November 27, 2016 First 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) (4 times with verses between)



- 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 122

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

GATHERING SONG: Fling Wide the Door (ELW 259)



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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of deliverance, you rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN: Light A Candle Bright And Tall (Tune: Dix)

Light a candle bright and tall

For the Hope within our world.

Hope that heard the ages' call

As the stars and planets whirled.

Shine within our hearts today

Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER:

Lord God, we are a people who dwell in a world that so desperately yearns for HOPE. We light this first candle on this Advent wreath remembering your promise to be with us always and that our hope resides in you. (The Candle is lit)

We place this image of Mary as a reminder of your call to not be afraid, the empty manger as a sign of where our hope resides and a dove as a witness to your Spirit among us. Come Lord Jesus.

Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN REPRISE: Light A Candle Bright And Tall

ANTHEM: Lost in the Night (Finnish, tr. Olav Lee; arr. P. Kadidlo)

WORD

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

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



FIRST READING: Daniel 6:6-27

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to

anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions.

²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had

accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions — they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God, enduring forever.
His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end.

27He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

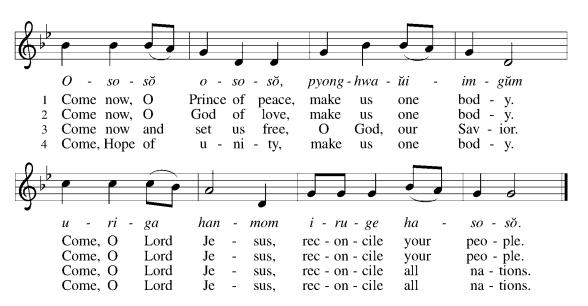
Word of God. Word of Life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke
Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247)



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 and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need, especially Melissa, Patricia, Leroy and Lois; that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who gather for word and sacrament, for those who travel, and for our holiday preparations; that in all our activities we give thanks to the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, 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.

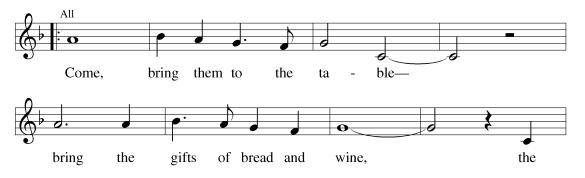
And also with you.

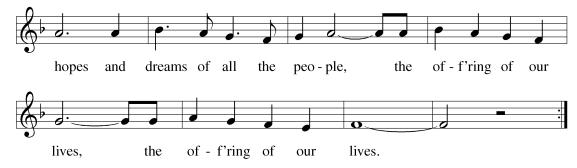
MEAL

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.

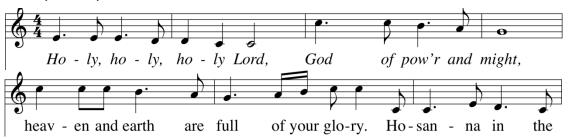
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

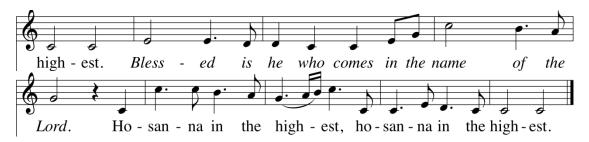
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, you took the form of a servant, anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons and in hospitals.

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



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 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 yellow pew card.

COMMUNION SONGS:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254) My Lord, What a Morning (ELW 438)

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: Lift Up Your Heads Lift up your Up from the swing wide, you heads, O you gates; dead he as - cends, through ev - 'ry 3 With trum - pet blast and shouts of joy, all heav - en D G doors. your er - last - ing Lift heads, ev up the high-est rank of heav'n-ly pow'r. Let heav'n pre - pare king. the ris - en With an - gel choirs come line the greets swing wide, you gates; er - last - ing doors. ev throw wide the place, er - last - ing doors. ev throw wide the way, gates and wel-come him. G C G D EmRefrain D glo - ry That the King of come in, that the may G G C G G D King of glo - ry may come in; that the King of glo - ry 1, 2 EmD G C G D G may come in, that the King of glo-ry come in. may Last time F^6 C/E D G D

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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Jason Liang

Connie Wolter

POSTLUDE

Violin

Guitar

Organ/Piano	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Tom Larsen & Rob McCaw
Music Leader	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Marilyn Iverson & Donella Robbins
Lector	Emily Almeida	Sound Tech	Jeffrey Liang
Acolyte	Mitchell & Matthew DeGard	Greeter	Emily Curcio

Assisting With Today's Service:

Ensemble: Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson, Beth & Gordy Phelps & Donella Robbins

Percussion

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically. To give now, scan here.



Nora Strothman

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), 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), and Phyllis Watters (member).

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)

<u>December 4, 2016 Second Sunday of Advent</u> Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 God's Promise to Joel

Weekly Financial Report

November 20, 2016 Attendance: 201

General Offerings: \$11,278 Mortgage Fund: \$1,765

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am NO Education Hour

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

Monday, November 28 Pastor Berg's Sabbath

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 am Lectionary—Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Quilters

6:00 pm Music Team Meeting 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

9:00 am Garden Guild

Altar Guild

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.

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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.