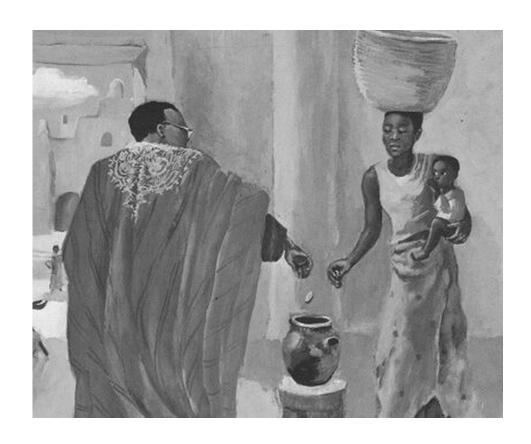
# March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 am





# 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.

#### WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the 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. We also have a nursery with a caregiver available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless—Password: MartyLuther

# Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne		
Greeter	Sandy Glenn	Acolyte	Clare Jackman
Ushers	Tom Agnew Allen Glenn	Communion Assistants	Tom Payne Nicole Thorsheim
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps	Camera Tech	David Osborne
Lector	Marlis Pehling	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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#### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: Paradisium (G. Faure)

Alexia Payne, Violin; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

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GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



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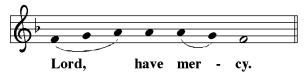
#### **GREETING**

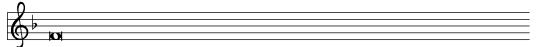
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **KYRIE**

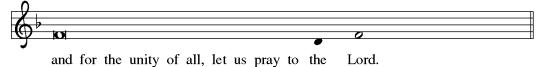


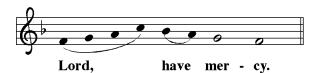
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





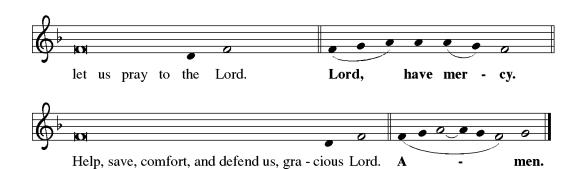
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**









#### 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.

ANTHEM: What Wondrous Love (Arr. Harlan)

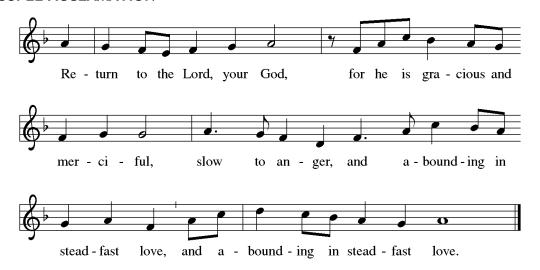
#### **WORD**

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

# PSALM 119:1-8 (from The Message)

You're blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by GOD. You're blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him. That's right—you don't go off on your own; you walk straight along the road he set. You, GOD, prescribed the right way to live; now you expect us to live it. Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping to the course you set; then I'd never have any regrets in comparing my life with your counsel. I thank you for speaking straight from your heart; I learn the pattern of your righteous ways. I'm going to do what you tell me to do; don't ever walk off and leave me.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34 (from The Message)

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is most important of all the commandments?"

Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

The religion scholar said, "A wonderful answer, Teacher! So lucid and accurate—that God is one and there is no other. And loving him with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that's better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!"

When Jesus realized how insightful he was, he said, "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

After that, no one else dared ask a question.

While he was teaching in the Temple, Jesus asked, "How is it that the

religion scholars say that the Messiah is David's 'son,' when we all know that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, God said to my Master, "Sit here at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." "David here designates the Messiah 'my Master'—so how can the Messiah also be his 'son'?"

The large crowd was delighted with what they heard.

He continued teaching. "Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end."

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents.

Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."

Word of God.
Word of life.
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY: When the Poor Ones (ELW 725)



#### 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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers, the Salish Sea and the Sammamish River. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### MFΔI

OFFERTORY: Jesus, Refuge of The Weary (J. Leavitt)

OFFERING: Create in Me a CLean Heart



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

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

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.

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

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

#### COMMUNION

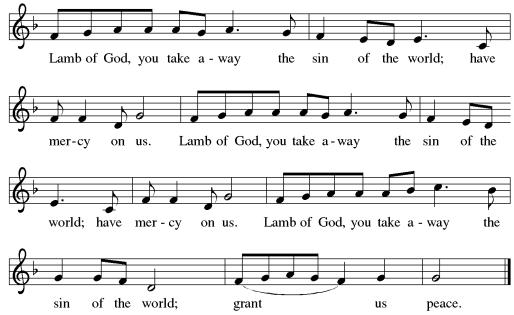
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**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.

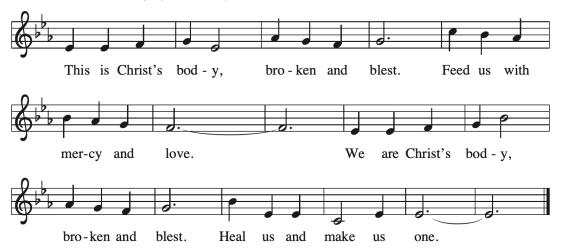
**DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION**: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. <u>Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.</u>

## LAMB OF GOD

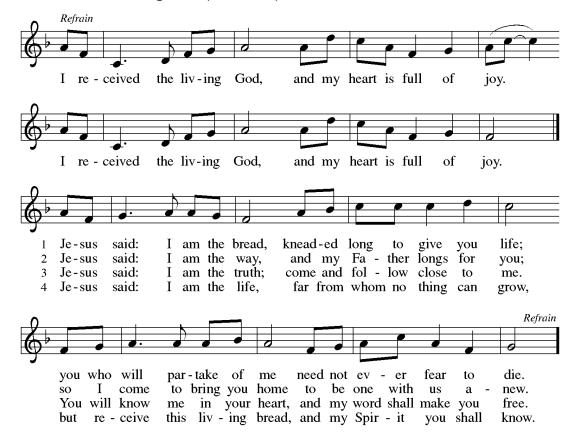


# **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

# This Is Christ's Body (ACS 967)



# I Received the Living God (ELW 477)



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

Amen.

# SENDING SONG: Blessing and Honor (ELW 854)



#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lamb of God, Pure & Holy (J. Pachelbel)



Starting February 21 we will serve a soup supper at 6pm followed by Vespers Worship at 7pm.

CHANGING THE CHANNEL

We will experience clips from different TV series
that explore perception and expectations in
relationships as our focus.

#### March 13, 2024 Lenten Vespers

Holden Vespers 2023: Changing How We Think About Life

# March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 End of the Age

#### **Weekly Financial Report**

March 3, 2024 Attendance in Person: 110 Zoom: 26 YouTube: 4

March 3, 2024 General Offerings: \$9,207 Capital Improvement: \$405

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# In Our Prayers

# Prayers of sympathy for Barb Thieme, the Van Brunt family and the Ryall family in the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Tim.

We pray for Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

#### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Richard (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Shervin (Ann & Tom Larsen's neighbor), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Tim (Dave Shogren's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), 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), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Dale (Roger Steinke's friend), Carolyn Becker (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Judy (Linda Chapman's friend), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Terry Doty (FLC quilter), Susanne (Erika Beers' daughter), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), John Godek (member), Alexa & Ellie (Tracy Harrison's children), Beau & Gray (Tracy Harrison's grandsons), Cindy (Tracy Harrison's friend), Les & Lois (Tracy Harrison's parents), Karen (Tracy Harrison's sister), Marilyn Iverson (member), Mary (Melanie Veazey's mother), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Stephen (Ann & Tom Larsen's son-in-law), John (Valarie Cole's father), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O Connor (member), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sarah (Susan & Ross Cook's daughter), Sandv Sailand (member), Mona Shogren (member), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Walt Stoll (member), Kathy Telford-Luiz (frequent visitor), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Cam (Sue Toyoda's son), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter), Melanie Veazey (member), Roger Wolter (member).

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

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeanette
Backstrom (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge
Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member),
Greta Nelson (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Emma (Dave Shogren's mother), Jacquie
Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother).

#### Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew), Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) 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.

#### INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins! Move your clock ahead one hour!

April Newsletter Submission Deadline is Today!

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
11:30 am Worship & Music Committee

1:00 pm Executive Committee

Monday, March 11

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool 10:00 am Widows Support Group

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee

6:30 pm Youth Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am 3 & 5 Year Old Preschool

9:00 am FLC Quilters 9:15 am Preschool Chapel 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 15 Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 year old Preschool

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am Hannah Circle

Men's Breakfast

11:00 am Tim Theime

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

# **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:
Timik the title of the sermon should be.

