# January 19, 2020 Second Sunday After Epiphany 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 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

# **Assisting With Today's Service:**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Ushers	Karey Coble & Lloyd Condra
Piano	June Condra	Lector	Stephanie Almeida
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Greeter	Pat Daane
Percussion	Eric Daane	Sound Tech	
Acolyte	Trevor Coble	Communion Assistants	Kendahl & Alain Adjorlolo
Ensemble	Rachel Jackman, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps, Karishma & Johannes Skjonsby & Randall Wampler	Pew Angel	Bobbi Osborne

#### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: A Children's Song Medley (Mark Hayes)

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines



# **OPENING DIALOGUE: PSALM 40:1-6**

I waited patiently upon the LORD; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

# ENTRANCE HYMN: Let All Things Now Living (ELW 881)



#### GREETING

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

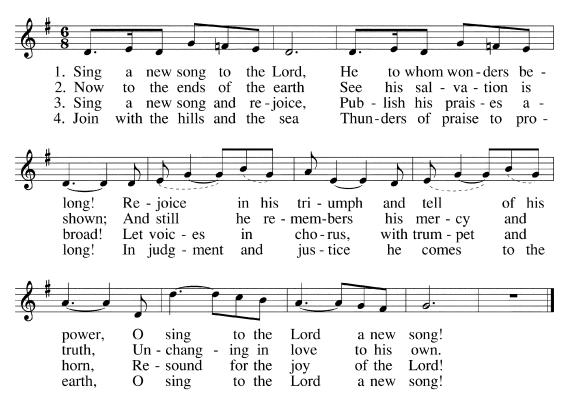
And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the Word, in the parable of the sower you showed us how your word can take root and grow within us. Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love. Amen.

# HYMN OF PRAISE: Sing a New Song to the Lord

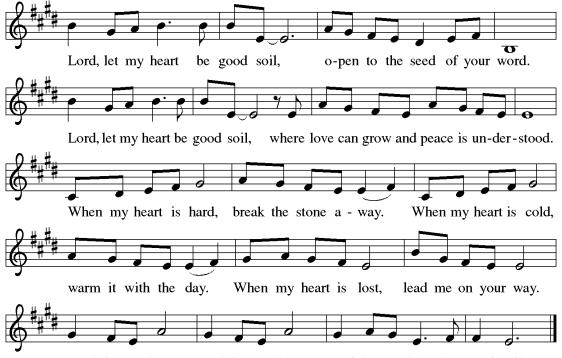


ANTHEM: The Word of Life (John Bell - Wild Mountain Thyme)

#### WORD

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

# WELCOMING THE WORD: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

# GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-34

<sup>1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

<sup>10</sup>When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; <sup>12</sup>in order that

'they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."

<sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup>And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup>But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup>And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>20</sup>And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

<sup>21</sup>He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? <sup>22</sup>For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. <sup>23</sup>Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. <sup>25</sup>For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Word of God.

Word of life.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: As Rain from the Clouds (ELW 508) next page

# **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.

# THE PRAYERS

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders (*especially*) with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

# As Rain from the Clouds



God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you, especially Linda and Jill. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you. Inspire our lives with their testimony. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

# BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence for self-reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

# **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: The Green Glens of Antrim (Phil Coulter)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Create in Me a Clean Heart (anonymous)



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

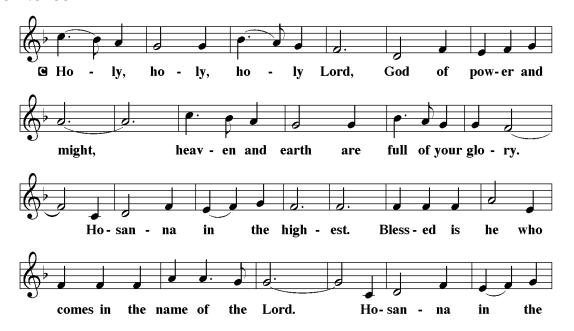
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS**





#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

As this light is brought to our siblings who cannot join us this day, may they be reminded of your presence in their lives.

