



Burlington Lutheran Church

134 East Victoria Avenue Burlington, Washington

Sunday Worship 10am

Children's Church after the Children's Message

Nursery available downstairs for all children aged four and younger

The mission of Burlington Lutheran is "Being God's Love in our Communities"

Welcome! It is good to be together today!

- *We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, which means welcome is extended to all to become partners in the full life and ministry of Burlington Lutheran, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, socioeconomic status, or any other societal or religious barrier.*
- *If you'd like to communicate with the church office and/or Pastor Charis (such as a request to meet, address change, prayer request, signing up for weekly enews, etc), please fill out the yellow contact sheet in your bulletin and drop in an offering plate.*
- *Absolutely all are welcome to the communion table. In addition to homemade bread, gluten free crackers are available. Individual pre-filled glass cups of wine (red) and juice (white) are provided. If you'd rather not come forward to receive communion please ask an usher for a single-use communion kit.*

- *A gender neutral restroom is to the right as you exit the sanctuary, and another is down the stairs, past the entrance to the fellowship hall.*
- *If you or your child need a quiet place to be during worship, you are welcome to use the room behind the sound board. In the quiet room you can hear and see the worship service, there is comfortable seating, a diaper changing station, and toys for small children.*
- *This worship service is livestreamed on both Facebook and YouTube. If you prefer not to be shown on camera, you are invited to sit in the last four rows on the main floor, or in the balcony. During communion backs are visible.*
- *Please ask an usher if you have any questions!*

April 14, 2024

EASTER 3B

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are on the ancestral homelands of the Upper Skagit peoples. We are grateful for their stewardship of our shared land and waterways since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring treaties, and remembering that God created everything and we are to keep it sacred.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

See back of bulletin for calendar of upcoming events

GREETING FOR EASTER SEASON

We gather as a community who carries faith and hope in the Risen Christ.

We gather to celebrate

our God who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

We gather to remember

that love will always be more powerful than death,

We gather to trust that

the future holds the wiping away of all tears

We gather to find strength

to be the hands of feet of Christ in this world.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Welcome to worship.

OPENING SONG: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

Now in these waters you shower us with mercy.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more
as beloved participants in your love and work.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through our senses. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19 (CEV)

¹² Peter saw that a crowd had gathered, and he said:

Friends, why are you surprised at what has happened? Why are you staring at us? Do you think we have some power of our own? Do you think we were able to make this man walk because we are so religious? ¹³ The God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and our other ancestors worshiped has brought honor to his Servant[a] Jesus. He is the one you betrayed. You turned against him when he was being tried by Pilate, even though Pilate wanted to set him free.

¹⁴ You rejected Jesus, who was holy and good. You asked for a murderer to be set free, ¹⁵ and you killed the one who leads people to life. But God raised him from death, and all of us can tell you what he has done. ¹⁶ You see this man, and you know him. He put his faith in the name of Jesus and was made strong. Faith in Jesus made this man completely well while everyone was watching.

¹⁷ My friends, I am sure you and your leaders didn't know what you were doing. ¹⁸ But God had his prophets tell that his Messiah would suffer, and now he has kept this promise. ¹⁹ So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Easter Alleluia" by Sean Bendickson

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is risen, praise the Lord!

(2x)

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48 (CEB)

³⁶ While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." ⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise

from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Holy Conversation with Tony Bartalini and Millie Fosberg

SONG OF THE DAY: "Mighty to Save" by Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations

Chorus

Savior He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev'rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Chorus 2x

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to light a candle during the prayers.

When the reader says, "We bring you our prayers," the congregation sings:

The Spirit intercedes for us

With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.

The Spirit intercedes for us

With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

OFFERING

Online giving is also available at burlingtonlutheran.org, [Venmo @burlingtonlutheran](https://www.venmo.com/BurlingtonLutheran), the Vanco Mobile app or by texting 360-727-0807.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: "The Day of Resurrection" ELW 481

Offering Prayer

Risen One,

As you have generously given grace, you call us to live generously.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your body in the world, through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

COMMUNION

At Burlington Lutheran Church we celebrate open table communion which means the table is open to ALL, no exceptions. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine). If you are at home please gather your communion elements at this time. Come, taste and see that God is good!

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

(To the tune of All Creatures of Our God and King)

Our Creator is with you

And Creator dwells with you, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lift up your hearts to our God
We lift them up and offer thanks
It is right to praise Creator
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

On the night Jesus was betrayed
At a shared table the Lord stayed
Alleluia, alleluia
He took the bread, said this is me
Blessed, broke and shared it, take and eat
Christ is here now, at this table
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

After they ate Christ took the cup
Blessed, to the heavens held it up
Alleluia, alleluia
This is my blood that's shared for you
A covenant of love come true
Christ is here now, at this table
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Christ said with bread remember me
And share this meal eternally
Alleluia, alleluia
All are welcome at this feast
Bread, cup, and love, come and receive
Christ is here now, at this table
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

The Prayer of Jesus

(You are invited to say your heart's version of the Lord's Prayer)

Our loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Music During Communion: "Come to the Table" ELW 481

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us, nourished us with your love, and you
send us forth to proclaim your goodness in this Easter season,
sharing the world-changing mission of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "My Lighthouse" by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts

In my failures You won't walk out

Your great love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go

In the questions Your truth will hold

Your great love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore, oh...

Safe to shore, oh...

safe to shore, oh...

safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings

With each morning I'll rise and sing

My God's love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

Bridge

Fire before us

You're the brightest

You will lead us

Through the storms (hey)

(REPEAT 3X)

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace, rejoicing!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING BLC EVENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- Apr 14: Church 2.0: Holy Land slide show by David Svaren**
- Apr 15: Scholarship applications due**
- Apr 21: Earth Day service project at the Van Loo farm, 12:30 - 2:30pm**
- Apr 28: Church 2.0: Veterans for Peace, with Xavi Thorne**
- June 15: BLC in Berry Dairy Days parade**



BEING GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We are all God's beloved children and are recipients of God's radical love and grace. All are welcome in this church community. You are welcome here if you have ever felt excluded or judged because of your gender, ethnicity, race, religion, status, ability, sexual orientation, doubts or questions. We are a community committed to racial equity, and we believe in Jesus' commandments to love God and love neighbor. Join us!

Matthew 22: 37-39



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