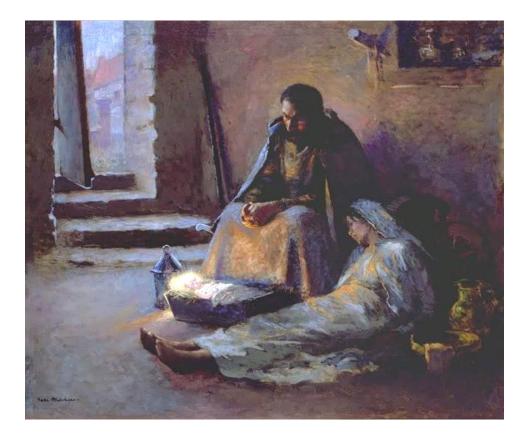
Saturday, December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:30 pm





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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PRELUDE: Carols For Organ

WELCOME

GATHERING CAROL: O Come All Ye Faithful (ELW 270)



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.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

5 PM—Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day June Condra, Sigrun Payne & Michelle Richards 7 PM —Cherry Tree Carol/Still, Still, Still

June Condra, Piano; Cheryl Miller, Flute

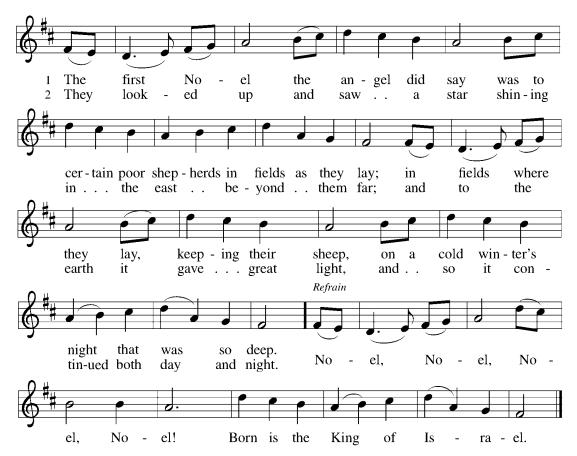
10:30 PM-I Saw Three Ships (L. Larson)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST READING: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

FIRST CAROL: The First Noel (ELW 300)



SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

SECOND CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)



THIRD READING: Luke 2:6-7

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

5 & 7 PM ANTHEM: All Is Well (Michael W. Smith)

Richard Edmonds, Tenor

10:30 PM ANTHEM: Holy Night, Silent Night (Ruth Schramm)

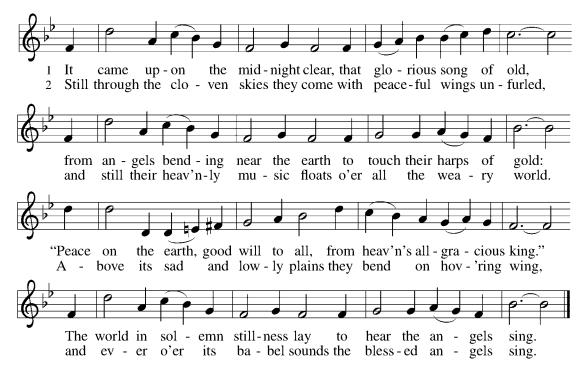
Sanctuary Choir

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

FOURTH CAROL: It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)



FIFTH READING: Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

FIFTH CAROL: What Child Is This (ELW 296)



AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

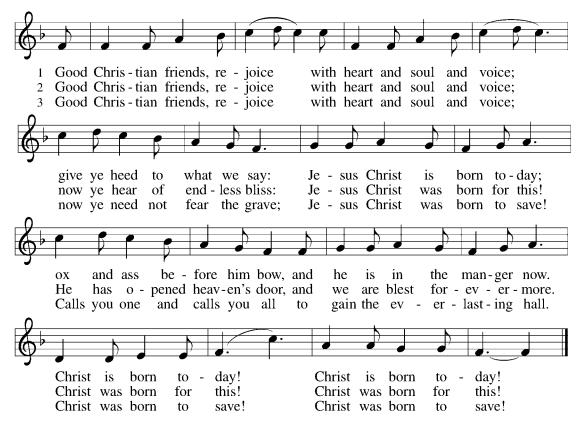
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Angels We Have Heard On High (ELW 289)



OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,

you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

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

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

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

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.

