

April 13, 2025  
Palm Sunday  
9:30 am



 **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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- + 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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# April 13, 2025

## Palm Sunday

### GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

### ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

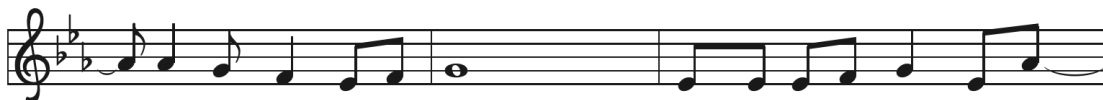
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches, ferns and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### PROCESSION: *Blessed Is the One* (ACS 929)



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

*We will sing this continually until all are gathered in the Sanctuary. We then will proceed directly to the next hymn:*

## GATHERING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**We thank you, dear Lord, for bringing to us the savior of the world, your only Son, our redeemer and our friend. We rejoice in his teaching and his healing. We marvel at the many signs that show that he is indeed the one sent by you. But the world would not have him. We ask your forgiveness for the many times we have not admitted that we are friends with Jesus. Bless our Holy Week so that our ears and our eyes will be open to the story of our salvation.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 118:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." <sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

### **ANTHEM: Hosanna! The King Comes Today (E. Lund)**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God,  
word of life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *As the Sun with Longer Journey* (ELW 329)



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,  
search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.  
as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-40; 21:34-38

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

<sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of



Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

<sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

[Jesus said,] "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

<sup>37</sup>Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. <sup>38</sup>And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

Word of God.

Word of life.

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* (ELW 333)

*Refrain* – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a

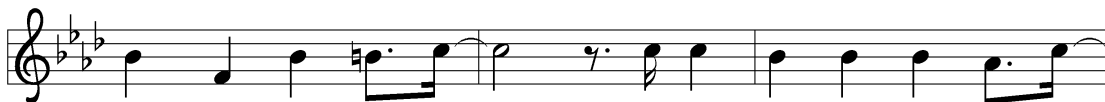


wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

## 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.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. 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.**

**OFFERTORY: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (T. Keesecker)**

**OFFERING: *Create in Me A Clean Heart***



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare for this Holy Week, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.**

**SENDING**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS: Luke 22:3-6;22:47-53

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

<sup>47</sup>While [Jesus was speaking], suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

<sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

<sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

## SENDING SONG: *Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping* (ACS 1050)



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor-rows swal-low and of - fers  
The Spir - it sings though we are shak-en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and  
shared our heart-felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -



hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.  
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.  
Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE: *Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping* (M. Hayes)**

**April 16, 2025—Holy Wednesday**

Luke 13:10-17 Healing

Psalm 34:8-10 **April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday**  
Luke 22:1-27 Words of Institution

Psalm 31:5-13 **April 18, 2025 Good Friday**  
Luke 23:32-47 Crucifixion

Psalm 118:17, 21-24 **April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday**  
Luke 24:1-12 Resurrection

**Weekly Financial Report**

April 6, 2025 Attendance in Person: 132 Online: 32  
April 6, 2025 General Offerings: \$14,248 Capital Improvement: \$1,011

**General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770**

## INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

### Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

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

### Monday, April 14

9:00 am      4 & 5 year old Preschool  
10:00 am     Widows Support Group  
12:00 pm     Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, April 15

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

### Wednesday, April 16

9:00 am      4 & 5 year old Preschool  
10:00 am     Rebecca Circle  
7:00 pm      **Holy Week Healing Service on Zoom**

### Thursday, April 17

9:00 am      5 year old Preschool  
                  3 year old Preschool  
9:30 am      FLC Quilters  
12:00 pm     **Maundy Thursday Dinner Church**  
6:00 pm      **Maundy Thursday Dinner Church**  
7:00 pm      Choir Practice

### Friday, February April 18

Church Office Closed!  
7:00 pm      **Good Friday Worship**

### Saturday, April 19

9:00 am      Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
10:30 am     Easter Breakfast Prep

### Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday—He is Risen!

8:30 am      **Worship w/ Holy Communion**  
9:00 am      Easter Breakfast—all are welcome!  
11:00 am     **Worship w/ Holy Communion**



# 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



# RISEN

CELEBRATE EASTER | SUNDAY, APRIL 20 8:30 & 11 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST 9 AM - 11 AM

## ***In Our Prayers***

### ***Prayers of sympathy for the family of former member, Judy Schneble in her death on January 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), **Sue & Lee** (Beth Bowers; cousins), **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), **Steve** (Mark Hatlen's cousin), **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), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Kai** (Nancy & Russ Kerwin's grandson), **Elizabeth** (Jane King's friend), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Karen** (Paula Glandon's sister), **John Godek** (member), **Teresa** (friend of the Bakers) **Jim** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **Thomas Holmes** (member), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Karl & Noreen Kloster** (members), **Amy** (Nancy McGee's friend), **Gina** (Roger Steinke's friend), **Kathy Koneiczka** (member), **Richard Koneiczka** (Kathy Koneiczka'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)

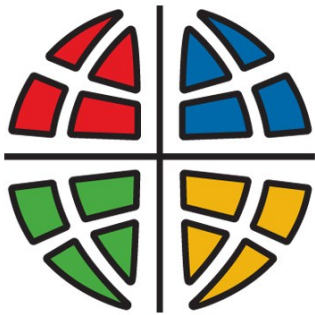
*We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.*

## **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:**



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America