

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas
10:00 AM



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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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A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Northwest Washington Synod / ELCA

✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE: In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

David Buice, organ (Faith, Seattle)

WELCOME

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Bishop & Synod Staff

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Holy God, we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your
love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child
born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✝ In Christ your sins are forgiven, and you are clothed in
peace. **Amen.**

CAROL: Angels We Have Heard On High

French Carol

Betsy McGregor, piano; Pr. Gretchen Mertes, guitar; Sydney Spray, vocals (Our
Redeemer's, Seattle)

GREETING

Bishop & Synod Staff

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.

CAROL: God Rest Ye

18th Century English Carol

Lacey Brown, Claire Buswell, Carl Dahmer (Church of the Apostles, Seattle)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pr. John Guthridge & Kiddos from Edison, Bow

We praise you, O God, for water. / **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We need water to drink. / **We need water to drink.**

We need water to wash. / **We need water to wash.**

We need water to grow. / **We need water to grow.**

We praise you, O God, for water. / **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for baptism. / **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit. / **We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.**

We praise you, O God, for water. / **We praise you, O God, for water.**

Amen, with water. / **Amen, with water.**

CAROL: What Child Is This?

Text: William C. Dix; Tune: English Carol

Brody Newcomer, vocals; Andrea Snyder, ukulele (Holy Trinity, Mercer Island)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

June Bendickson (Salt House, Kirkland)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your love. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Wade/Oakeley/Galbraith

Kim Saunders, piano; Jason Bendickson, guitar, bass, vocals, programming, John Gillen, drums; Susan Wolbrecht, organ; Sarah McQuade, vocals; Alissa Brambilla, vocals; Kris Moor, vocals (Salt House, Kirkland)

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING

Beiza Melaku (Bethel Ethiopian, Seattle – in Amharic)

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Sears/Willis

Michael Nutting, piano; Congregational Choir (University Lutheran Church, Seattle)

PSALM 98

Friends at Josephine Caring Community, Stanwood

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the¹ house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.
The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

CAROL: Personent Hodie

arr. by Gregg Sewell

Deacon Nan Beth Walton, piano

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

Tamar Haddad (Christ, Ferndale - in Arabic)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CAROL: Send Us A Sign

Gretchen Mertes

Pr. Gretchen Mertes (Our Redeemer's, Seattle)

GODLY PLAY MESSAGE: Based on Luke 2:1-20

Joy Studer (Ebenezer, Lake Stevens) and Friends Throughout the Synod

CAROL: Song of the Stable

Dudley-Smith/Hillesland

Pr. Ivar Hillesland (Church of the Apostles, Seattle)

APOSTLES' CREED

Pr. Yonsu Kim (Reborn Fellowship, Shoreline – in Korean)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

We invite you to make a generous gift to your local congregation. If you wish to make an additional donation to our NW Washington Synod Bishop's Caring Fund, please do so here: www.lutheransnw.org/donate

OFFERING CAROL: Silent Night

Mohr/Young/Gruber

Christoph, Mattias and Lukas Hofstetter, violins (Holy Trinity, Mercer Island)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Staff from Grace, Des Moines

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. Your Spirit calls your church to rejoice in Christ's birth. As we gather at the manger, help us see your face in all babies needing comfort and care. Equip the church in the nurture and encouragement of all children. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The rocks and streams proclaim your praise. Attune us to the joyful sounds and groaning of your creation. Stir us to tend the earth wisely, that the whole earth may dwell in abundance and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your messengers declare your joy to the world. Embolden leaders and nations to make your justice and peace known throughout the earth. Uphold justice advocates and social service providers who risk their safety to help others (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You choose those regarded as lowly to tell the good news of your love. Pour out your mercy and care on all who are sick, grieving, struggling, and the elderly who live alone (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You abide with your people in times of trouble. Accompany families and children who have nowhere to turn. Strengthen this congregation and local ministries in their care for those fleeing danger, abuse, or neglect. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your grace and mercy extend to all. Give comfort to those who mourn, and assure them of the peace you have granted those who have gone before us. 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.

CAROL: Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Jon Lackey, Tenor and James Jelasic, Pianist (Peace Lutheran, Seattle)

LORD'S PRAYER

Musicians from Holy Spirit, Kirkland

✙ SENDING ✙

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty and loving Trinity, ✙ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING CAROL: Joy to the World

Richard Edmonds (First, Bothell)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude on Mendelssohn (Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

arr. by David Willcocks

William Bryant (Faith, Redmond)

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), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (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), **Jacque 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.

January 2, 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas

John 1:35-51 Come and See

Weekly Financial Report

December 19, 2021

Attendance: 123 in person; 36 Zoom screens

December 12 & 19, 2021 General Offerings: \$23,260 Capital Improvement: \$2,596

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,735

Assisting With Today's Services:

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg
Organist/Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Sound Tech:	Terry Barker
Ushers:	Ryan Stute
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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

9:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal
No Education Hour

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion**

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