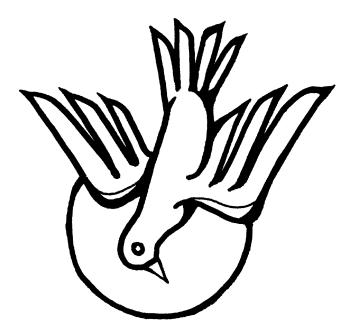
January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 am





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 alignation 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 NOTES

- + Please register each person on a communion card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher 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. We have trained nursery staff on duty, as well. Please ask an usher for directions.
- + 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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Flute	Cheryl Miller
Greeter	Emily Curcio
Ushers	Alain Adjorlolo David Shogren
Acolyte	Clare Jackman
Lector	Mona Shogren
Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Camera Tech	Stephanie Conroy
Communion Assistants	Renee Lier Tom Payne Jacky Schnarre
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

Serving Us In Worship Today

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GATHERING

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

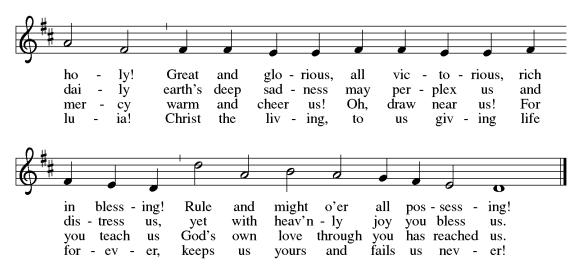
PRELUDE: O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright (J. Pachelbel)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Why Was Jesus Baptized

GATHERING SONG: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (ELW 308)





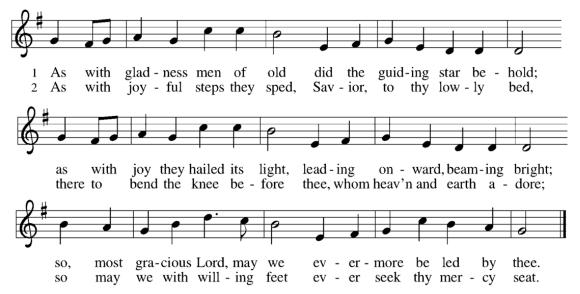
GREETING

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.

O God, with joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your children, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen. CANTICLE OF PRAISE: As with Gladness Men of Old (ELW 302)



WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 51:6-17

⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness,

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹³ Let me teach your ways to offenders,

and sinners shall be restored to you.

¹⁴ Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

¹⁶ For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

ANTHEM: The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us (T. Keesecker)

THE WORD: Luke 3:1-22

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.""

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

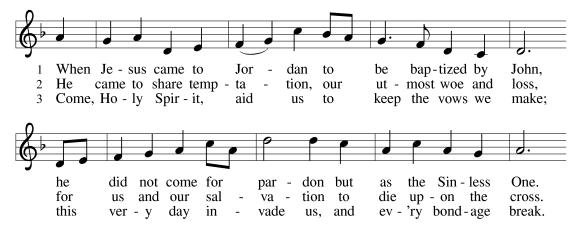
²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: When Jesus Came to Jordan (ELW 305)





With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen. God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

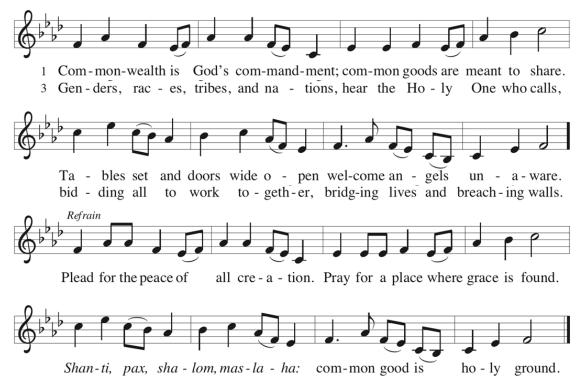
PEACE

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

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: As With Gladness (J. Carter)

OFFERING: Commonwealth Is God's Commandment (ACS 1036)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.

