

February 20, 2022
10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



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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WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering 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.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

Assisting With Today’s Service:

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg
 Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne
 Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds
 Organist: Karla Stalwick
 Children’s Message: Roger Steinke
 Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Student: Jill Nichols-Hicks

Greeter	Tamara McIntyre	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Ushers	Dan Bormann Allen Glenn	Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard Roger Wolter
Lector	Randall Wampler	Camera Tech	David Shogren
Acolyte		Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Prelude on Hyfrydol, Payne*

WELCOME

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one
who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

But the lowly shall possess the land, they will delight in abundance of peace.

**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the
wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

GATHERING SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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.

Holy and loving God, Your son proclaimed living water to all who are thirsty. We are thirsty, Lord. Quench our thirst with your living water and heal our souls. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *As the Deer* (W&P 9)

D A/C# Bm Bm/A G Asus A D

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

A/C# Bm D/A D/F# Em7 A7sus A7 D

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm/F# Em F#sus F#

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

D A/C# Bm D/A D/F# Em7 A7sus A7 D

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

WORD

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

GOSPEL: John 7:37-52

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet."

⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah."

But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?"

⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?"

⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?"

⁴⁶The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!"

⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law – they are accursed."

⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹"Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?"

⁵²They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

Word of God.

Word of life.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *O Healing River (F. Minkoff; F. Hellerman arr. D. Cherwien*

1.O healing river, send down your waters,
Send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
And wash the blood from off the sand.

2.This land is parching, this land is
burning,
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.

3.Let the seed of freedom, awake and
flourish,
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall
stalks rise.

O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *What God Ordains is Good Indeed* (ELW 776)



1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
3 What God or - dains is good in - deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We will not share the peace in a physical fashion, but from a distance. You may hold up your fingers in the peace sign or bow with your hands folded or hold your hand over your heart.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: *We will not pass the offering plate. When you come forward for Holy Communion you may place your offering and your communion card in the plate located in front of the Baptismal Font.*

OFFERING: *Make Me a Servant* (W&P 96)

F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.

Gm⁷ Bb/C C⁷ Bb/F F F_{sus}⁴ F A
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

Dm Dm/C G²/B Bbm⁶
And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

F/A Gm⁷ F/A Gm⁷
Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

F/C C⁷_{sus} F²
make me a ser - vant to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION

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

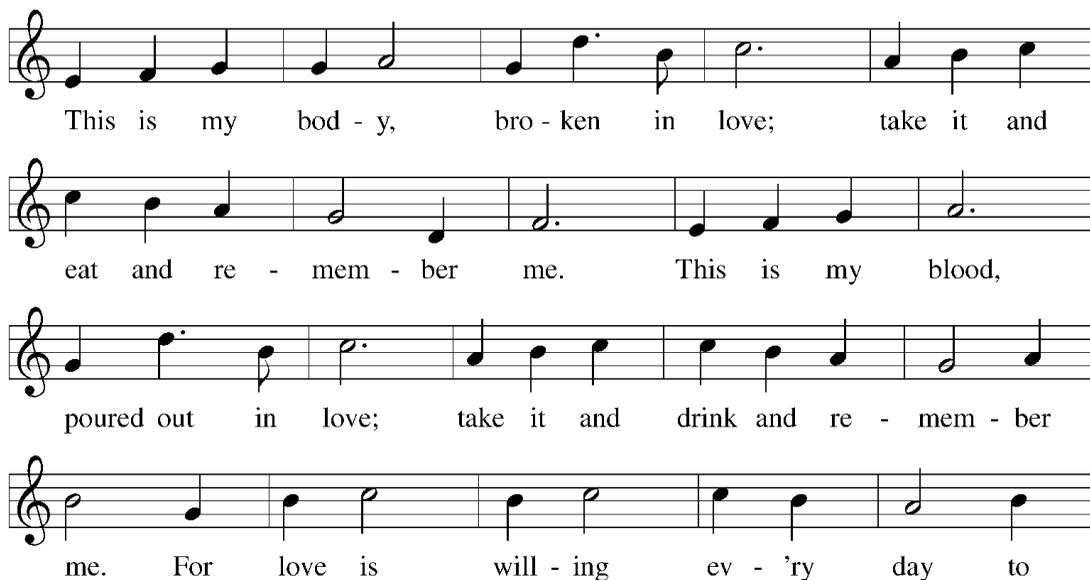
COMMUNION INSTRUCTION: *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

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 HYMNS:

Broken in Love (W&P 24)



This is my bod - y, bro - ken in love; take it and
eat and re - mem - ber me. This is my blood,
poured out in love; take it and drink and re - mem - ber
me. For love is will - ing ev - 'ry day to

die in or - der to live, and love is pa - tient

for a way to share the gifts that I give.

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song) (W&P 130)

Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his

love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a

dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and

fill your lambs. Je - sus, O

Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 2022

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✝ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (ELW 841)



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fantasia, Pachelbel*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), **MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's Friend)**, Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Frank** (Dick Boyce's friend), **Edith Holbrook** (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Kory** (Beth Phelps' friend), **Dan** (Jane King's friend), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Connie Wolter** (member).

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

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Tom Agnew** (member), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Donna Benfield** (member), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Derrick** (Holly Batstone's cousin), **Elias** (Linda Chapman's great-grandchildren), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Jeanine** (Karen Thomas' sister-in-law), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jim** (Marilyn Kay's husband), **Kevin Kastning** (member), **Tor & Lisbeth** (Pastor Berg's aunt & uncle), **Chris Martin** (member), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Marilyn Anderson (member), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane & Roy King** (members), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacquie Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

ARMY:

MARINES: **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & **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.

February 27, 2022 Transfiguration of Our Lord

John 9:1-41 Jesus and the Blind

Weekly Financial Report

February 13, 2022 Attendance: 91 in-person, 41 Zoom

February 13, 2021 General Offerings: \$ Capital Improvement: \$

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,939

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, February 20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:00 am Worship

Monday, February 21

Presidents' Day—Church Office Closed
9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, February 22

Pastor Berg Vacation
9:00 am Lectionary
4 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
7:00 pm Book Club

Wednesday, February 23

Pastor Berg Vacation
9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, February 24

Pastor Berg Vacation
9:00 am Quilters
3 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm 5 Year Old Preschool

Friday, February 25

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool

Saturday, February 26

Sunday, February 27 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome Rev. Chelsea Globe!
Pastor Berg Vacation
9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Movie Review

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

God's work. Our hands.