April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WEICOME

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 Godgiven 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

8:30 am		11:00 am	
Ushers	Dan Bormann Dave Richards	Ushers	Rob McCaw Randall Wampler
Acolyte	Karlyn LaFord	Acolyte	Jett Krema
Lector	Neil McGee	Lector	Joe Siebert
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Sound Tech	Linda Chapman
Camera Tech	Carsten Thode	Camera Tech	Jeffrey Kosman
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Word of God.

Word of life.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

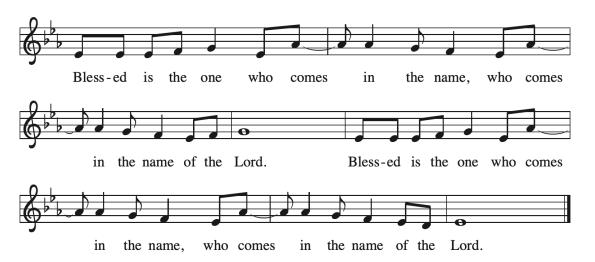
Let us pray.

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 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)



Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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







- 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



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

ANTHEM: 8:30—Sing Hosanna (J. Leavitt) 11:00—Hosanna! Come and Deliver (Ray Makeever)

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You (HFW 1293)



Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13 Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said] ³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

- ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
- ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
- ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."
- ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?
- ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
- ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Word of God. Word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Led by the Spirit to Desert Unknown (CBM 88)



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

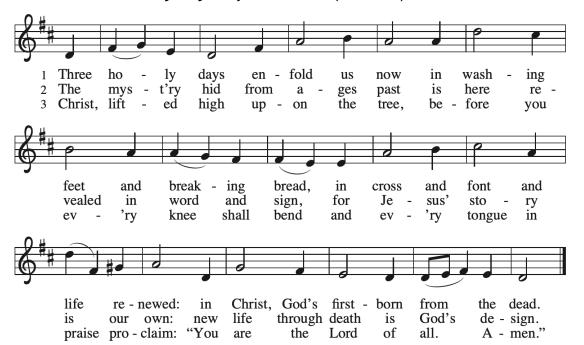
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERTORY: 8:30 am—Lamb of God/The Old Rugged Cross (L. Maynard)

11:00 am—Be Thou My Vision (Traditional Irish Melody)

June Condra, Piano; Cheryl Miller, Flute

OFFERING: Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now (ACS 930)



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt. Text © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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 ARREST OF JESUS: Matthew 26:1-5; 26:14-16; 26:47-56

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid

him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do."

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



Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

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POSTLUDE: 8:30 am-Jesu, Meine Freude (J. Walther)

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, April 3

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool 9:15 am Preschool Chapel 9:30 am Lectionary

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

12:30 pm Preschool Chapel

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
6:00 pm Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm IT/Communications Committee
Social Ministries Committee

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool 12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

6:00 pm Holy Week Healing Service on Zoom

Thursday, April 6

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

FLC Quilters

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 7

Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool 7:00 pm Good Friday Worhip

Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Easter Breakfast Set-up

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday!

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9;45 am Easter Breakfast served by FLC youth—All are welcome!

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Ryan Stute and family in the death of his aunts, Erika Dierker on March 11 and Erika Nolte on March 23.

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 Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), Jocelyn Carberry (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Evelyn (Marilyn Iverson's friend), Dana (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Linda (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), 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), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Carolyn Becker (member), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Geri Crawford (member), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Jess Faubion (member), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Loa (Karen Thomas' friend), Amy (Nancy McGee'ss friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Karl Kloster (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), David (Nancy McGee's cousin), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Emma (Leon Romaniuk's daughter), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), David Shogren (member), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Larry Baker (member), Mavis Carlson (member), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta & Larry Nelson (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), 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)

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?
think the title of the sermon should be:

HOLY WEEK - April 2-9, 2023

HEALING WEDNESDAY - Zoom - 7:00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY - In person/Online - 12:00pm & 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - In person/Online - 7:00 pm

EASTER DAY - In person/Online - 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast - 9:30-11:00am

Scrip News: Next Sunday, April 2 will be the last day to buy Scrip before Easter; Scrip will **not** be sold on Easter Sunday, April 9.

ADULT ED DURING LENT Join us on Sundays at 10am Lent offers a way of grappling with the unintelligibility of pain; it invites us to look at our lives and our deepest longings for healing, restoration, and fulfillment. March 12 - Giving Voice to Pain March 19 - Unmasking the Scapegoat March 26 - The Possibility of Wounds April 2 - Sitting with the Wounded

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Joh 13:1-17, 31b-25 Foot Washing

April 7, 2023 Good Friday

Psalm 22, John 18:1-19; 42 Crucifixion

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday!

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Matthew 28:1-10

Weekly Financial Report

February 26, 2023 Attendance in Person: 109 Zoom: 31

March 26, 2023 General Offerings: \$8,982 Capital Improvement: \$270 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

Offering Option:

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God's work. Our hands.