

December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:30 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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Nativity of Our Lord I: Christmas Eve

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE 5:00 PM: *Angels We Have Heard on High (French Carol Trad.)*
7:00 & 10:30 PM: *A Collection of Carols*

WELCOME

GATHERING DIALOGUE: *w=window side; p=piano side*

Asst: We are called to proclaim the truth... and let us believe:

W: It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost.

P: This is true: We have come to believe that we may have life in all its abundance.

W: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

P: This is true: the deaf hear, the dead are raised to new life, the poor are hearing the good news.

W: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

P: This is true: death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning or crying nor pain anymore.

W: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.

P: This is true: the Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to the temple; and the Lord is like a refiner's fire.

W: It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity, are not meant for this earth and for this history.

P: This is true: it is already time for us to wake up from sleep. For the night is far gone, the day is at hand.

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



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

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: *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.

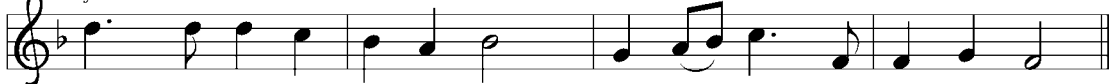


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



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.

Refrain



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

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the 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.

ANTHEM:

5:00 PM & 7:00 PM: *Mary Did You Know (L. Larson)*

10:30 PM: *A Celtic Noel (R.E. Schram)*

PSALM: Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!"

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

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



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
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;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
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.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
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.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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 guest place for them.

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.

Word of God.

Word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (ELW 282)



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
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:
and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
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.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
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 ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The seas roar, and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence, and a renewed care for all that fills the fields, skies, and seas. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

A child is born for us and light shines on the weary. Watch over those who give birth this night and attend to those who are dying. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by

their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY 5:00 PM: *Away in a Manger (James Murray)*

7:00 PM: *Angels We Have Heard on High (M. Hayes)*

10:30 PM: *On Christmas Night (Arr. H. Hopson)*

OFFERING: *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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, 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, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light 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

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

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.*

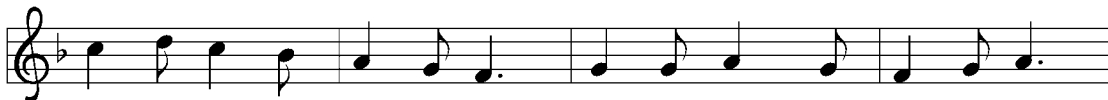
DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, but still wish to receive communion, let an usher know and they will direct the communion assistants to you. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (ELW 271)



- Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;*
1 I am so glad each Christ - mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
4 I am so glad each Christ - mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ - mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW 275)



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth, when humans were formed in God's own image; long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom; eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges; a thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father, willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy, was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

CANDLE HYMN: *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 love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace,
 illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.
 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.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Noel (Daquin)*

Assisting With Today's Services:

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg
Organist/Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Greeter	5:00 pm Christy Freriks 7:00 pm Jeff Almeida 10:30 pm Jerry Bannister
Worship Assistant:	5:00 pm Roger Steinke 7:00 pm Stephanie Almeida 10:30 pm
Lector:	5:00 pm Christy Freriks 7:00 pm Mona Shogren 10:30 pm Mark Bowers
Communion Assistants:	5:00 pm Paul Desilet & Nicole Thorsheim 7:00 pm Kendahl & Alain Adjorlolo 10:30 pm Jean Peterson
Sound Tech:	5:00 pm Gary Curtis 7:00 pm Alain Adjorlolo 10:30 pm Andrew Phelps
Camera Techs:	5:00 pm Jeff Kosman 7:00 pm David Osborne 10:30 pm David Osborne
Ushers:	5:00 pm David, Alex & Thorin Freriks & Sue Toyoda 7:00 pm Dave Shogren 10:30 pm Kaaren Hatlen & Nora Strothman
Special Music	5:00 pm June Condra, Piano; Trent DeVerter, Trumpet; Cheryl Miller, Flute; Alexia Payne, Violin 7:00 pm Trent DeVerter, Trumpet 10:30 pm Alexia Payne, Violin

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 & Jan Heide

Given By: Clint & Dawn Bastin
In Memory of: Tom McMaster;
Barbara & Clinton Bastin
In Honor of: Dorothy McMaster

Given by: Robert Berg & family
In Memory of: Diane Berg (Nana)

Given by: Ann & Dan Bormann
In Honor of: We pray for world peace.

Given by: Mark & Beth Bowers
In Memory of: Mary Jane Nemeyer

Given by: Mary Christopher
In Memory of: Elaine Hirt

Given by: Joel & Nancy Conner
In Memory of: Our parents

Given by: Nancy Davis
In Memory of: her husband, Rev. Dr. Charles
R. Davis & their daughter, Barbara Jean;
In Honor: of their son, Paul Erik

Given by: Ethel Eide
In Memory of: Parents, Rev. Elling E * &
Sigrid Eidbo

Given by: Allen & Sandy Glenn
In Honor of: Life! & Sophie Leigh Johnson,
great granddaughter born 6/4/2024 and Son,
Steven's 20th anniversary of stem cell
transplant on 10/28/2024.

