Christian Education Hour— <i>Sunday school by age; confirmation for grades</i> 7—9; high school class for grades 10—12; 2 adult education offerings.
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Worship
5:00 pm	Youth Night— <i>Mt. Cross Mission Trip Preview; learn about the awesome upcoming</i>
summer	mission trip to Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp in Santa Cruz, California
7:00 pm	Chime Choir
Monday, Marc	<u>ch 7</u>
Pastor Berg's S	abbath
10 am	Friends Supporting Friends
Tuesday, Marc	<u>h 8</u>
9:30 am	Lectionary—Join Pastor Berg in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are
	welcome!
11 am	Staff Meeting
4:30 pm	Library Committee
5;30 pm	Christian Education & Worship Committee
6:30 pm	All committees with Pastor Berg
7:00 pm	Fellowship, Finance, IT/Communications, Social Ministries and Youth Committees
Wednesday, M	larch 9
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel
9:30 am	WFLC Board Meeting
11:30	WELCA (WFLC) Potluck Lunch—All are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!
12:15 pm	Preschool Chapel
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, Mar	<u>ch 10</u>
9:00 am	Quilters
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel
12:30 pm	Preschool Chapel
Friday, March	<u>11</u>
Saturday, Marc	<u>ch 12</u>
9:00 am	Annual Easter Clean Up—Please come out to help get the church spring-clean for
	Easter!
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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
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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.
7:00 pm	Chime Choir