

December 1, 2019
First Sunday in Advent
8:30 & 11:00 AM



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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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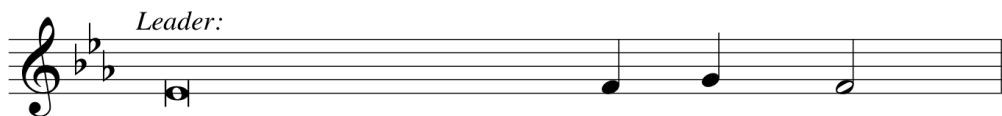
WORSHIP

- + 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

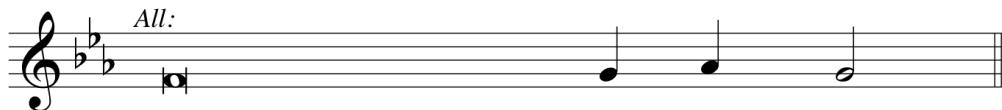
GATHERING

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

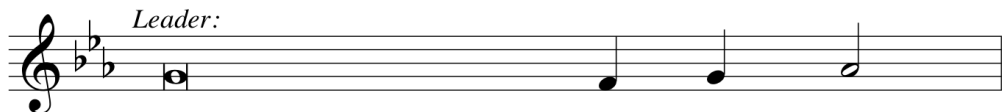
PRELUDE: 8:30 AM *Savior Of The Nations, Come (J.S. Bach)*
11:00 AM *Mary, Did You Know? (Greene & Lowry)*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is morning

All:

and the day is just be - ginning

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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WELCOME

GATHERING RITE:

GATHERING SONG: *Drawn to the Light (ELW 593)*

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a
sight to be drawn to the light of God.

GREETING:

Leader: *All:*

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All:

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*This year's Advent wreath has four candles. We are naming them **Justice, Hope, Joy, Promise**. Each week we will pray, sing, and light the appropriate candle to mark our journey.*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, God of Justice, for you promise to bring forth a branch from the house of David who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light this candle, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

Amen.

Lighting Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Choir will sing verses, congregation join on refrain.

Refrain

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

O followers of the promise come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

THE WORD: Jeremiah 33:14-18

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

Word of God,
word of life.

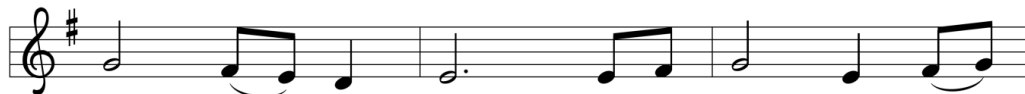
ANTHEM: 8:30 AM *Waiting for the Promise* (L. Larson)

Patty Weston, Flute

11:00 AM *We Are Waiting For Jesus* (John Helgen)



We are wait - ing for Je - sus,



Je - sus brings peace. We are wait - ing for



Je - sus, Je - sus brings peace.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (ELW 272)



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to the nations, Lord. Keep us alert to injustice and oppression, give us courage to cry out for what is right, and guide world leaders toward fairness and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir up compassion in us for all who wait for you. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, those who are experiencing loss, those who long for healing and wholeness, those who live with HIV and AIDS, and those who are in any kind of need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for child care workers, teachers, Sunday school leaders, and all who nurture and educate children. We give you thanks for their diligence and devotion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

From ages past, your faithfulness has never failed. Shine your face upon us and bring us into the company of all your saints in light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence for self-reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. ———

Leader or Group One:

— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the
 burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
 you. ——— All praise to the God of all - Cre -
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
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 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
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 of - fer - ing to you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. 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, 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.

As this meal is shared with those who cannot join us here in this space, may it give hope in your future.

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

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 now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

What Feast of Love (ELW 487)

THE ANNUNCIATION:

Cantor: *An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child,, and his name will be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will." (immediately to "The Magnificat")*

THE MAGNIFICAT

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: *Holden Blessing*

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days. _____

All: A - men.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader and the second through fifth staves are for the All. The sixth staff is for the All and includes a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: 8:30 AM *Come Precious Ransom, Come (J. Walther)*

Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg

8:30 AM

Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	David Osborne
Lector	Marlis Pehling	Greeter	Roger Wolter
Sound Tech	Terry Barker	Acolyte	Jackie Fairbanks
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges	Communion Assistants	Ho Brown, Donna Hillard & Roger Wolter

11:00 AM

Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Ushers	Karey Coble & Lloyd Condra
Piano	June Condra	Lector	Joe Siebert
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Greeter	Pat Daane
Percussion	Joe Siebert	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Acolyte	Brandon Coble	Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjorlolo & Pat Daane
Ensemble	Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps & Johannes & Karishma Skjonsby	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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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 (Jef Almeida's father), Del Benson (member), Alan (Joan & Carl Christian's son), Russel (Karey Coble'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), Rita (Ruth Neitzel's sister), 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:

Keely Adjorlolo (member), Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Larry Baker (member), Jack Becker (member), Lillian (Bob Berg's mother), Lou (Cathy Edwards' friend), Nancy Davis (member), Roy King (member), Barb (Stacy Souriall's friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Anne Marie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Katie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Eric (Sally Adams' cousin), Ron (Krista Daniel's father), 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), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Harriet (Eleanor Walters' mother), Jacque Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother) & Phyllis Watters (member).

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

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: Shaun Cunningham (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), 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: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's husband), 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.

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Exile

Weekly Financial Report

November 24, 2019, Attendance: 200

General Offerings: \$8,815 Mortgage Fund: \$1,250

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,907

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Am	Worship
9:45 am	Adult Education Only—no children’s Sunday school or confirmation
10:00 am	Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship

Monday, December 2

10:00 am	Friends Supporting Friends
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Tuesday, December 3

9:15am	Preschool Chapel
9:30 am	Lectionary
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
12:30 pm	Preschool Chapel
6:00 pm	Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm	IT/Communications Committee
	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 am	Deborah Circle
11:00 am	Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am	Quilters
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am	Garden Guild
	Altar Guild

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour
10:00 am	Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship

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