# January 23, 2022 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 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	Stephanie Almeida	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Ushers	Lloyd Condra Ryan Stute	Communion Assistants	Christy Freriks Marilyn Kay
Lector	Jeff Almeida	Camera Tech	Carsten Thode
Acolyte	Thorin Freriks	Pew Angel	Evelyn Gaylord

### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: Schmücke Dich, O Meine Seele (JS Bach)

WELCOME

PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard.

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

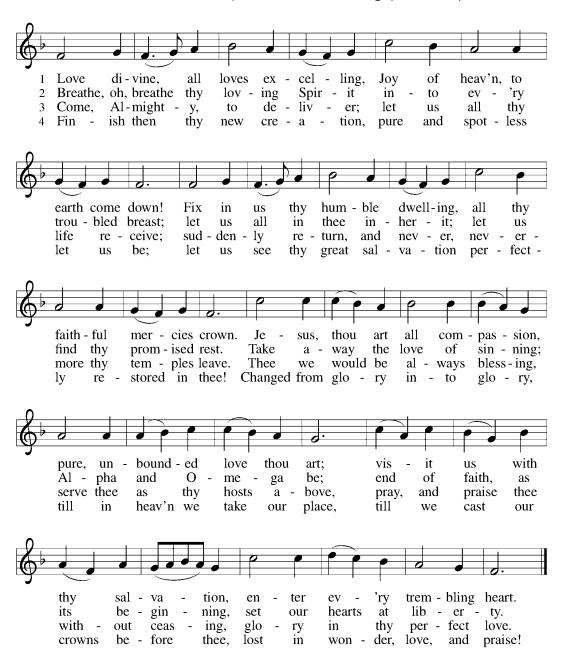
<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

# GATHERING SONG: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)



#### 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.

Birthing God, you gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: O Living Breath of God: Soplo de Dios viviente (ELW 407)



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-ning up-on the wa ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre a tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre a tion gives life a new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth:





O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

#### WORD

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

# GOSPEL: John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Word of God, Word of life.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD: For God So Loved the World (M. Haugen)

#### Refrain:

For God so loved the world, God gave the only Son so that ev'ryone who believes in him may not die, but have life. So much God loved the world.

#### Verses:

- 1 As Moses lifted up the serpent so that all who looked to it might live, the Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe all who look to him may have eternal life.
- 2 God's Son came not to condemn the world, But that the world may be saved through him, And all who believe in the Son of May will come to the light And live in the light, and dwell in the heart of God.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

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# **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: God Loved the World (ELW 323)



# **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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

We will not share the peace in a physical fashion, but from a distance. You may hold up your fingers in the peace sign or bow with your hands folded or hold your hand over your heart.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING:** We will not pass the offering plate. When you come forward for Holy Communion you may place your offering and your communion card in the plate located in front of the Baptismal Font.

# OFFERING Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)



# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our 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.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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,

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

now and forever. Amen.

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

# COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**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: What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)



- 1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- 2 When I was sink ing down, sink ing down, sink ing down, when
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love this, O my soul! What won-drous love is was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down God the Lamb I will sing; to God and the Lamb, and to when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss bear the dread-ful curse for my to a - side his crown for my be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid mil - lions join the theme, I great I while will who is the AM, I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



# Come to the Table (ELW 481)



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

#### Amen.

# SENDING SONG: This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)



# **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Minuetto (C. Hurlebusch)

#### 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), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's Friend), Jackie Gosanko (member), Dan (Paula Glandon's brotherin-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:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Tom Agnew (member), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Kurt (Stephanie Almeida's father), Judy (Judy Richards' friend), Rene Baker (member), Donna Benfield (member), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Derrick (Holly Batstone's cousin), Josie Clouseau (frequent visitor), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Scott Eiler (member), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Steven (Audrey Fisher's son), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Jeanine (Karen Thomas' sister-in-law), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Jim (Marilyn Kay's husband), Kevin Kastning (member), Chris Martin (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), 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), 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:

MARINES: Olav 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 ongoing.

## INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Youth Pizza Lunch to Sparta's in Bothell

3:00 pm Journey Class—Living Stones Project All are Welcome

Monday, January 24

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, January 25

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 Book Club—The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

All are welcome!

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool 12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

1:00 pm Cascadia Cluster

Thursday, January 27

9:00 am FLC Quilters

3 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm 5 Year Old Preschool

Friday, January 28

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Annual Meeting

3:00 pm Movie Review—The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society

All are welcome!

January 30, 2022

John 4:1-42 Jesus and the Woman at the Well

**Weekly Financial Report** 

January 16, 2022 Attendance: 63 In-person, 56 Zoom, 11 YouTube

January 16, 2021 General Offerings: \$10,533 Capital Improvement: \$580

**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:

