Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:30 pm



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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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Carols for Organ (various composers)

WELCOME

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



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.

ANTHEM: 5:00—Brazilian Carol (P. Drennan)

Quartet: Doug Peterson, Richard Edmonds, Michelle Richards, June Condra.

Percussion: Joe Siebert

7:00—O Holy Night (Arr. Fettke/Grasse)

Richard Edmonds, solo

10:30—Celtic Noel (P. Tierney)

Violin: Alexia Payne

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

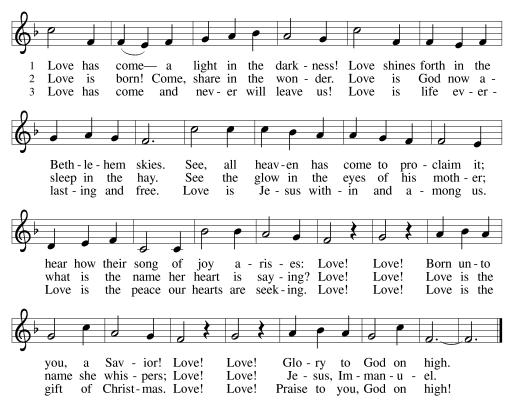
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

CAROL RESPONSE: Love Has Come (ELW 292)



SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

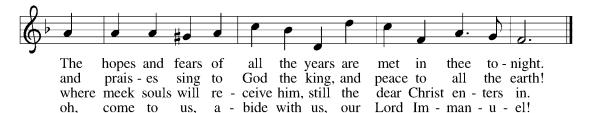
CAROL RESPONSE: O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)





A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go an - gels keep their watch of while mor-tals sleep, the won-d'ring love. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n. out our sin, and en - ter in. be born in us to - day. cast





THIRD READING: Luke 2:6-7

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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 for them in the inn.

ANTHEM: 5:00—O Holy Night (Arr. Fettke/Grasse) Richard Edmonds, solo 7:00—Continue with reading 10:30—Once in Royal David's City (R. Schram)

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:8-14

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

CAROL RESPONSE: It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)



- It came up on the mid night clear, that glo rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un furled,
- 3 And you, be neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,

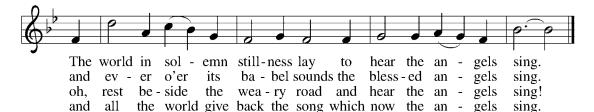


from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world. who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."

A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing, look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing; when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



FIFTH READING: Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL RESPONSE: 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;



AN 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING: Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289)



- 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.







PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: The First Noel (ELW 300)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through 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 children.

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 in 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 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

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: Away in a Manger (ELW 277)



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



down his sweet head; Je - sus laid the stars in the bright sky looked cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look Je - sus, no pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in ev - er and love me. I



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. down from the sky and stav by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh. live with you there. your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (ELW 271)



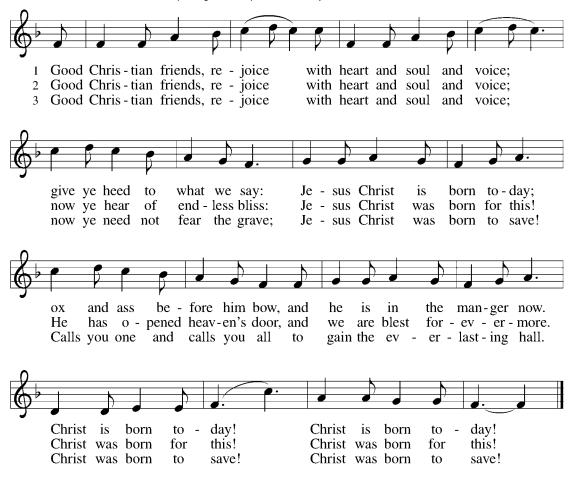
Jeg så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti blev Je - sus dafødt;

- so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je sus' birth! am
- The lit tle child in Beth le hem, he was king in - deed! a
- 3 He dwells a gain in heav en's realm, the Son of God to - day:
- so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais es then Ι 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. he came down from heav'n a - bove to world in help need. still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they and pray. he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of king. ev - 'ry day and that he loves me I know so well true.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.

SENDING

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

GOSPEL OF LIGHT: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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

¹⁴And 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.

SERMON

CANDLELIGHT: We will sing the following carol in candlelight. When your neighbor's candle is lit, tip yours toward their flame and light your own. Then offer your light for your neighbor on the other side. When the hymn is concluded, you may extinguish your candle.

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



BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

Amen.

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



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



and mer - cv mild. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled." peace on earth. 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; Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

join the tri-umph of the skies; Hail, in - car - nate de - i - tv! born that we no more may die,



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



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

DISMISSAL

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: O Hail, this Glorious Day of Days (J.S. Bach)

Assisting	With	Today	<u>'S</u>	Services:	

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor Kristian Berg
Organist/Music Director Lucy Kay Osborne

Worship Assistant: 5 pm Roger Steinke

7 pm Stephanie Almeida

10:30 pm Bob Berg

Lector: 5 pm Jean Peterson

7 pm Randall Wampler 10:30 pm Mark Bowers

Acolyte: 5 pm Alex Freriks

7 pm Sarah Holmes 10:30 pm Jackie Fairbanks

Communion Assistants: 5 pm Susan Berg & Paul Desilet

7 pm Stephanie Almeida

10:30 pm Donna Hillard, Jeffrey Kosman & Roger Wolter

Sound Tech: 5 pm Kevin Praether

7 pm

10:30 pm Ann Bormann

Ushers: 5 pm Brian Midtbo

7 pm Randall Wampler

10:30 pm Dan Bormann & Dave Richards

INFORMATION For the Week!

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism of Frances Marie Knox—

Childcare available in nursery

No Education Hour

Tuesday, December 31, New Years Eve

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Happy New Year!

Church Office Closed

(The FLC church office will be closed intermittently between Dec. 26 and New Year's day. Please call the office at 425-486-2314 before going in. For pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Berg directly at 509-595-5493)

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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: Our parents, Annie & Gunnar Aagaard; Charlotte & Paul Heide,

and our brother, Jan Heide

Given By: The Adjorlolos In Memory of: Marvin & Ruth Boyd;

Laurence & Ezueyou Adjorlolo

Given By: Jose, Tricia & Nick Alcaraz In Memory of: Jill & Dave Davis and

Alfonso Alcaraz

In Honor of: Evelia Alcaraz

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin

In Memory of: Barbara Bastin and Tom

McMaster

Given by: Dominic Battle **In Memory of:** His mother,

Stephanie Battle

Given by: Del Benson

In Memory of: Margie Benson

Given by: Noah & Maddie Berg

In Memory of: Nana Given by: Robert Berg In Memory of: Diane Berg

Given by: The Bowers Family

Given by: Ginny & Jim Conricode

To beautify our sanctuary

Given by: The Curcio Family In Memory of: Loves ones lost In Honor of: Christ's birth

Given by: Eric, Pat & Bo Daane In Memory of: Bill Gonyea In Honor of: Marge Gonyea

Given by: Nancy Davis

In Memory of: her husband, Pastor Chuck

Davis & her daughter, Barbara

Given by: Dorothy Eikanger **In Memory of:** Katherine McEwan

Given by: Evelyn Gaylord In Memory of: Dave Lewis

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn **In Memory of:** Their parents

Given By: Gerald & Judith Halweg **In Honor of:** The Batstone Five

Given by: The Hatlen Family

In Memory of: Matthew Danforth and

their parents

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard

In Honor of: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Brian

and Erica

Given By: Marilyn Iverson & Fritz Kiehne

In Memory of: our loved ones In Honor of: our families

Given By: Marilyn Kay

Given by: Darryl & Debbie Lageson In Honor of: Heather, Jenni & Jeff and

their familes

In Memory of: Their parents

Given By: Craig, Jessica & Samuel

Lichtenstein

In Honor of: Their grandparents

Given by: The Mass family **In Memory of:** Torrey Carls

Given by: Nancy & Neil McGee **In Memory of:** Their parents

Given by: Ruth & Mark Neitzel

In Memory of: Sister, Rita Bleiberg and

their parents

Given By: Jean & Doug Peterson In Honor of: Fave Elgin Peterson, celebrating her 4th birthday,

December 19

Given by: Beth & Gordy Phelps In Memory of: Roberto Tacchi

Given by: Dave & Judy Richards In Memory of: Their loving parents

Given by: Sandy & Karl Sailand In Memory of: Their parents

In Honor of: Karey, Steve, Trevor, Nathan & Brandon Coble; Lyndsey & Lilly Zahnow

Given by: John & Lynn Scoggins

In Memory of: Lynn's parents & John's

mother

In Honor of: John's father, children &

grandchildren

Given By: Marilyn Sides In Memory of: Don Sides

Given by: Joe & Linda Siebert In Memory of: Loved ones

Given by: The Skjonsby family

In Memory of: Hari Narayan, Kamla Wati,

"Jim" Rohesh & Nira Malaika

Given by: Roger Steinke Family In Memory of: Paul and Herta Steinke In Honor of: Landon Roger Moore

Given by: Terry Straka

In Memory of: Her dear husband,

Rowland

Given by: Nora Strothman In Honor of: Loved ones

Given by: Tim & Barb Thieme In Memory of: Keira & Bob

Given by: Carsten & Joyce Thode In Memory of: Hank & Frances Rodne &

Manfred Thode

In Honor of: Sigrid Thode

Given By: Karen & Ray Thomas

In Honor of: Osten, Samantha, Addie & Morgan

Given by: Janine Tomlinson In Memory of: Jean Pickens

Given by: Marlon & Rita Wang **In Honor of:** Members of Living Truth

Chinese Lutheran Church