Given by: The Hatlen Family
In Memory of: Our loved ones
In Honor of: Our loved ones

Given by: Meiqi He & Fan Qi
In Memory of: Fan Qi's brother

Given by: Dan & Sandy Hendricks
In Memory of: Dan's Sister, Frances Williams

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

Given by: Marilyn Iverson
In Memory of: Her beloved husband, Dr.
James Iverson, her mother, Ruth, her father,
Jack & her sister, Carol

Given by: Darryl & Debbie Lageson
In Honor of: Their family

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

Given by: Alexia & Tom Payne
In Memory of: Roberty & Eileetn Payne
and Gordon Eide

Given by: Beth & Gordy Phelps
In Memory of: Their parents, Bill & Winnie
Ramstad and Tracy & Annetta Phelps
In Honor of: Their granddaughters.
Reagan & Marin Rahlfs

Given by: Dave & Judy Richards
In Memory of: Chuck & Alice Hugo; Gene
& Leona Richards
In Honor of: Their children & grandsons

Given by: Sandy & Karl Sailand
In Honor of: Karey & Steve Coble, Trevor
Nathan & Brandon; Kayden Sailand

Given By: The Schliep Family
In Memory of: Drew's grandma, Sylvia Johnson

Given By: John & Lynn Scoggins
In Memory of: Their parents
In Honor of: Their children & grandchildren

Given by: Mona & Dave Shogren
In Memory of: Emma Shogren & George Shogren

Given by: Marilyn Sides
In Memory of: Don Sides

Given By: Joe & Linda Siebert
In Honor of: Their beloved family

Given By: Johannes, Surya, Karishma & Beorn Skjonsby
In Memory of: Hari & Kamla Wati Narayan, Rohesh "Jim" Chand, Verine Skjonsby & Kim Unti

Given by: Roger Steinke
In Memory of: Herta & Paul Steinke
In Honor of: Landon, Gemma & Maeve Moore

Given by: Nora Strothman
In Memory of: Bill Strothman

Given by: Barb Thieme
In Memory of: Tim, Dad, Grandpa, and their Keira

In Honor of: Their loving family

Given by: Carsten & Joyce Thode
In Memory of: Hank & Frances Rodne, Manfred Thode;

In Honor of: Sigrid Thode

Given By: Karen & Ray Thomas
In Memory of: their parents
In Honor of: Osten, Addie, Samantha & Morgan

Given by: Melanie Veazey
In Memory of: Her dad, Phil Jensen
In Honor of: Her mom, Mary Jensen

Given by: Melinda Wax
In Memory of: Michael Gage; Tim & Joanne Gage



Calendar of the Week

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

Church office closed

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Church office closed

Saturday, December 28

Storage Room Clean-up

Sunday, December 29 First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion**

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

No lectionary!

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

(The FLC church office will be closed intermittently between Dec. 25 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 425-415-6817.)

N E W Y E A R

OFTEN WITH A NEW YEAR ON THE HORIZON WE BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT NEW THINGS WE CAN DO TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR OURSELVES. BEING A PART OF A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY HELPS US WITH OUR STRUGGLES. IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT MAKING A CHANGE AND BECOMING MORE ATTENTIVE TO YOUR FAITH, CONSIDER FLC.

PASTOR BERG IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSATION.

SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

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Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem

Did you know that we are partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land? Amongst the nine congregations, four ministry sites and five educational institutions there is one very special church – Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.

The Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church is at the heart of both the modern-day bustling city of Bethlehem and the biblical story of the incarnation of Christ. Living in the location of God’s incarnation, contextual and incarnational theology is an integral part of the lives of Christians in Bethlehem. Shaped by this identity, the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem has long sought to empower local expressions of the gospel – in theology, in culture, in community, and in education.

There has been a continuous worship life in the sanctuary of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem since 1893. These Arab Lutheran Christians provide much needed respite from the chaos that surrounds them. Each Sunday worshippers from Bethlehem and around the world gather to give thanks to our God of hope.

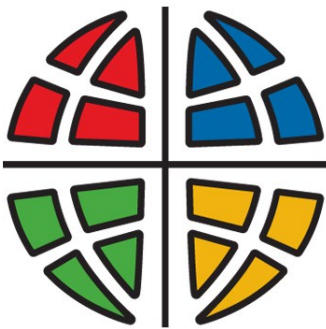
CLC in Bethlehem shares its campus with the International Center of Bethlehem and has strong ties to the Dar al-Kalima Lutheran School and the Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture.

They are currently served by the Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, who wears many hats in Palestine. Here is what he has to say about the war in Gaza:

“May we unite this Christmas in lighting a candle for Gaza, and particularly for the children of Gaza. This is beyond symbolism. Let us unite in prayer, and commit ourselves to the cause of ending this genocidal war. We cannot stop talking about Gaza. We cannot stop advocating. Most importantly, we will not lose our faith and hope in God and the goodness and justice of God.”

It is amazing that the birthplace for our Prince of Peace is a place of constant violence. Pray for our fellow human beings who have to suffer so much.





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