

Friday, December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm



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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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Carols of Christmas*

SPECIAL MUSIC: 5:00 pm, Chime Choir: *Chimes Jingle*, Arr. Paul Rosene

Away in a Manger, Arr. Frances L. Callahan

7:00 pm *Jeg Er So Glad*

Sigrun Payne, Soprano

WELCOME

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



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (ELW 282)



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
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:
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."
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The 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.

Word of God,
word of life.

SPECIAL MUSIC

5:00 - *O, Holy Night*, Arr. T. Fetke - Richard Edmonds, soloist

7:00 - *Mary Did You Know* - Trent Deverter, Trumpet;
Lucy Kay Osborne, piano

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God,
word of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (ELW 279)



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
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;
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.
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.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.

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!"

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 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!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love whispers to a weary world that the time for rest and restoration has come. Maintain healthy cycles of wake and sleep for all creatures. Where light pollution disrupts natural rhythms, encourage new practices. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love cries to a warring world that the time for peace is at hand. Direct those in power who make decisions on behalf of others, that they nurture and sustain all that is healthy, good, and holy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night. Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY:

5:00 - *Away in a Manger* (ELW 278)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle 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.

7:00 - *O Holy Night*, Arr. C. Duncan

Alexia Payne, Violin; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

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.



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

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

HYMN 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,



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

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

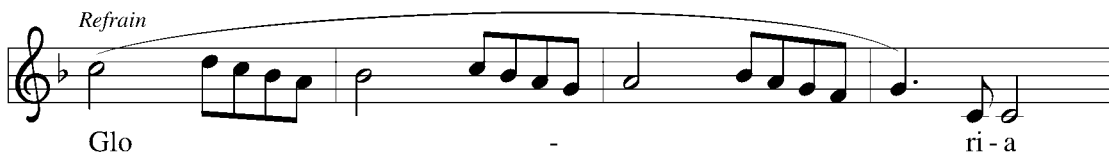
SENDING SONG: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289)



- 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.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Toccata & Pastorale, J. Pachelbel*

Assisting With Today's Services:

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	
Organist/Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	
Chime Choir Director	Holly Batstone	
Worship Assistant:	5 pm	Stephanie Almeida
		Roger Steinke
	7 pm	Susan Berg
Lector:	5 pm	Jeff Almeida
	7 pm	Joyce Thode
Acolyte:	5 pm	Jackie Fairbanks & Thorin Freriks
	7 pm	Beorn Skjonsby
Communion Assistants:	5 pm	Holly Batstone & Darryl Lageson
	7 pm	Kendahl Adjorlolo
Sound Tech:	5 pm	Ben Batstone
	7 pm	Ann Bormann
Ushers:	5 pm	Rob McCaw & Dave Richards
	7 pm	Dan Bormann & Carsten Thode

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 Heide, and Jan Heide

Given By: The Adjorlolos
In Memory of: Ruth & Marvin Boyd;
Laurence & Ezueyou Adjorlolo
In Honor of: Maoulay, Keely, Koissi &
Bogue

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin
In Honor of: Our families

Given by: Dominic Battle
In Memory of: His mother,
Stephanie Ruth Battle

Given by: Del Benson
In Memory of: Margie Benson & great-
grandson, James

Given by: Ann & Dan Bormann
In Memory of: Irdene Bonzer

Given by: Nancy Davis
In Memory of: her most beloved husband,
Rev. Chuck Davis & her daughter, Barbara

Given by: Sally Delvecchio

Given by: Ethel Eide
In Memory of: Her beloved husband,
Gordon R. Eide & brothers, Earl R. Edbo &
Paul Ge Eidbo

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn
In Memory of: Rebecca Circle members,
Edna Kastning & Eloise Helseth

Given By: Sherri Gordon & Jackie
Fairbanks
In Honor of: Grampa & Randy

Given By: Nick Gosanko & family
In Honor of: Jackie Gosanko; her giving &
caring life

Given by: The Danforth & Hatlen Families
In Memory of: Matthew Oliver Danforth
and their loved ones

Given By: Dave & Donna Hillard
In Honor of: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Brian
and Erica

Given By: Leona & Richard Keltner
In Memory of: Gene & Ethel Keltner and
John & Camille Duffy

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

Given by: Ruth & Mark Neitzel
In Memory of: Their parents, Lowell &
Shirley Neitzel and Charles & Rosalie
Robillard

Given By: David & Lucy Kay Osborne
In Memory of: Don & Lucille Alexander
and Jim & Colene Osborne

Given by: Jean & Doug Peterson
In Memory of: Doris, Ken, Dorothy &
Emmett

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

Given By: Marilyn Sides
In Memory of: Don Sides

Given by: Derrick StaRosa
In Memory of: Cole Jean

Given by: Nora Strothman
In Honor of: Loved ones

Given by: Tim & Barb Thieme
In Memory of: Giles- Kenny, Bob, Jerry,
Keira
In Honor of: Loved ones

Given By: Karen & Ray Thomas
In Memory of: Robert & Lois Johnson

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 26 First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
No Education Hour

Monday, December 27

Christmas Observed, Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 pm Book Club on Zoom— *Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri*

Friday, December 31, New Years Eve

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day

Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 2, Second Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am Worship

(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)

SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.