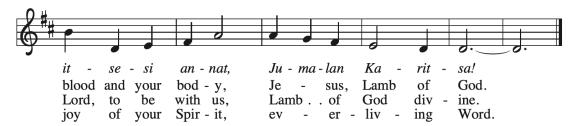
DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God

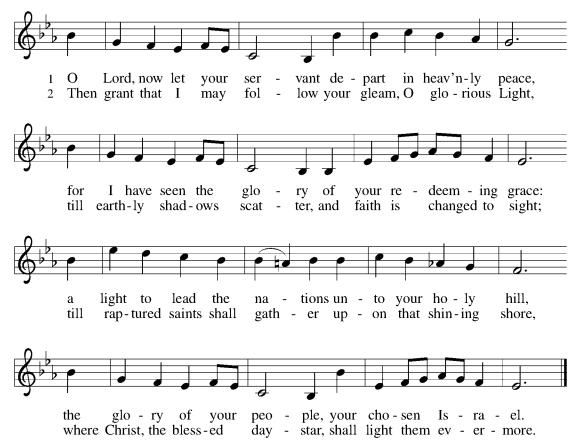


COMMUNION HYMNS: We Come Now to Your Table (ACS 970)





O Lord, Now Let Your Servant (ELW 313)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING

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

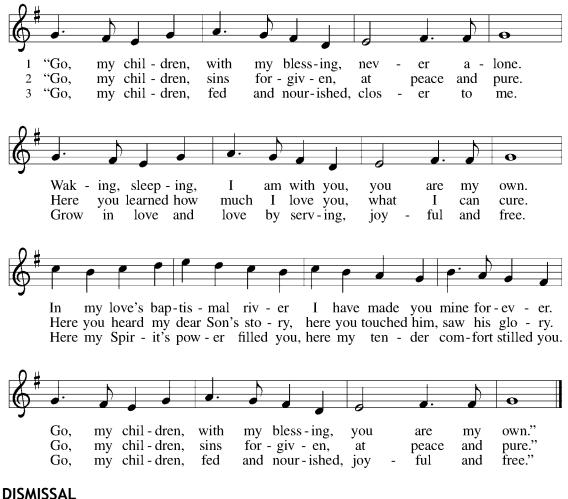
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)



Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Dix (D. Dahl)

In Our Prayers

We pray for Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Alexis (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Mary Hatlen (member), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), Beth (Anne Larsen's sister), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (frequent visitor), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Jean Rahr (former member), Marin (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), Jacky Schnarre (member), Deborah (Vicki Shank's cousin), Fern (Surya'Skjonsby friend), Debbie (Karen Thomas' friend), August (Karey Coble's friend).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Carolyn Becker (member), Donna (Roger Steinke's friend), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Vincent (Julie Mass' friend), Susan Cook (member), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Don Cornell (Kristin Smith's friend), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Audrey Fisher (member), John Godek (member), Teresa (friend of the Bakers) Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Mary (Melanie Veazey's mother), Karen Johnson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), John (Susan Berg's brother), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Chris Martin (member), Gordon (Tom & Chris Martin-Agnew's friend), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Dennis (Dave Shogren's brother), Mona Shogren (member), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), Kathy Telford-Luiz (member),

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeanette Backstrom (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother), Carol (Patty Weston's mother), Roger Wolter (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew), Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: 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.

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:30 am Executive Committee
- 4:00 pm Journey Class

Monday, January 13

- 10:00 am Widows Support Group
- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:00 pm Movie Review of *The Whole Gritty City*-All are welcome

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:30 am Lectionary
- 3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
- 4:15 pm Library Committee
- 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee
- 6:30 pm Youth Committee
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 15

- 10:00 am Rebecca Circle
- 10:30 am Personnel Committee
- 4:30 pm Preschool Board

<u>Thursday, January 16</u>

9:30 am FLC Quilters

Friday, January 17

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 18

9:00 am Hannah Circle Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

- 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages Finance Committee Budget Review
- 11:45 am Youth Lunch at Sparta's

January 19, 2024—Baptism of Our Lord

Psalm 51:6-17 Luke 3:1-22 Baptism of Jesus

Weekly Financial Report

January 5, 2024 Attendance in Person: 130

Zoom: 26

January 5, 2024 General Offerings:: \$8,258

Capital Improvement: \$1,472

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

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:

Tonight!

Ancient Echoes:

Refusing the Fear-Filled, Greed-Driven Toxicity of Our Current Culture

The Bible, ancient as it is, continues to emit echoes that take the form of both assurance and summons. In a twosession study we will reflect on what a healthy governance might be that assures well-being, shapes restorative justice, and laws that enact generous compassion.

> Journey Class: January 5 and 12 4:00pm-6:00pm Dinner will be served!



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