

**November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent  
10:00 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 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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### 10:00am

#### 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](http://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  
Children's Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Paul Desilet, Jr.	Sound Tech	Terry Barker
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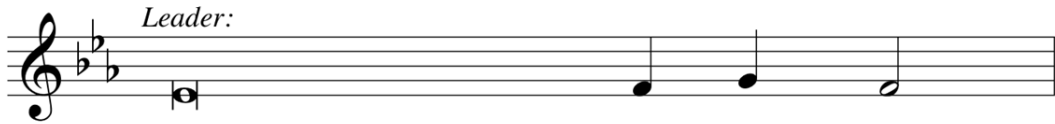
## GATHERING

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

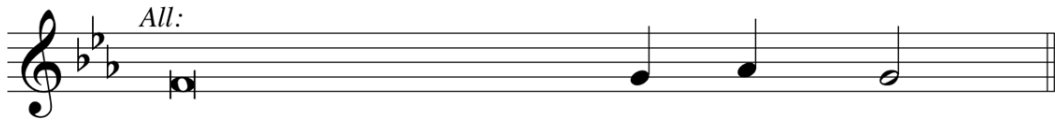
**PRELUDE:** *Savior of the Nations, Come (JS Bach)*

**WELCOME**

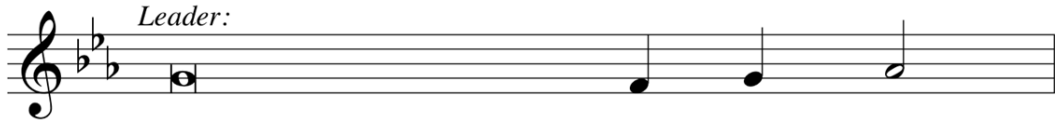
**GATHERING RITE:** *Holden Service of Light*



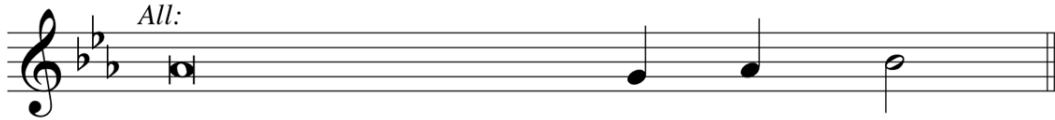
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



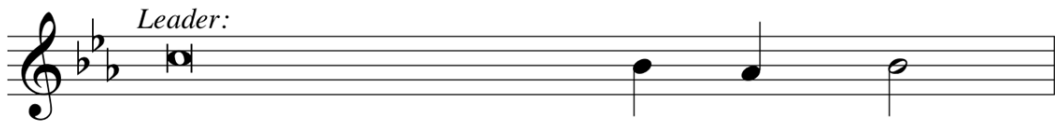
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is morning,



and the day is just be - ginning.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

## 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.

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: *Come, Child of the Light*

*The promises of God are promises of hope: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*O hope of every contrite heart;*

*O joy of all the meek.*

*To those wh fall, how kind Thou art!*

*How good to those who seek.*

*(Bernard of Clairvaux, 12<sup>th</sup> century)*

## WORD

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

### **THE WORD:: Jeremiah 29:1,4-14**

<sup>1</sup>These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Word of God,  
word of life.

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *God of All People (D. Haas)***

*Ensemble: Gordy Phelps, June Condra, Doug Peterson, Richard Edmonds*

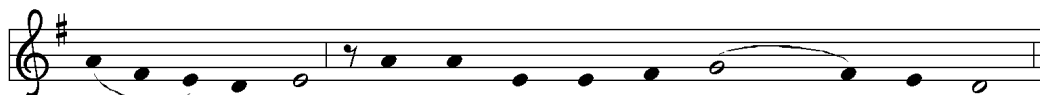
### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* v.1-4 (ELW 257)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

## 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. 7**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For whom do the people pray?

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. 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.

### 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.

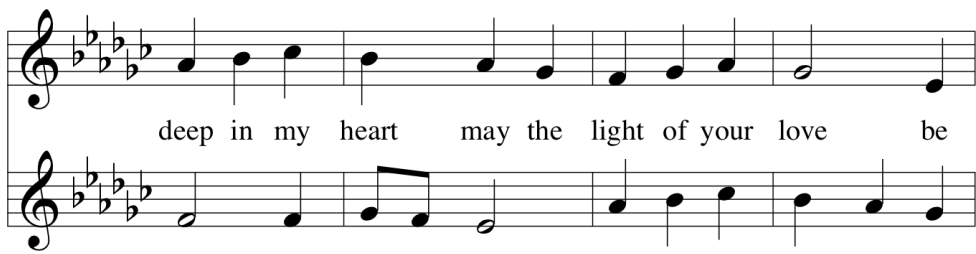
*Leader or Group One:*

— O God, I call to you, come to me

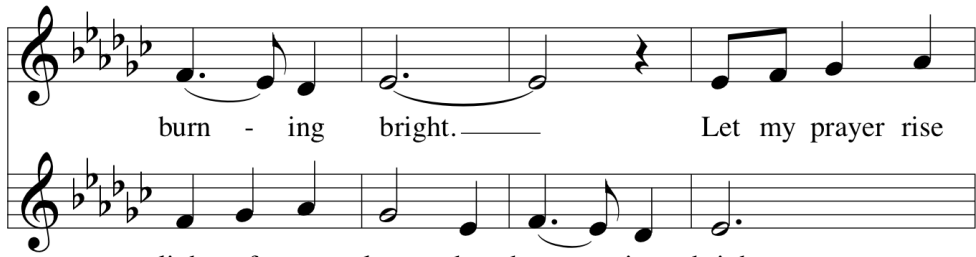
*All or Group Two:*

O God, I

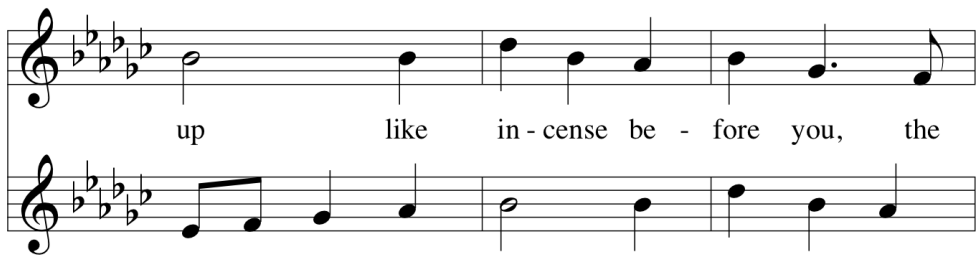
now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
up like in-cense be-fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-  
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
you. Keep watch with-in me, God;  
of-fer-ing to you. Keep



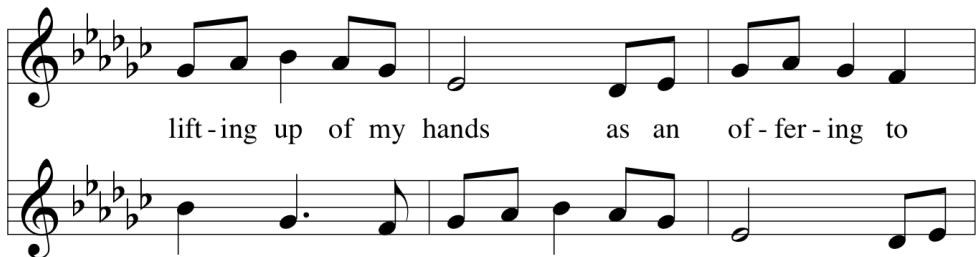
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the



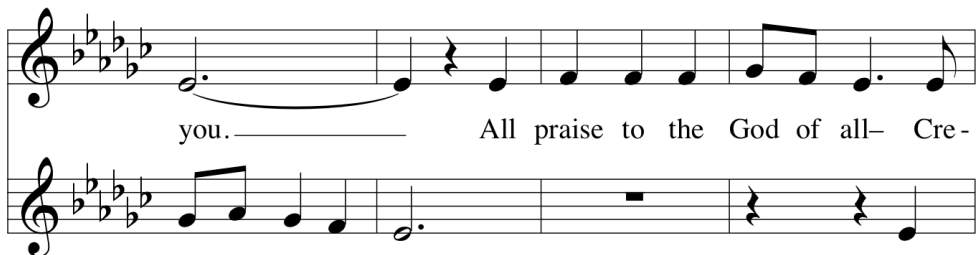
light of your love be burn - ing bright.



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.

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 -

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

you. \_\_\_\_\_  
of - fer - ing to you.

## **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: *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.

***Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250)***



- 1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
- 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
- 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

## 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*

*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,



## SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING:

*Leader:* *All:*

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

*Presider:*

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.

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# SENDING HYMN: *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
- 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
- 3 No more dy - in' there,
- 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: *Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come* (Wallther)**

### INFORMATION For the Week!

#### **Sunday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent**

No Christian Education

10:00 am                      Worship

#### **Monday, November 29**

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool

10:00 am                      Staff Meeting

12:15 pm                      4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

#### **Tuesday, November 30**

9:00 am                      Lectionary

4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                      4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

3:30 pm                      Weekly News Submission Deadline

#### **Wednesday, December 1**

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                      4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

#### **Thursday, December 2**

9:00 am                      FLC Quilters

3 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                      5 Year Old Preschool

#### **Friday, December 3**

Church Office Closed

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

9:00 am                      3 Year Old Preschool

#### **Saturday, December 4**

9:00 am                      Garden Guild

Altar Guild

#### **Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am                      Sunday School and Confirmation

10:00 am                      Worship

## **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), **Dick** (Del Benson's friend), **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), **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), **Jacque 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:** **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*

## **December 5, 2021 Second Sunday in Advent**

**Ezekial 37:1-14**

**Dry Bones**

### **Weekly Financial Report**

November 21, 2021

Attendance: 107 in person; 27 Zoom screens

**November 21, 2021 General Offerings: n/a Capital Improvement: n/a**

**General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,735**