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

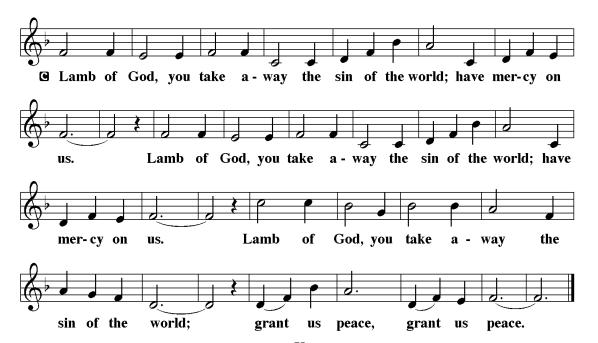
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

**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:**

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast (ELW 516)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **SENDING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

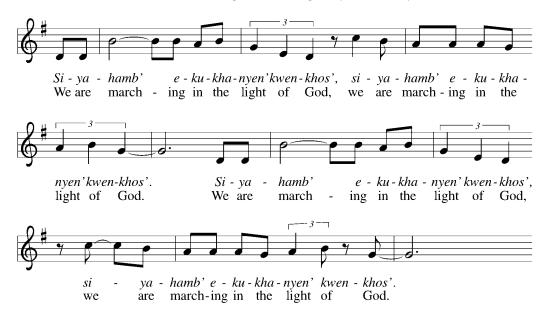
#### **BLESSING**

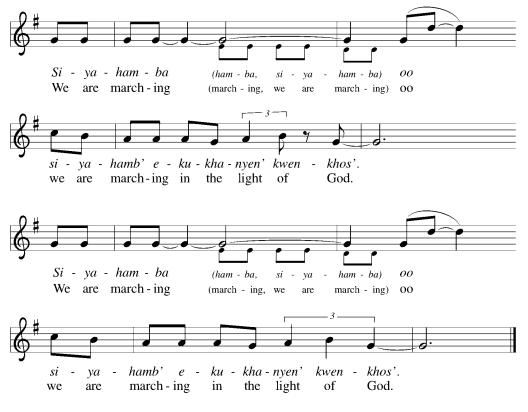
May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose.

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

Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN: We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866)





Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

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# **Sermon Notes**

What one word stuck out for me?

What phrase or sentence was especially memorable?

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon is:

# <u>January 26, 2019 Third Sunday after Epiphany</u> Mark 5:1-20 The Gerasene Demoniac

# **Weekly Financial Report**

January 12, 2020, Attendance: 180

General Offerings: \$6,591 Mortgage Fund: 680

# Amount needed per Sunday:

**General Offerings:** \$9,907 **Mortgage Fund:** \$1,098

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#### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **Our Ministry Partners:**

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief, Northwest Washington Synod

#### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Charlie (Jeff Almeida's father), Del Benson (member), Alan (Joan & Carl Christian's son), Russel (Karey Coble's cousin), Linda (Paul Ehe's mother), Erika (Kristin Smith's cousin), Edith Holbrook (member), Heather (Kevin & Vicki Kastning's niece), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), Janette (Beth Phelps' cousin), Teresa (Michelle Tuck's friend), Roger (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) & Clara (Pat Daane's cousin).

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

Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Jack Becker (member), Deb (Brian Midtbo's cousin), Lillian (Bob Berg's mother), Nancy Funsinn (member), Nancy Davis (member), Barb (Stacy Souriall's friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Anne Marie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Katie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Eileen Payne (Tom Payne's mother), Eric (Sally Adams' cousin), Ron (Krista Daniel's father), Jill (Beth Phelps' cousin), Lorretta Rapp (member), Dennis Shogren (Dave Shogren's brother), Helen (Renee Baker's mother), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Mona Shogren (member), Loretta (Nora Srothman's sister-in-law), Sadako (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), Dandy (Julie Selmikeit-Weyn's husband), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother),

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

Phyllis Enger (member), Evelyn Fischer (member), Roy King (member), Betty Magee (member), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Harriet (Eleanor Walters' mother), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother) & Phyllis Watters (member).

#### Please remember to pray for these areas that are suffering:

Australia, Middle East Countries, Puerto Rico, Xinjiang and the Uighar people

#### Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)
Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew)

ARMY: Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), Asis Montalvo (Adjorlolo family friend), Ben Souriall (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son) NAVY: Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter), & Christopher Whipple (Carolyn & Richard Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members and close friends in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

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# **INFORMATION For the Week!**

Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour for all ages!

Service Fair!

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

Monday, January 20—Office Closed for MLK Day

11:00 am Friends Supporting Friends Bingo!

6:30 Hannah Circle

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 am Lectionary with Pastor Berg

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

**Personnel Committee** 

7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing

11:00 am Worship Team5:00 pm Preschool Board

Thursday, January 23

9:00 am Quilters

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24

**Church Office Closed** 

6:00 pm Family Game & Movie Night

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour for all ages!

10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

12:30 CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH

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