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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: Amazing Grace (Hopson)

WELCOME

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.

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.

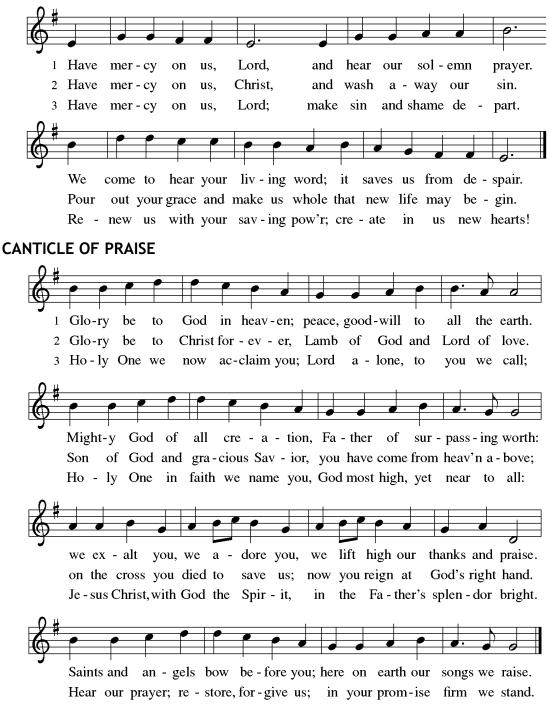
GATHERING SONG: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)



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 that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

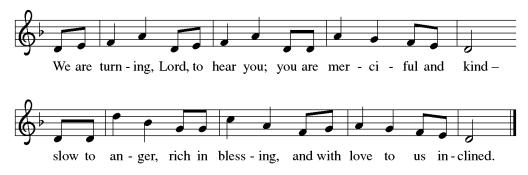
Let us pray.

Rejoicing Father, you celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.

ANTHEM: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Quartet-June Condra, Michelle Richards, Richard Edmonds & Doug Peterson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE WORD: Luke 15:1-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is

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

joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate: ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again: he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'''

Word of God, Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (ELW 772)



O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great. In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. We lift up the Sammamish River, Lake Washington and the Puget Sound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. We pray especially for Sue. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. 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.

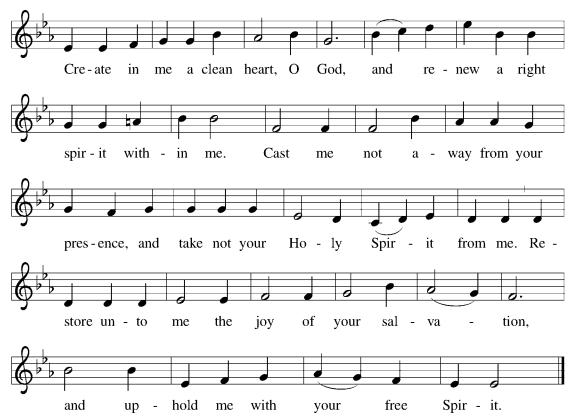
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

OFFERTORY HYMN: Create in Me a Clean Heart



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.

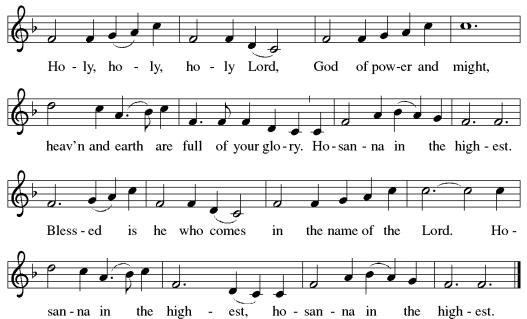
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



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

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

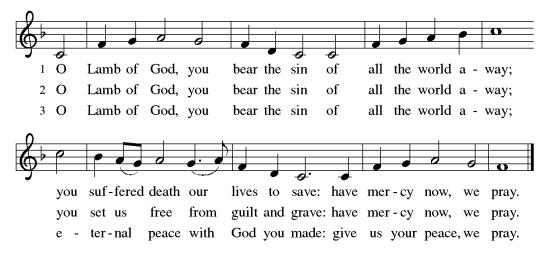
Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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



COMMUNION HYMNS: The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW 778) Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)

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.

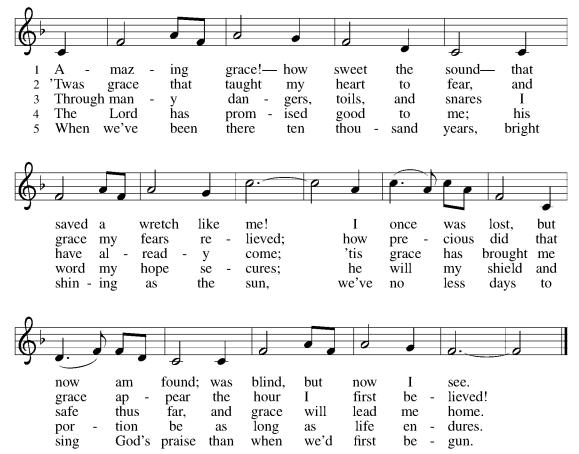
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you 🕂 peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Short Voluntary (Greene)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, People of Allepo, Syria, 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), 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), 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) and Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend).

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

Jay Arndtson (member), 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), 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), Sue Toyoda (member), 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 husband), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

PEACE CORPS: Maoulay Adjorlolo (member)

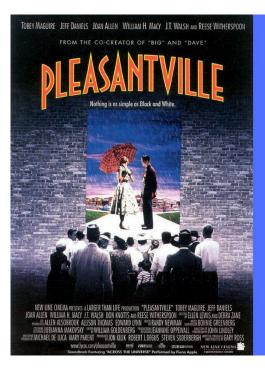
Prayer shawls are available upon request.

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



March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Luke 16: 19-31Rich Man and LazurusWeekly Financial ReportMarch 12, 2017Attendance: 184General Offerings: \$12,106Mortgage Fund: \$1,902Amount needed per Sunday:
General Offerings: \$9,038Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

Assisting With Today's Service:				
Piano/ Organ	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Dan Bormann & Brian Midtbo	
Choir Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Communion Assistants	David Berg, Susan Berg & Paul Desilet	
Lector	Jan Anderson	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	
Acolyte	Alexa Midtbo & Rebecca Navarrete	Greeter	Paul Anderson	



Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper 6 pm Lenten Vespers 7 pm

Our Lenten Vespers focus will be a return to the Garden of Eden as told through the movie Pleasantville.

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 19 Third Sunday in Lent				
8:30 am	Worship			
9:45 am	Education Hour			
11:00 am	Worship with Holy Baptism of Bryce Aaron Winkler			
12:30 pm	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship			
Monday, March 2	<u>0</u>			
Pastor Berg's Sabbath				
10:00 am	Friends Supporting Friends—Movie Time! Widows support group meets in the Library. Please			
	join us!			
6:30 pm	Hannah Circle			
Tuesday, March 21				
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	Personnel Committee			
7:00 pm	Church Council			
Wednesday, March 22				
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper			
7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers			
Thursday, March 2	3			
9:00 am	Quilters			
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir			
Friday, March 24				
Saturday, March 25				

Sunday, March 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship
Education Hour
Worship with Holy Baptism of Rebecca Navarrete
Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

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SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:



