March 30, 2025 Fourth 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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Serving Us In Worship Today

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Acolyte	Clare Jackman
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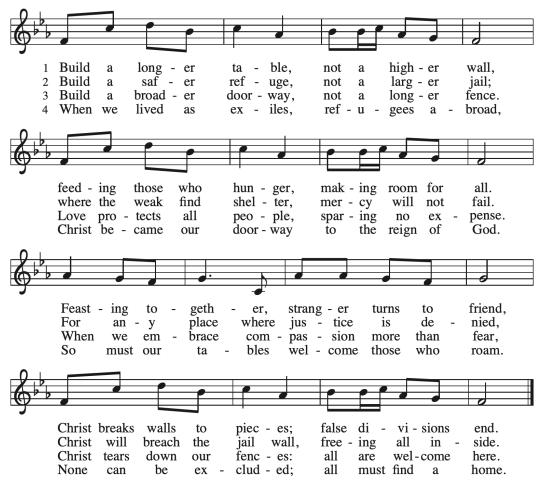
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Converse (R. Hobby)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062)



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

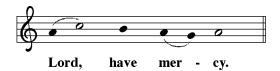


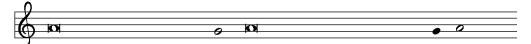
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



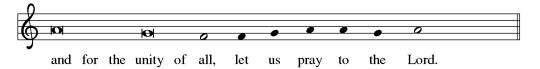


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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









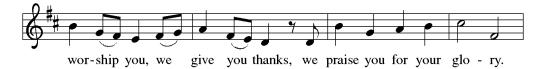
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

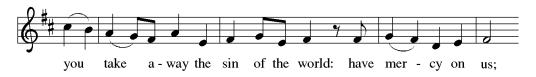




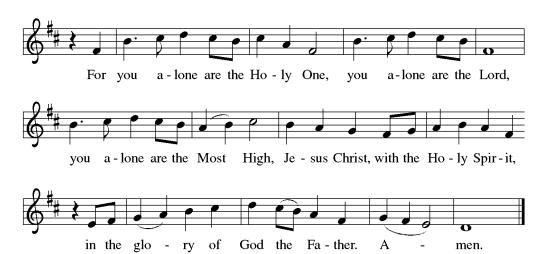












PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Divine Word, you sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 41:1-3

¹ Happy are they who regard the poor! The LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble. ² The LORD protects and revives them, those blessed in the land, and does not hand them over to the power of their enemies. ³ The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.

ANTHEM: Jesus Priceless Treasure (J. S. Bach)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

 27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - 28 for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear a friend so faith - ful Can we find who will all our sor-rowsshare? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake Take you? it to the Lord in prayer.

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all ev - 'ry-thing to God in be - cause we do not car - ry prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in praver. his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a

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.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died especially Marlys and Hildur. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. 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.

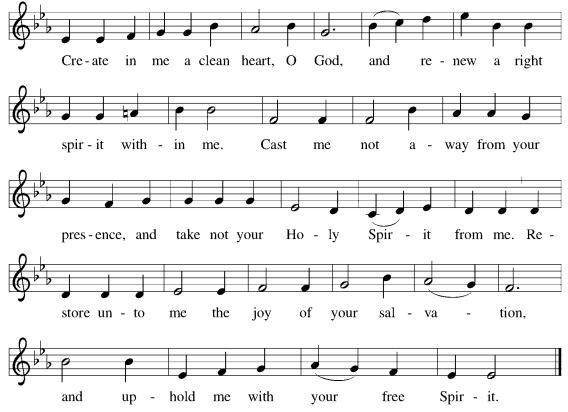
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Converse (J. Schrader)

OFFERING: Create in me a Clean Heart (Freylinghausen)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

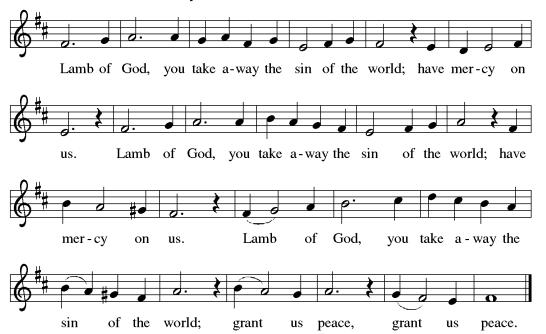
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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

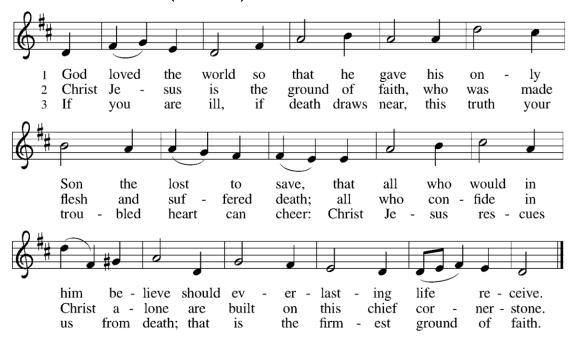


COMMUNION HYMNS: If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)



build on the rock that will not move. God's un - chang - ing love; will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss. took for you a cross knows ver - y cho - sen us by grace, well the fears we face. con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

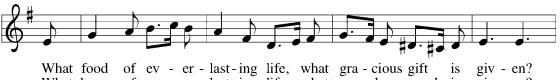
God Loved the World (ELW 323)



What Feast of Love (ELW 487)

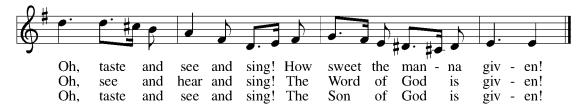


- What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?





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: My Life Flows On in Endless Song (ELW 763)(next page)

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Jesu, Meine Freude (J. Walther)

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end less song; a bove earth's lam-en ta tion,
- 2 Through all the tu mult and the strife, I
 - I hear that mu-sic ring ing. The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- What though my joys and com-forts die?
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
- a foun tain ev er spring-ing!



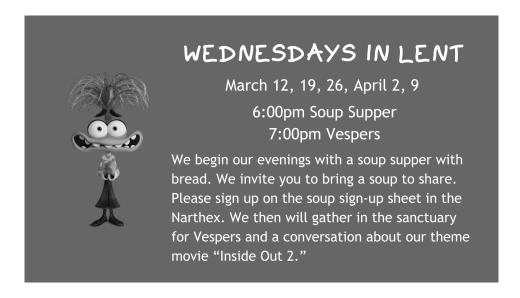
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

3:00 pm Lyric Arts Concert—*Dynamic Duos & More*—All are welcome!

Monday, March 31

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool 3 year old Preschool

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting

7:00 pm IT Communications Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool 10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing 4:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

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

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, April 3

9:00 am 5 year old Preschool

3 year old Preschool

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

Friday, February April 4

Church Office Closed!

3:00 pm Marlys Helgeland Memorial Service

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for the family of Marlys Helgeland in her death on March 21st. Prayers of Sympathy for the family of Hildur O'Conner in her death on March 23rd.

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), Jean Rahr (former member), 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), Kristine (Jennifer Cleave's aunt), 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 6, 2025—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 Luke 18:31-19:10 Zacchaeus

Weekly Financial Report

March 23, 2025 Attendance in Person:139 Online:

March 23, 2025 General Offerings: \$16,568 Capital Improvement: \$439

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770