



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

WELCOMES YOU TO
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

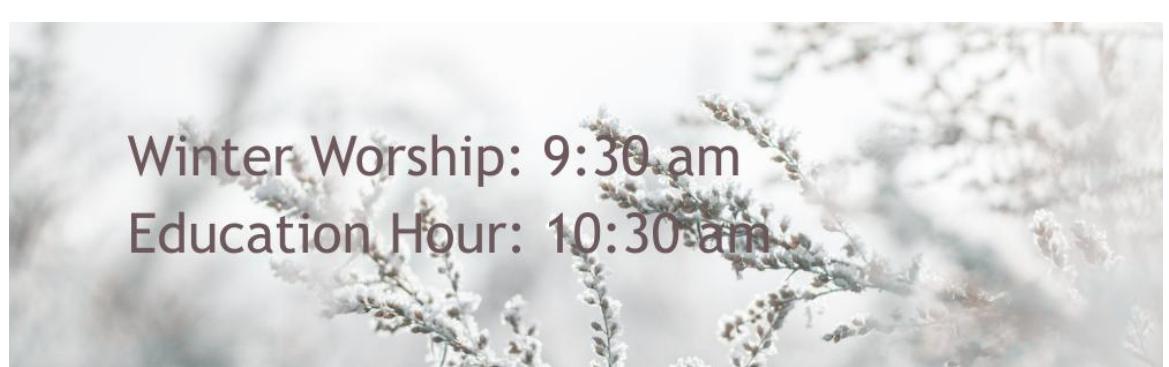
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF WELCOME**

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLC), 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 FLC 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 FLC, 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.



**Winter Worship: 9:30 am
Education Hour: 10:30 am**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Carols from Around the World*

WELCOME

GATHERING CAROL: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (ELW 283)



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

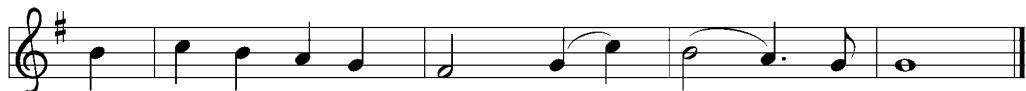


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Helping with Worship Tonight

	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:30 PM
Greeter	Paul Desilet	Stephanie Almeida	Nora Strothman
Worship Assistant	Roger Steinke	Stephanie Almeida	
Ushers	Dave Freriks Leona Keltner Richard Keltner Ken Smith		Dan Bormann Kaaren Hatlen
Sound Tech	Linda Chapman	Linda Chapman	Andrew Phelps
Camera Tech	Jeff Kosman	David Osborne	David Osborne
Lector	Christy Freriks	Jeff Almeida	Mark Bowers
Communion Assistants	Christy Freriks Paul Desilet	Emily Almeida Tom Payne	Mark Hatlen Nora Strothman
Bus Driver		Carsten Thode	

CAROL OF PRAISE: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (ELW 275)



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.



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God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.



Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
 who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
 together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Word of God,
word of life.

ANTHEM: 5:00 pm *Gesu Bambino*
Cheryl Miller, Flute

PSALM: Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;

proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,

more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;

power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;

bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;

tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Tell it out among the nations.

GOSPEL CAROL: *Away in a Manger* (ELW 278)

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - the are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

ANTHEM: 10:30 pm

Born, He is Born, Arr. L. Larson

FLC Choir

SERMON

CAROL OF THE DAY: *What Child Is This* (ELW 296)



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars.

We have seen the longest night,
and *still* we believe.

We believe in a with-us God.

We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

We believe that good news is louder than fear.

We believe this good news is for all people.

So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.

We will look for God in our midst.

We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim:

Unto us, love is born.

We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.

So *still*, we believe.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Gathering God, you bring your people from every corner of the earth together before the manger that you have made a throne. Unite the church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields, and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, the world trembles amid violence and war. Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, you lead us to your love in the face of our neighbor. Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another, especially those who are sick or struggling. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing God, you dwell with us in humble places. Sustain housing and clothing ministries in this community, that all find shelter and warmth. We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you remain at the side of all the departed. Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through 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.

OFFERTORY: *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*, Brahms

OFFERING CAROL: *Love Has Come* (ELW 292)



1 Love has come—a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light 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

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: *The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option that is available. 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 CAROLS:

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (ELW 271)



Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;
1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.



Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (ELW 276)



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift-ly wing-ing, an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid - ings bring-ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

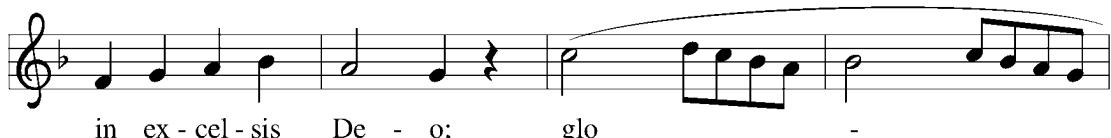
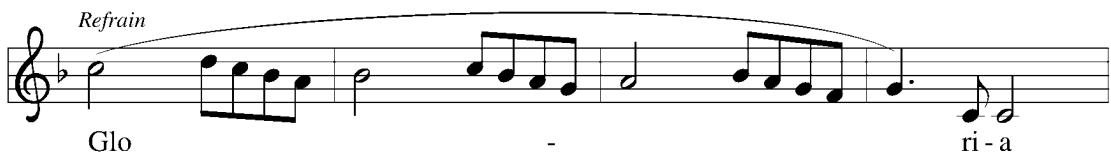
Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

Amen.

SENDING

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

THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT: John 1:1-5;1:9-14 (*While this is read, we will come and light your candles. Please tip the unlit candle towards the lit candle. When the hymn is concluded, you may blow out your candle.*)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAROL OF LIGHT: *Silent Night, Holy Night!* (ELW 281)

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh,
 peace,
 born!
 birth,

schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with— go in peace and *be not afraid.*

Amen.

SENDING CAROL: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



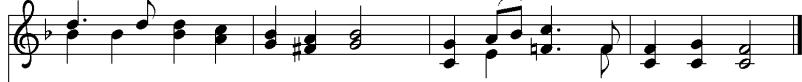
Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"



DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Noel, Daquin*

The Christmas Poinsettias Given in Honor and Memory of Loved Ones
We thank everyone who has so generously given the gift of poinsettias to
beautify the chancel this Christmas season.

Given By: Ann & Knut Aagaard

In Memory of: Annie & Gunnar Aagaard,
Charlotte, Paul
& Jan Heide

Given By: The Adjorlolos

In Memory of: Ruth & Marvin Boyd
In Honor of: Maoulay & Alex; Keely &
Marquet; Koissi; Bogui

Given By: Jose, Tricia & Nick Alcaraz

In Memory of: Alfonso Alcaraz & Dave &
Jill Davis

In Honor of: Evelia Alcraz

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin

In Memory of: Tom McMaster;
Barbara & Clinton Bastin
In Honor of: Dorothy McMaster

Given by: Robert Berg

In Memory of: Diane Berg
In Honor of: Noah & Maddie Berg

Given by: Mary & Peter Christopher

In Memory of: Sylvia Christopher

Given by: Joel & Nancy Connor

In Memory of: Our parents

Given by: Nancy Davis

In Memory of: Her beloved husband,
Rev. Dr. Charles Davis, and their
daughter, Barbara

In Honor of: their son Paul

Given by: The Edison Family

In Memory of: Sharon/Ma Shar

Given by: Paula Glandon

In Memory of: Gil

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn

In Memory of: Our parents

Given by: The Hatlen Family

In Memory of: Matthew & our parents

Given by: Dave & Donna Hillard

In Honor of: Nicholas, Brian, Elizabeth &
Erica

Given by: Marilyn Iverson

In Memory of: her beloved husband, Jim, her loving mother & father, Ruth & Jack, and the best sister, Carol

Given by: Noreen Kloster

In Memory of: Karl Kloster

Given by: Nancy & Neil McGee

In Honor of: Their children & grandchildren

Given by: Doug & Jean Peterson

In Memory of: Emmett & Dorothy Peterson and Ken & Doris McGuire

Given by: David & Judy Richards

In Memory of: our parents

In Honor of: our children & grandsons

Given by: John & Lynn Scoggins

In Memory of: our parents

In Honor of: our children and grandchildren

Given by: Mona & Dave Shogren

In Memory of: Emma & George Shogren

Given by: Marilyn Sides

In Memory of: Don Sides

Given by: Roger Steinke

In Memory of: Paul & Herta Steinke

In Honor of: Landon, Gemma & Maeve Moore

Given by: Nora Strothman

In Memory of: Bill Strothman

Given by: Barb Thieme

In Memory of: Tim & Keira

In Honor of: her family

Given by: Carsten & Joyce Thode

In Memory of: Henry & Frances Rodne; Manfred & Sigrid Thode

Given by: Karen & Ray Thomas

In Memory of: our parents

In Honor of: Osten, Samantha, Addie & Morgan

Given by: Eric & Karen Ullery

In Memory of: Diane & Jerold Ullery; Patricia & Robert Thompson

Given by: Melinda Wax

In Memory of: Tim, Joanne, Michael & Beth

