March 16, 2025 Second 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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- + 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.
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Serving Us In Worship Today

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Greeter	Jerry Bannister
Ushers	Karey Coble Dave Richards
Acolyte	
Lector	David Osborne
Sound Tech	Gary Curtis
Camera Tech	Derrick StaRosa
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Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Rondeau (E. Dall'Abaco)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Bless Now, O God, the Journey (ELW 326)



- 1 Bless now, O God, the jour ney that all your peo ple make,
- 2 Bless so journ-ers and pil grims who share this wind-ing way;
- 3 Di vine e ter nal lov er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take. your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day. We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in winds the moun-tain des - ert and round, We vearn for ho - lv free - dom while of - ten we bound: are but wait-ing not for plac - es, you all meet round. us a -

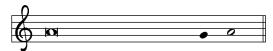


leads be-side still road where faith is found. then wa - ters, the road where faith is found. geth - er we are seek - ing the to Our writ - ten on roads, as found. cov - e - nant is faith is

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



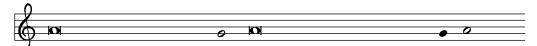
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



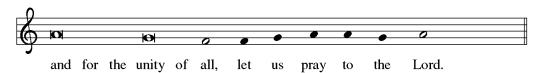


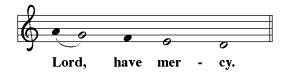
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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,





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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

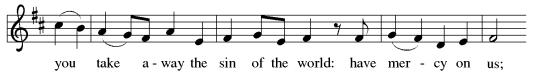


Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we





Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,





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



Tot you a tone are the 110 ty one, you a tone are the Lord,



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

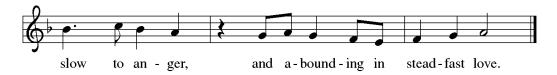
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they flourish who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

ANTHEM: Lord, Be With Us on This Day (J. Althouse) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your peace.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who

are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

grace

pro

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O God of Mercy, God of Light (ELW 714)

vide,



love

them

to

all

in

you.

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.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Ruth, Sarah, and Mary Magdalene to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. 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.

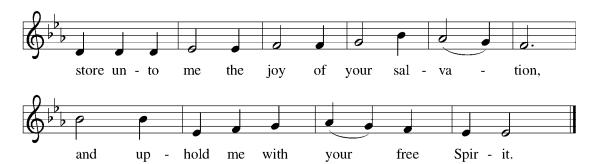
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Deep River (Spiritual)

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

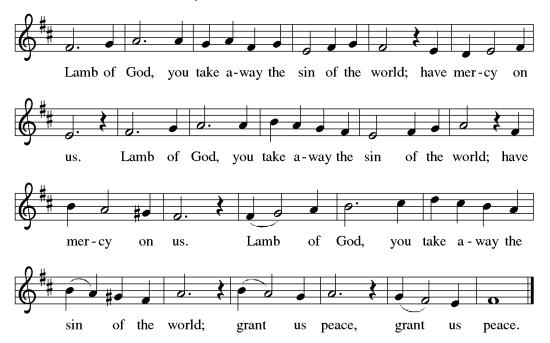
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.

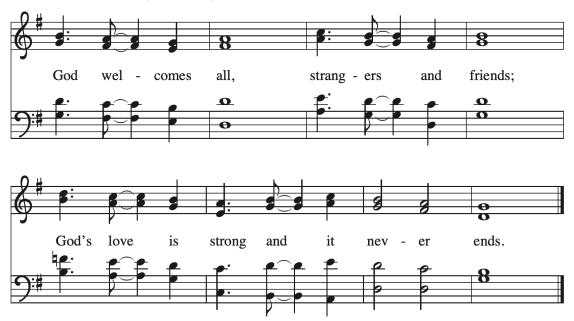
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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.

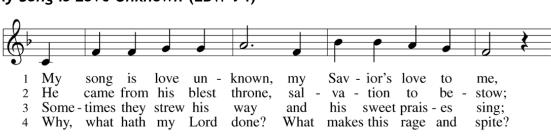
COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMNS: God Welcomes All (ACS 978)



My Song Is Love Unknown (LBW 94)

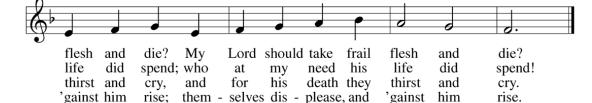




love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly but men made strange, and the longed-for Christ would know. none sound-ing all ho - san - nas re the day their King. to He made the lame run. he gave the blind their sight. to

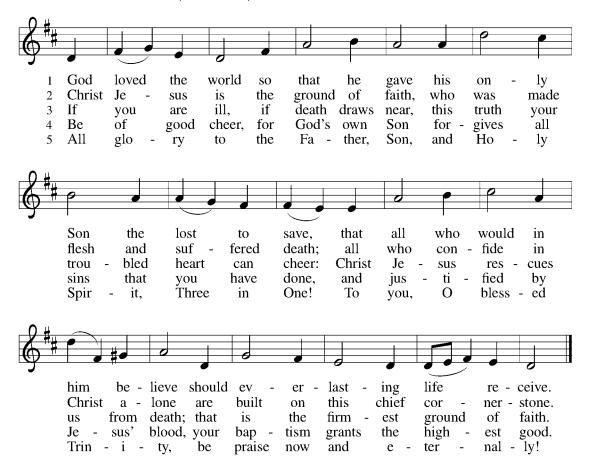


Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail But, oh, my friend, my friend in deed. who need his at my Then "Cru - ci - fy!" all their breath, and for his death they is Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

God Loved the World (ELW 323)



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 God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won-der ful thou art, thy maj-es-ty how bright!
- 2 How won der ful, how beau ti ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth-ly fa-ther loves like thee; no moth-er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al might y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won-der ful thou art, thou ev er last ing friend!



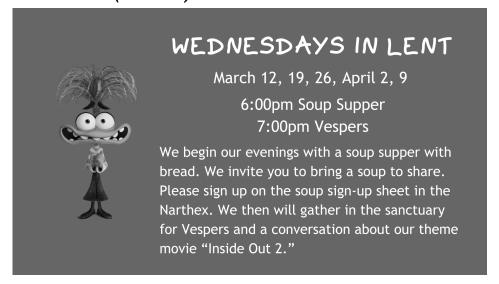
How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn-ing light! thine end-less wis - dom, bound-less pow'r, and awe-some pu - ri - ty! bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child. for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart. On stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Dundee (M. Sedio)



In Our Prayers

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), 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), Donna (Roger Steinke's friend), 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), 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), Marlys Helgeland (member), Hildur O'Connor (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.

March 23, 2025—Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 119:167-176 Luke 15:1-34 Parable of Lost Things

Weekly Financial Report

March 9, 2025 Attendance in Person:105 Online: 38

March 9, 2025 General Offerings: \$13,398 Capital Improvement: \$1,159

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 17

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

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 Fellowship Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 19

9:00 am 4 & 5 year old Preschool

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

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

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 20

9:00 am 5 year old Preschool

3 year old Preschool

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

Friday, February March 21

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, March 22

Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday in Lent

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

