December 15, 2019 Third Sunday Of Advent 8:30 & 11:00 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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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.
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- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

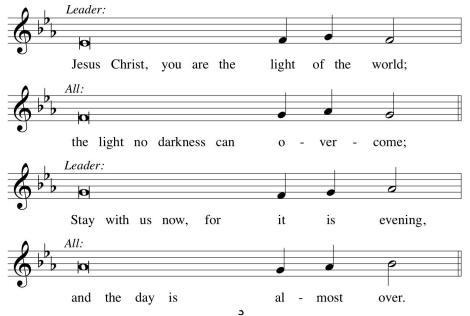
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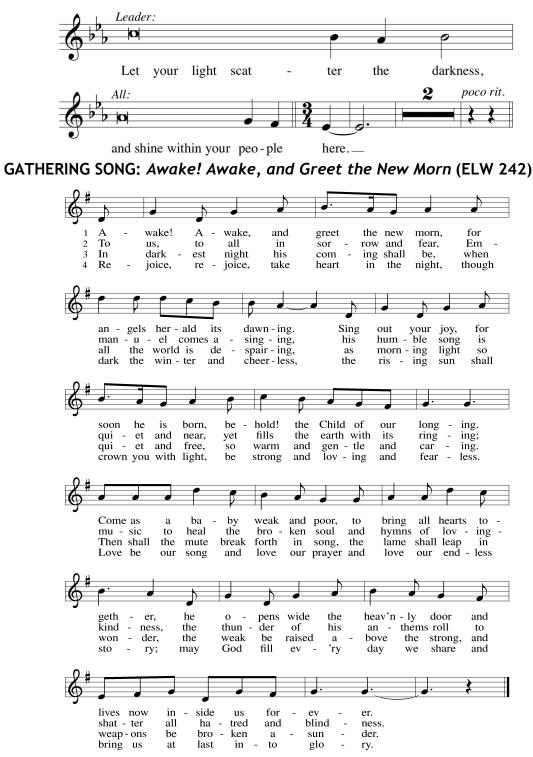
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: 8:30 - Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (J.S. Bach) 11:00 - Veni, Veni (C. Davis)

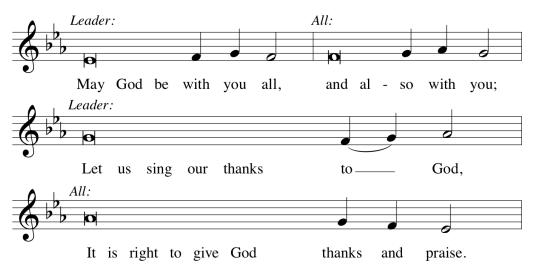
WELCOME

GATHERING RITE: Holden Service of Light





GREETING



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of restoration, you brought your people home from exile and in their joy they rebuilt your temple. Deliver us from our personal and communal exiles and help us to build up your church. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:

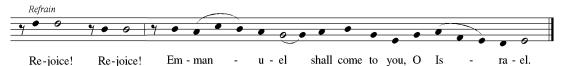
This year's Advent wreath has four candles. We are naming them **Justice**, **Hope**, **Joy**, **Promise**. Each week we will pray, sing, and light the appropriate candle to mark our journey.

Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promised to rebuild the temple and set your people free and you did. The people responded with joy with shouts of thanksgiving and thanks.

As we light these candles, we sing with joy in your fulfilled promise in Jesus our Christ, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with Joy.

Lighting Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Choir will sing verses, congregation join on refrain.



O ransomed people of the Lord, come, let us travel with joy on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.

WORD

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

THE WORD: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4,10-13

¹In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared:

²Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. ³Any of those among you who are of his people — may their God be with them! — are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel — he is the God who is in Jerusalem; ⁴and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem."

¹When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. ²Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. ³They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighboring peoples, and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the LORD, morning and evening. ⁴And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt offerings by

number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, ¹⁰When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; ¹¹and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,

"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: 8:30 - Emmanuel (A. Pote)

11:00 - Mary, Did You Know? (Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene Rachel Jackman, Soprano; June Condra, Piano

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

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)



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

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we rejoice that you coax flowers from the desert and water from the wilderness. Send rain to parched fields and sun to flooded plains. Nurture all that lies sleeping under frozen ground. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great

Gracious God, we rejoice that you dwell in human bodies. Renew signs of your joyful presence in people of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities. We pray especially for Evelyn, Mark and David. Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name. **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

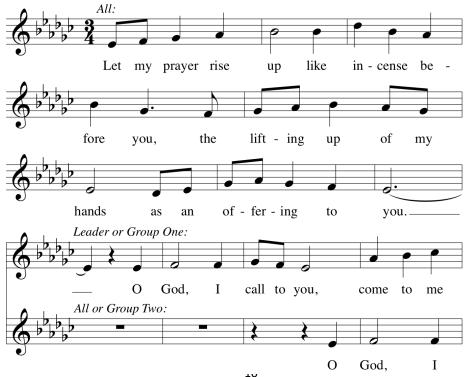
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Mavis & Bud Carlson in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on December 17.











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: Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)

THE ANNUNCIATION: 8:30 AM Connie Wolter, Soprano

11:00 AM Rachel Jackman & Richard Edmonds

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")

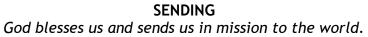
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Magnificat



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: 8:30 AM Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (Anon.) 11:00 AM

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Assisting With Today's Service: Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg						
8:30 AM						
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ush	ners	Dar	n Bormann & Chris Burns	
Lector	Andrea Peoples	Greeter		Rog	Roger Wolter	
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Acc	olyte	Jac	kie Fairbanks & Levi Schnarre	
Pew Angel	Bobbi Osborne		nmunion istants		ncy & Neil McGee and Jacky narre	
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Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds		Ushers		Lloyd Condra & Randall Wampler	
Piano	June Condra		Lector		Linda Siebert	
Flute	Cheryl Miller		Greeter		Stephanie Almeida	
Percussion	Joe Siebert		Sound Tee	ch	Kevin Prather	
Acolyte	Sarah Holmes		Communi Assistants		Pat Daane & Kathy Konieczka	
Ensemble	Rachel Jackman, Doug Peterson, Johannes & Karishma Skjonsby & Randall Wampler		Pew Ange	2]	Bobbi Osborne	

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), Janette (Beth Phelps' cousin), Dave Shogren (member), Mark (Linda Siebert's brother) 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), Jack Becker (member), Lillian (Bob Berg's mother), Lou (Cathy Edwards' friend), Nancy Davis (member), Einer (Pastor Berg's cousin), Evelyn Fischer (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), Eileen Payne (Tom Payne's mother), 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-inlaw), 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), Jacquie 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 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:5-25, 58-80

Zechariah's Song

Weekly Financial Report

December 8, 2019,

Attendance: 208

General Offerings: \$11,033

Mortgage Fund: \$1,110

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,907

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

Worship
Sunday School Christmas Program
Ensemble Rehearsal
Worship
Chime Choir Rehearsal
Christmas Festival

Monday, December 16

6:30 pm	Hannah Circle
7:00 pm	Longest Night Service

Tuesday, December 17

9:15am	Preschool Chapel
9:30 am	Lectionary
11:00 am	Preschool Christmas Program
11:30 am	Staff Meeting
12:30 pm	Preschool Chapel
6:00 pm	Personnel Committee
7:00 pm	Council

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 am	Rebecca Circle
11:00 am	Worship Team Meeting
12:00 pm	WELCA Christmas Potluck—All are welcome to enjoy Christmas music
	presented by the Bothell High School Choir

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	NO Education Hour
10:00 am	Ensemble Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Christmas Caroling Party