December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WEICOME

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 NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before 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 would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds

Piano: June Condra

Children's Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Marilyn Iverson	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
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Acolyte	Lyla Curcio	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: People, Look East, R. Hobby

WELCOME

GATHERING RITE: Holden Service of Light



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GATHERING SONG: People, Look East (ELW 248)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Come, Child of Light (L. Larson) Bob Berg, Susan Berg, June Condra & Patty Weston, Flute

WORD

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

THE WORD: Isaiah 55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: What Child Is This? (Traditional English Carol) Cheryl Miller, flute; Alexia Payne, violin; & June Condra, piano

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Who Are Thirsty

Congregation: Refrain; Ensemble: Verses







All you who hun-ger, come, re-ceive grain;

All with-out mon-ey,



come with-out pay-ing; All you who heed me, come for rich fare.

Verses (Ensemble)

1. Come now and listen that you may have life; my covenant I will renew. This covenant shall be eternal as I promised to David.

All you who are thirsty...

2. Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed my commandments and you shall eat well; you shall delight in rich fare.

All you who are thirsty...

3. Drink of this water abundant with life and eat of the bread I provide. I am the bread, and the water am I; put thirsting and hunger aside.

All you who are thirsty...

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians: Lucy Kay, Richard, June, Patty, Cheryl, Joe, Eric, and the choir and ensemble. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence for self-reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEALGod feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense





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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. 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.

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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION: 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (ELW 272)





The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.

The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.

A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Annunciation/Magnificat



SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING:



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SENDING SONG: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (ACS 949)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fling Wide the Door, D. Johnson/Freylinghausen

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Sunday School and Confirmation

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Chime Choir Rehearsal

2:00 pm Youth Group Bowling and Lights of Christmas

Monday, December 13

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

7:00 New Member Class

Tuesday, December 14

9:00 am Lectionary

4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, December 16

9:00 am FLC Quilters

3 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm 5 Year Old Preschool

Friday, December 17

Church Office Closed Pastor Berg's Sabbath

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool

Saturday, December 18

9:00 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Sunday School and Confirmation

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Chime Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Movie Review—Hugo

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

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

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce' son), Duwayne (Betty Magee's brother), Everett (Betty Magee's rother), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's Friend), Jackie Gosanko (member), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Frank (Dick Boyce's friend), Edith Holbrook (member), Rich (Mark Hatlen's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Evelyn (Marilyn Iverson's friend), Bonita (Kathy Chester's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Kory (Beth Phelps' friend), Dan (Jane King's friend), Norman Ray (member), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (Del Benson's friend), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), Connie Wolter (member).

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

Kurt (Stephanie Almeida's father), Paul Anderson (member), Judy (Judy Richards' friend), Rene Baker (member), Donna Benfield (member), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Derrick (Holly Batstone's cousin), Bryan (Ho Brown's nephew), John (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Scott Eiler (member), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Brian Hepler (Tamara McIntyre's partner), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Jim (Marilyn Kay's husband), Kevin Kastning (member), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Linford (Karen Thomas' friend), Greta Nelson (member), Hildur O'Connor (member), Marlis Pehling (member), John (Valarie Cole's father), Sheila (Valarie Cole's mother), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Kristina (Del Benson's granddaughter), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Sandy Sailand (member), Mona Shogren (member), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Mavis Carlson (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane & Roy King (members), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

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

ARMY: Ben Souriall (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

MARINES: Olay Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & Christopher Whipple (Carolyn Whipple's son)

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

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Advent John 1:1-18 The Word Became Flesh

Weekly Financial Report

December 5, 2021 Attendance: 101 in person; 38 Zoom screens

December 5, 2021 General Offerings: \$9,313 Capital Improvement: \$745

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10.735

SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:
What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?
I think the title of the sermon should be:







Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.