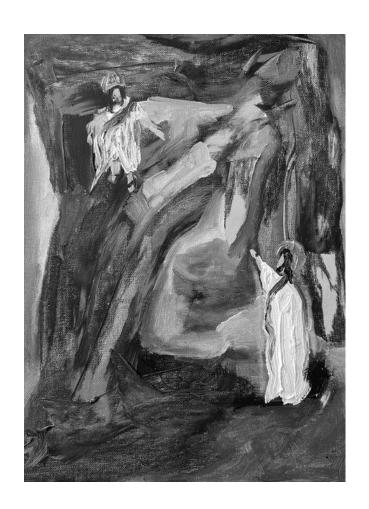
April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 am





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 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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- + 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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Violin	Alexia Payne
Greeter	Susan Berg
Ushers	Tom Larsen David Osborne
Acolyte	Brandon Coble
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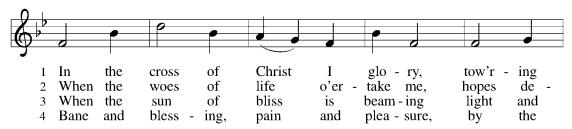
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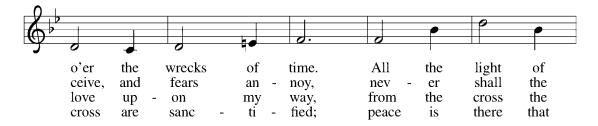
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

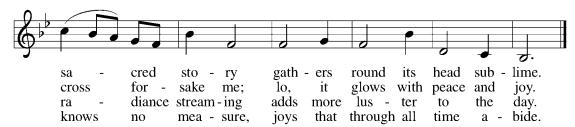
PRELUDE: Sonata in C minor (Vivaldi)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: In the Cross of Christ I Glory (ELW 324)







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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



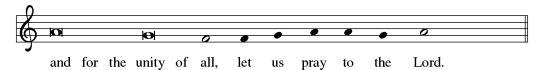


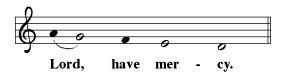
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-4,10-12

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

²O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

ANTHEM: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (African American)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 18:31--19:10

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."

He said, "Lord, let me see again."

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see

³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you."

⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

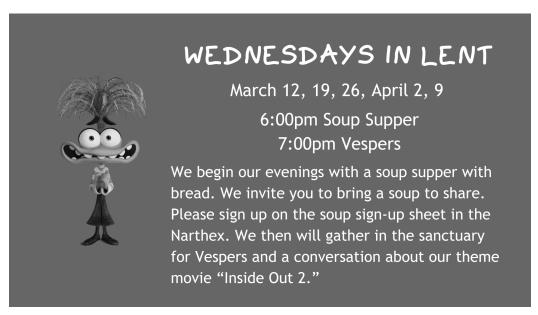
⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Word of God.
Word of life.
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)



- walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple 1 Let us ev - er pure,
- 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- con-quered death, 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he
- from the al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en 4 Let us dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. Je - sus, you are now our head, that to life we may a - wak - en.



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, tray - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv-ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let do Say - ior's bid-ding. us our shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. dis - com-forts that an - nov shall but prove the gate of heav-en. and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; Je - sus, here I share your woe; Je - sus, here with you Ι die, Je - sus, let me faith - ful

I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy know. to there to live with you on high. life e - ter - nal grant to

be;

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence for self-reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

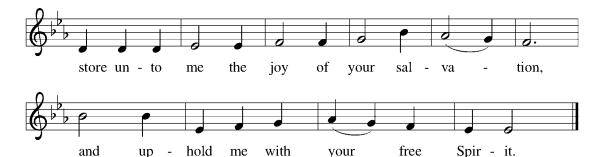
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Were You There? (Spiritual)

OFFERING: Create in Me a Clean Heart





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus 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, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the 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 your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

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

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

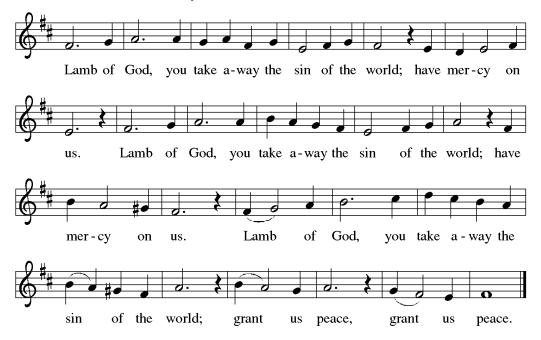
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.

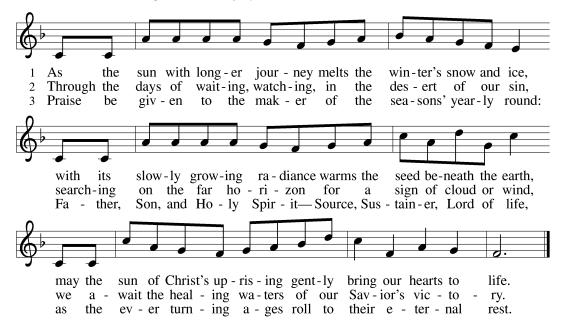
DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMNS:

As the Sun with Longer Journey (ELW 329



Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (ELW 334)



Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

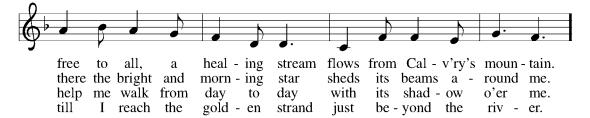
God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

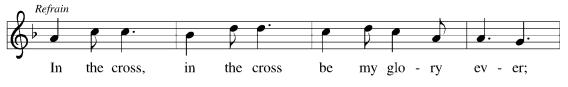
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)



- 1 Je sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre cious foun-tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem bling soul, love and mer cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop ing, trust ing ev er,







DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: On My Heart Imprint Your Image (Kevin Hildebrand)

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages

Monday, April 7

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool

3 year old Preschool

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, April 9

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool 10:00 am Personnel Committee

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper—All are welcome!

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, April 10

9:00 am 5 year old Preschool

3 year old Preschool

9:30 am FLC Quilters 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, February April 11

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, April 12

9:00 am Hannah Circle

11:00 pm Jacquie Stoll Memorial Service

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: 9:30am Bring your own branches (Cedar, Sword Ferns)

Healing Wednesday: 7:00pm Online only

Maundy Thursday: 12pm & 6pm: Dinner Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday: 7:00pm



In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for former member, Bob Rahr and family in the death of his wife Jean on March 29th.

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), Kristine (Jennifer Cleave's aunt), 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), David (Thomas Holmes' grandfather), John (Susan Berg's brother), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), 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), Brandis *(Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Marin (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), Jacky Schnarre (member), Deborah (Vicki Shank's cousin), Fern (Surya'Skjonsby friend), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Lupe (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), Carolyn Becker (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Kai (Jennifer Cleaves' son), 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), Kai (Nancy & Russ Kerwin's grandson), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), John Godek (member), Teresa (friend of the Bakers) Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Karen Johnson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Noreen Kloster (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Gina (Roger Steinke'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), Kayden (Karey Coble's nephew), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Telford-Luiz (member), Lynette (Karen Thomas' friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Audrey Fisher (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Walt 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.

April 13, 2025-Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:19-23 Luke 19:29-44 Triumphal Entry

Weekly Financial Report

March 30, 2025 Attendance in Person:136 Online: 35

March 23, 2025 General Offerings: \$5,558 Capital Improvement: \$602

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770

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:

