

December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM



First Lutheran Church  
BOTHELL

# 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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**Sunday School Nativity Play**  
**10:00 am**

**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)
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**Assisting With Today’s Service:**

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg  
Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne  
Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds  
Piano: June Condra  
Children’s Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Emily Curcio	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Ushers	Dan Bormann	Communion Assistants	Nancy McGee Neil McGee
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## GATHERING

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

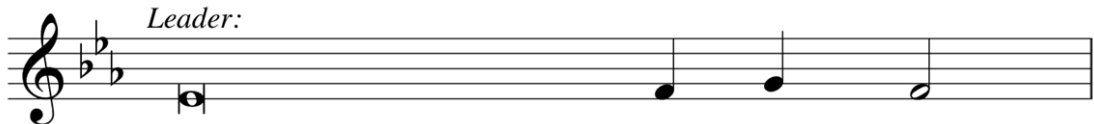
**PRELUDE:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Richard S. Willis)*

*Cheryl Miller, flute & June Condra, piano*

## WELCOME

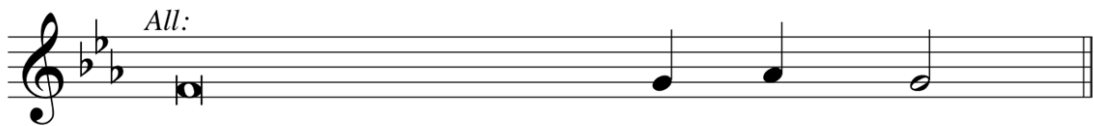
### GATHERING RITE: *Holden Service of Light*

*Leader:*



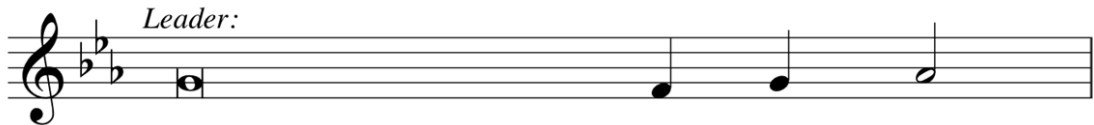
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



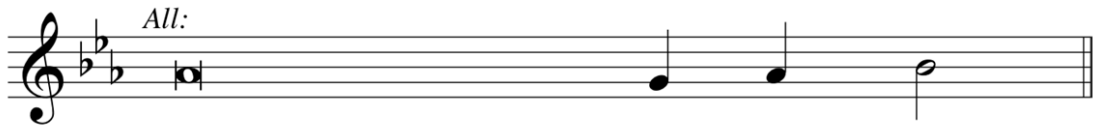
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



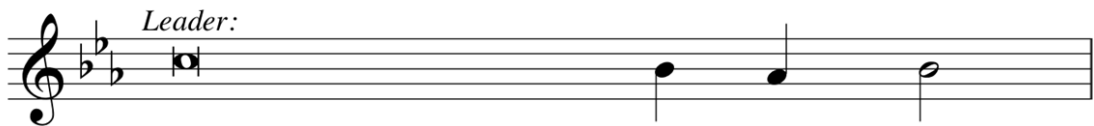
Stay with us now, for it is morning,

*All:*



and the day is just be - ginning.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

# GATHERING SONG *All Earth Is Hopeful: Toda la tierra* (ELW 266)



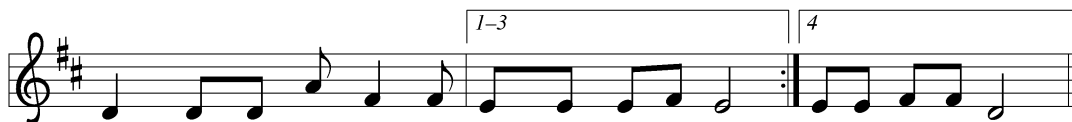
*To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor*  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



*y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el*  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



*mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -*  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



*cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.*  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

*Doug Peterson, Bob Berg, Susan Berg, June Condra & Patty Weston, flute*

**Week Four: JOY**

*The Messiah's coming was punctuated by joy:*

*“The angel said to the shepherds,  
Do not be afraid;  
for see—I am bringing you good news  
of great joy for all people;  
to you is born this day  
in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.  
This will be a sign for you;  
You will find a child  
wrapped in bands of cloth  
and laying in a manger.*

*Luke 2:9b-1*

*Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King!*

*Isaac Watts, 1719, paraphrase of Psalm 98*

## WORD

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

**THE WORD: John 1:1-18**

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

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He

himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Word of God,  
word of life.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM: *A Christmas Story*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SING-A-LONG: *Away in a Manger (ELW 277)*



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



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



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

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *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!

## 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.

Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power, especially the Poor Peoples Campaign. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For whom do the people pray?

Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. 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.**

*We will not share the peace in a physical fashion, but from a distance. You may hold up your fingers in the peace sign or bow with your hands folded or hold your hand over your heart.*

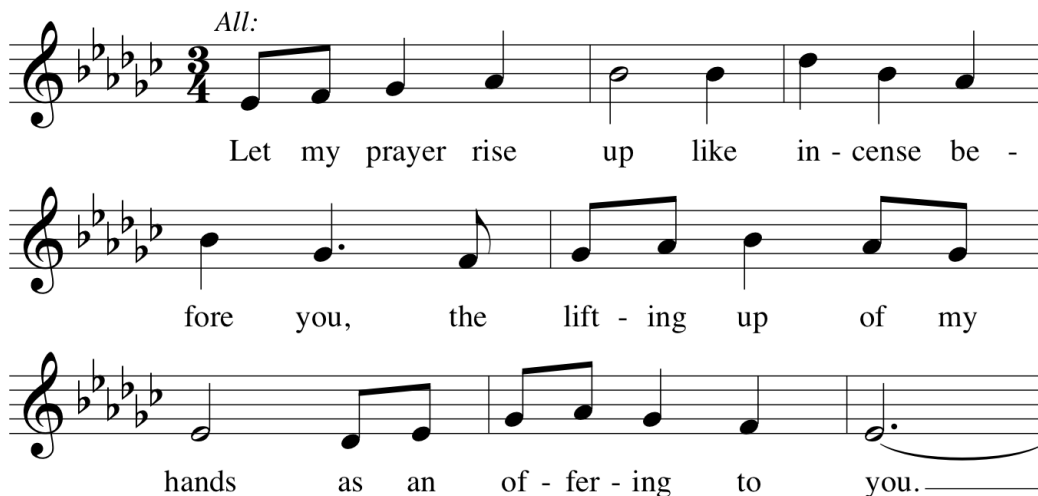
## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING:** *We will not pass the offering plate. When you come forward for Holy Communion you may place your offering and your communion card in the plate located in front of the Baptismal Font.*

**OFFERTORY:** *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:*



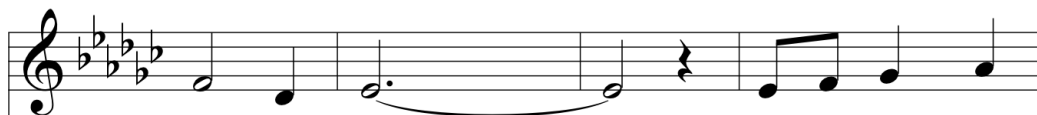
O God, I



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

deep in my heart may the light of your love be

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

burn-ing bright. Let my prayer rise

light of your love be burn-ing bright.

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. \_\_\_\_\_ All praise to the God of all— Cre -

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:      Once in Royal David's City (ELW 269)**



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel-ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



## *O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279)*



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**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,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

## SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING:



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



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



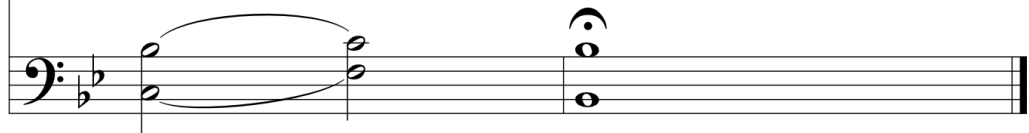
Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days.



A - men.



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## SENDING SONG: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE: *Joy to the World* (R. Hobby)

## **INFORMATION For the Week!**

### **Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Sunday School and Confirmation  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Chime Choir Rehearsal  
3:00 pm Movie Review—Hugo

### **Monday, December 20**

9:00 am No 4 Year Old Preschool  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:15 pm No 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool  
6:30 pm Hannah Circle  
7:00 pm Poor Peoples Campaign Information Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 21**

9:00 am Lectionary  
No 4 Year Old Preschool  
12:15 pm No 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool  
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline  
6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council

### **Wednesday, December 22**

9:00 am No 4 Year Old Preschool  
10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing  
12:15 pm No 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool  
7:00 pm Longest Night Worship Service on Zoom

### **Thursday, December 23**

9:00 am FLC Quilters  
No 3 Year Old Preschool  
12:15 pm No 5 Year Old Preschool

### **Friday, December 24**

Christmas Eve  
9:00 am No 3 Year Old Preschool  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

### **Saturday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!

### **Sunday, December 26 First Sunday of Christmas**

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), **Valerie** (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Donna Benfield** (member), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Derrick** (Holly Batstone's cousin), **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), **Jeanine** (Karen Thomas' sister-in-law), **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), **Gertrud** (Ryan Stute's mother), **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 ongoing.*

### **December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve**

**John 1:1-18    The Word Became Flesh**

### **December 26, 2021 First Sunday of Advent**

**John 1:1-18    The Word Became Flesh**

### **Weekly Financial Report**

December 12, 2021                      Attendance: 79 in person; 35 Zoom screens

**December 12, 2021 General Offerings: n/a Capital Improvement: n/a**

**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:**

# **blue christmas: a service of night prayer for the winter solstice**

december 22  
7:00pm  
zoom



## *Christmas Eve*

**5 PM & 7 PM**

Online and in the  
sanctuary



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