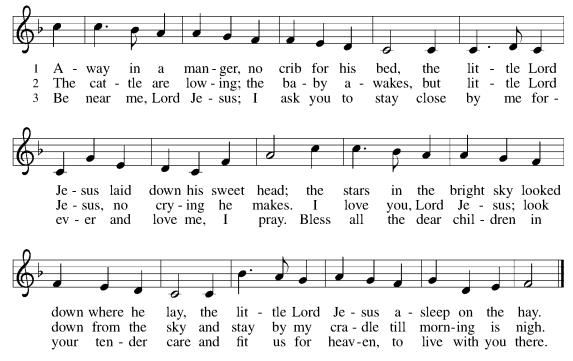
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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 white pew card.

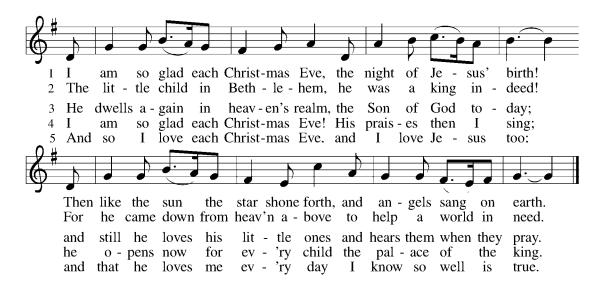
10:30-ANTHEM: Breath of Heaven (A. Grant)

Kaylee Bannister, Soprano

COMMUNION CAROLS: Away in a Manger (ELW 277)



I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (ELW 271)



Go Tell It On The Mountain (ELW 290)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL OF LIGHT: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the

light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

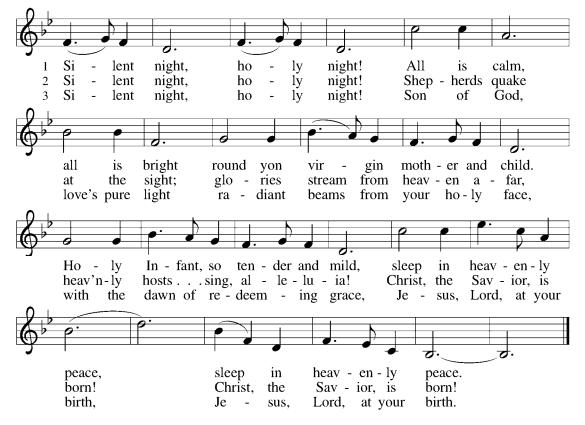
¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

CANDLELIGHT: We will sing the following carol in candlelight. When your neighbor's candle is lit, tip yours toward their flame and light your own. Then offer your light for your neighbor on the other side. When the hymn is concluded, you may extinguish your candle.

CAROL OF LIGHT: Silent Night, Holy Night! (ELW 281)



BLESSING

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. **Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength. **Amen.**

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world. Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)



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

POSTLUDE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (J. Leavitt)

INFORMATION For the Week!

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 30

 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion—Childcare available in the nursery No Education Hour
11:30 am Young Peoples Lunch—*Reconnect with old friends at Beardslee Public House!*

Monday, December 31, New Years Eve

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

(The FLC church office will be closed intermittently between Dec. 26 and New Year's day. Please call the office at 425-486-2314 before going in. For pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Berg directly at 509-595-5493)

Presiding Minister: Organist/Music Director	<u>Assisting With Today's Services:</u> Rev. Tor Kristian Berg Lucy Kay Osborne	
Worship Assistant:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Roger Steinke Stephanie Almeida Gordy Phelps
Lector:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Richard Edmonds Joyce Thode Jeffrey Kosman
Acolyte:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Michael Penrose & Alex Freriks
Communion Assistants:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Paul Desilet & Kendahl Adjorlolo Donna Hillard, David Osborne & Jeffrey Kosman
Sound Tech:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Roger Wolter Jacky Schnarre Ann Bormann
Ushers:	5 pm 7 pm 10:30 pm	Brian Midtbo David Osborne & Carsten Thode Jerry Bannister & Dan Bormann

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Given By: Ann & Knut Aagaard **In Memory of:** Annie & Gunnar Aagaard; Charlotte & Paul Heide.

Given By: The Adjorlolos **In Memory of:** Marvin & Ruth Boyd; Laurence Koissi & Antoinette Ezoueyou Adjorlolo

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin In Honor of: Barbara Bastin and Tom McMaster

Given by: Dominic Battle **In Memory of:** His mother, Stephanie Battle

Given by: Noah & Maddie Berg In Memory of: their Nana, Diane Berg

Given by: Robert Berg **In Memory of:** his loving wife, Diane Berg

Given by: Ginny & Jim Conricode To beautify our sanctuary

Given by: Eric & Pat Daane **In Memory of:** Bill Gonyea **In Honor of:** Marge Gonyea

Given by: Nancy Davis In Memory of: her husband, Rev. Charles R. Davis & her daughter, Barbara

Given by: Sally Delvecchio In Memory of: Merrilee

Given by: The Desilet family In Honor of: Dennis Pemberton, Mark Nesse & Neil Beechinor

Given by: Gordon & Ethel Eide **In Honor of:** Eight grandchildren

Given by: Gordon Fairbanks In Memory of: Richard E. Peterson **Given by:** Zhongying Fu **In Honor of:** Sabrina Hong

Given by: Evelyn Gaylord In Memory of: Joan Frink

Given by: Paula Glandon In Memory of: Gil and her parents

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn **In Honor of:** Their 55th anniversary on December 28.

Given By: Marge Gonyea In Memory of: Bill Gonyea

Given by: The Hatlen Family **In Memory of:** Matthew Danforth, Bob & Rachel Zitzewitz and Alan & Mavis Hatlen

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard **In Honor of:** Nicholas, Elizabeth, Brian and Erica

Given By: Marilyn Iverson **In Memory of:** her sweet mother, Ruth; loving sister, Carol; and her darling husband, Jim **In Honor of:** the gift of her new life with Fritz

Given By: Marilyn Kay In Honor of: James Kay

Given by: Darryl & Debbie Lageson **In Honor of:** our children and grandchildren **In Memory of:** their parents

Given by: The Mass family **In Memory of:** Torrey Carls, Gordonna Amundson & their grandmothers

Given by: Nancy & Neil McGee In Memory of: Their parents **Given by:** Ruth & Mark Neitzel In Memory of: Their parents, Lowell & Shirley Neitzel and Charles & Rosalie Robillard

Given By: Greta & Larry Nelson In Memory of: Loved ones

Given By: Jean & Doug Peterson In Memory of: Our parents

Given by: Beth & Gordy Phelps In Memory of: Their parents, Bill & Winnie Ramstad & Tracy & Annetta Phelps In Honor of: Their granddaughters, Reagan & Marin Rahlfs

Given by: Tanya & Michael Preston In Memory of: Their mothers, Jessie Eve Preston & Vera Egorova

Given By: Elodie Ragan In Memory of: Pauline Morland

Given by: David & Judy Richards In Memory of: Their loving parents **In Honor of:** Their children & grandchildren

Given by: Sandy & Karl Sailand In Memory of: Their parents In Honor of: Karey, Steve, Trevor, Nathan & Brandon Coble

Given by: John & Lynn Scoggins In Memory of: Parents In Honor of: Their children & grandchildren

Given By: Mona & Dave Shogren In Memory of: Frank R. & Laura Arlene Smathers , Arelene Jeske Smathers & George Shogren In Honor of: Their Children, Samantha & Kellen Shogren **Given by:** The Skjonsby family In Memory of: Kamla Wati Narayan, Hari Narayan & Nira Malaika Narayan

Given by: Terry Straka In Memory of: Her dear husband, Rowland

Given by: Nora Strothman In Memory of: Bill

Given by: Joycelyn H. Sumner In Memory of: Her late husband, Harry Edward Sumner

Given By: Cathy Tanner In Memory of: her mother In Honor of: Grandsons, Tristin & Sabastian

Given by: Tim & Barb Thieme In Memory of: Bob & Keira In Honor of: Their family

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard In Memory of: Lois Johnson

Given by: Scott, Sue, Cam & Kimi Toyoda **In Memory of:** Marge & Bob Burns, George Toyoda & Jan Minar In Honor of: Sadako Toyoda

Given By: Melanie Veazey **In Honor of:** Her mother, Mary Jensen's 99th birthday & daughters, Mary & Ganel

Given By: Elizabeth & Randall Wampler In Honor of: Their sons, Thor, Olav & Hans

