

March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent
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

- + 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: *Regrets and Resolutions* (Gary Schocker)

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: *Return to God*

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer-cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

Verses

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| 1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God. | 2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love. |
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* (ELW 321)



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



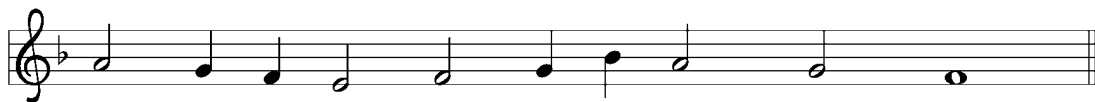
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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.

Compassionate God, how easily you love those who look unlovable to us!
 How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are
 to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered
 outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without
 pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the
 world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *That Priceless Grace* (ELW 591)



1	That price-less	grace,	that price-less	grace,	that price-less
2	That price-less	blood,	that price-less	blood,	that price-less
3	That pain - ful	death,	that pain - ful	death,	that pain - ful
4	That pre - cious	word,	that pre - cious	word,	that pre - cious



grace, which	gave	me	life:	Je - sus'	life	is	price-less	grace.
blood was	shed	for	me:	Je - sus'	blood	is	price-less	grace.
death took	sins	a -	way:	Je - sus'	death	is	price-less	grace.
word, which	brought	me	light:	Je - sus'	word	is	price-less	grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

ANTHEM: *Someone In Need of Your Love (R. Makeever)*

Someone in Need of Your Love

- 1 Look at your neighbor and what do you see--
is it the face of humanity?
Look once again and I think you will find
someone in need of your love.
- 2 Then look far beyond your own face into time,
where the past, the present, the future combine
to teach you the lesson of heart, soul, and mind--
someone in need of your love.

Refrain

- There's someone in need of your love:
someone who's lonely, lost on their way.
Sighin' or cryin', maybe near dyin',
someone who can't find the right words to say:
there's someone in need of your love.
- 3 Well, it could be the stranger stretched out on the road
as you're travelin' to Jericho.
Or it could be somebody much closer to home,
someone you already know. **Refrain**

WORD

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE WORD: Luke 10:25-42

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke,
Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

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



1 *Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne yaún re - par - te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
 when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan-do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Will those who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism and to join First Lutheran Church as members, please come forward.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

Holy God, lead your church on earth to do your will and strive for your kingdom. Teach us your ways and increase our understanding. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Show us how to care for your creation and to treasure the fruits of your creating. Guide our actions and increase our commitment. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Give knowledge and wisdom to all leaders throughout your world. Turn hardened hearts of stone toward your nourishing word and let the powerful become providers of daily bread. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rush to the aid of your people in times of distress. Send your peace and healing to those in need. We pray especially for Mary Lou, Dan, Marcie and Larry. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Guide those preparing for baptism, sponsors, and this whole assembly toward living into the promises made in baptism. Lead us to scripture, the holy supper, and toward your will for all creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Accompany us on our Lenten journeys and inspire us by the witness of the saints who walked faithfully with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

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: *Lamb Of God (Twila Paris, Setting by Joel Raney)*

OFFERING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first two staves correspond to the first line of lyrics, and the next two staves correspond to the second line. The fifth staff is a separate line of music for the final lyric. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear emphasis on the words 'clean heart' and 'right spirit'.



Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through 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. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Bless our Eucharistic Ministers who will take this meal to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us this day. May this good work strengthen and sustain them.

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

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

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come to the Table (ELW 481)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you ✠ peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (ELW 538)



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



me ha to - ca - do_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, People of Aleppo, Syria, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod—Flooding

Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), **Carol Angello** (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), **Michele Berger** (Karey Coble's friend), **Danna** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Neal Beachinor** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **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), **Patricia Dwonch** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **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), **Lee Larson** (Beth Phelps' cousin), **Marcella** (Benson family friend), **Tom McMaster** (Dawn Bastin's father), **Mark Nesse** (Darci Desilet's stepfather), **Bruce Niermeyer** (Cook family friend), **Marvin Richter** (Renee Markert's father), **Catherine Roseberry** (Geri Crawford's friend), **Bill Schenk** (Melanie Veazey's cousin), **Audrey Sheffler** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Heather Smith** (Cami Grillo's niece), **Sylvia Stevens** (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), **Dan Thomson** (Jane King's friend), **Roger Tuck** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Kip Van Alstine** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Joanne Wejak** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Michael Wilson** (Vicki Kastning's friend) and **Donna White** (Cathy Tanner's friend)

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

Jay Arndtson (member), **Nancy Astalfa** (Bobbi Osborne's sister), **Margie Benson** (member), **Vivian Carlton** (member), **Isabel de Jesus Congdon** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Jacquie & Dick Craft** (Thieme family friends), **Cathy Edwards** (member), **Sherri Gordon** (regular visitor), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Jeff** (Amanda Sanders' friend), **Keith Hood** (member), **Bernard (Buck) Kelly** (Betty Kelly's husband), **Steve Keltner** (Jennifer Keltner's husband), **Mary Lou** (Evelyn Fischer's niece), **Melissa** (Judy Richards' friend), **John Peterson** (Val Cole's father), **Shirley Peterson** (Haley LaFord's grandmother), **Michael Preston** (Tanya Preston's husband), **Mary Riley** (Donella Robbins' friend), **Ryan & Sarah** (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Karishma Skjonsby** (member), **Joyce Sullivan** (member), **Gordon Tibbetts** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Darlene Toycen** (Anne & Tom Larsen's friend), **Heidi Van Doren** (member), **Jeff Ward** (Melanie Veazey's brother-in-law), and **Phyllis Watters** (member).

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), **Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Fran Tazuma** (member), **Helen Young** (member) and **Roger Zimmerman** (Connie Wolter's brother)

Special Prayers:

the **Granroth** family (Amanda Sanders' friends), **Larry and Marci Clure** (Sandy and Dan Hendricks' friends) and **Dan Kennedy, Susan Truong & Gina Yarwood** (Ian Anderson's friends)

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Tyler Ripley** (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

ARMY: **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

MARINES: **James Bacon** (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: **Karl Krueger** (Karin Ulvin's friend), **Toby Pickens** (Jean Pickens' grandson), **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

March 12, 2017 Second Sunday in Lent
Luke 13:1-9,31-35 **Lament over Jerusalem**

Weekly Financial Report

February 26, 2017 Attendance: 189

General Offerings: \$6,946 **Mortgage Fund: \$374**

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038 **Mortgage Fund: \$1,098**

Assisting With Today's Service:

Piano	June Condra	Ushers	Jose Alcaraz & Lloyd Condra
Ensemble Leader	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Emily Curcio & Marilyn Kay
Lector	Joe Siebert	Sound Tech	Jason Liang
Acolyte	Matthew DeGard	Greeter	Emily Curcio
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Percussion	Joe Siebert

Ensemble: Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps, Donella Robbins, Robyn Rydzak, Johannes Skjonsby.

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.

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.

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday in Lent

New Member Sunday!

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
7:00 pm Chime Choir

Monday, March 6

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

10:00 am Friends Supporting Friends—*Widows support group meets in the Library. Please join us!*

Tuesday, March 7

9:30 am Lectionary—*Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!*
10:00 am Living Truth Fellowship Bible Study
11:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Building and Property Committee

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 am Library Scanning
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper with Pleasantville discussion
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers
8:00 pm IT/Communications Committee

Thursday, March 9

9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 10

6:00 pm Thailand Birding Travelogue—*Dan and Ann Bormann will share picture and stories of their recent trip to Thailand. All are welcome!*

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
7:00 pm Chime Choir

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SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

