December 4, 2016 Second Sunday of Advent 11:00 AM





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our Godgiven differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: Wait for the Lord (ELW 262)



- 1 Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for him.
- 2 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
- 3 All the earth will see the Lord.

OPENING DIALOGUE: Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

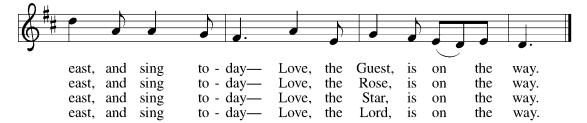
Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: People, Look East (ELW 248)





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.

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 <u>PEACE</u> to be among us. We light this fourth candle on our Advent wreathe 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.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN REPRISE

ANTHEM: People of the Night (D. Haas)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (ELW 519)



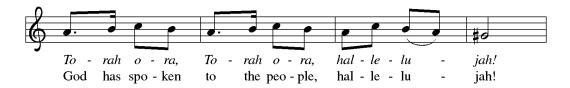
- 1 O pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you. they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.









God has spo-ken words of wis-dom, hal-le-lu - jah!

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

12 Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 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: Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)



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

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.

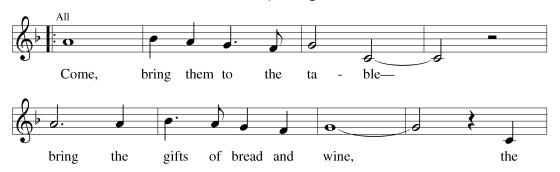
And also with you.

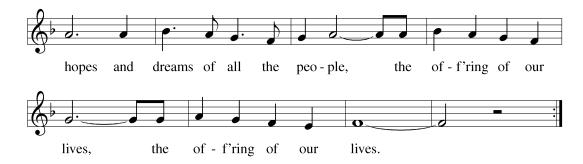
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Come, Bring Them to the Table





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.

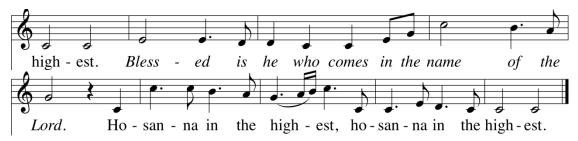
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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





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.

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.

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.

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



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:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254) Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726) Comfort, Comfort Now My People (ELW 256)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God,

Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Assisting With Today's Service:

Organ/Piano	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Tom Larsen & Rob McCaw
Music Leader	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjorlolo & Kathy
Lector	Trudy Eichelsdoerfer	Sound Tech	Ken Smith
Acolyte	Anna Holmes	Greeter	Kathy Konieczka
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Percussion	Joe Siebert
Guitar	Connie Wolter		

Ensemble: June Condra, Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Doug Peterson, Beth & Gordy Phelps, Donella Robbins and Robyn Rydzak

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisianna 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 Stars of God's GRACE IN ACTION

