# December 5, 2021 Second 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 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

	<ul> <li>Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before Holy Communion.</li> </ul>			
+ The service is	The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.			
<ul> <li>Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>				
+ 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				
<u>Assisting With Today's Service:</u> Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds Piano: June Condra Children's Message: Roger Steinke				
Greeter	Tamara McIntyre	Sound Tech	Ben Batstone	
Ushers	Allen Glenn Carsten Thode	Communion Assistants	David Berg Emily Curcio	
Lector	Marlis Pehling	Camera Tech	Katie Pyne	
Acolyte	Isabella Curcio	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges	

# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (J. S. Bach)

### WELCOME

GATHERING RITE: Holden Service of Light



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#### GATHERING SONG: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW 242)



## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Come Child of Light (L. Larson)

Doug Peterson, Bob Berg, Rachel Jackman, June Condra & Patty Weston, Flute

The prophets promised the coming Messiah would bring the presence and peace of God: His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of Hos government and of peace there will be no end. (Isaiah 9:6b-7a)

> O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

12<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Hymn

## WORD

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

# THE WORD:: Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will

bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Word of God, word of life.

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD: Waiting For The Promise (L. Larson)** Doug Peterson, Bob Berg, Rachel Jackman, June Condra; Patty Weston, Flute; Joe Siebert, Drums

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: Breathe on Me Breath of God



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.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. 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









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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.

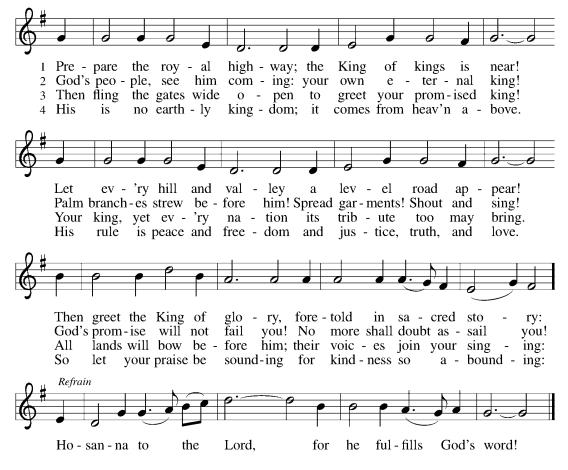
**WHO MAY COMMUNE?** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the 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: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)



### Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW 264)



### 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.



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

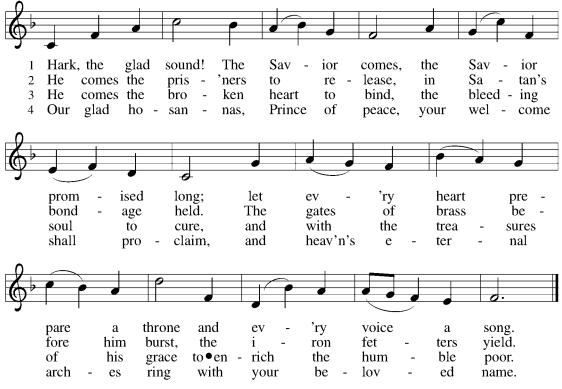
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **BLESSING:**



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SENDING SONG: Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)



### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (P. Manz)

INFORMATION For the Week!				
Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent				
9:00 am	Sunday School and Confirmation			
10:00 am	Worship			
Monday, December 6				
9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool			
9:30 am 10:00 am	Phyllis & Bob Watters' Memorial Service Friends Supporting Friends—Fellowship Hall			
10:00 am	Staff Meeting			
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool			
7:00	New Member Class			
	Poor Peoples Campaign Zoom Open House			
Tuesday, December 7				
9:00 am	Lectionary			
12:15 pm	4 Year Old Preschool 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool			
3:30 pm	Weekly News Submission Deadline			
6:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting			
7:00 pm	IT/Communications Meeting			
<u>Wednesday, December 8</u>				
9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool			
10:30 am 12:15 pm	Deborah Circle at Elodie Ragan's 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool			
4:30 pm	Preschool Board Meeting			
Thursday, Decembe 9:00 am	FLC Quilters			
	3 Year Old Preschool			
12:15 pm	5 Year Old Preschool			
Friday, December 10				
Church Office Closed				
Pastor Berg's Sabbat	h 2 Marsa Old Dasasha al			
9:00 am	3 Year Old Preschool			
<u>Saturday, December 11</u>				
Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent				
9:00 am	Sunday School and Confirmation			
<b>10:00 am</b> 2:00 pm	Worship Youth Group Bowling and Lights of Christmas			
2.00 pm				
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#### 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: 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

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#### Weekly Financial Report

November 28, 2021 Attendance: 97 in person; 30 Zoom screens

November 21 and 28, 2021 General Offerings: \$22,904 Capital Improvement: \$1,231 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:

