



# 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.



## WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the 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 Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

# Serving Us In Worship Today

| Presiding/<br>Preaching | Rev. Tor Kristian Berg       | Children's<br>Message   | Roger Steinke                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:30 am                 |                              | 11:00 am                |                                  |
| Music Director          | Lucy Kay Osborne             | Music Director          | Lucy Kay Osborne                 |
| Greeter                 | Paul Desilet                 | Greeter                 | Emily Curcio                     |
| Acolyte                 | Trey Desilet                 | Acolyte                 | Lyla Curcio                      |
| Ushers                  | Tom Agnew<br>David Osborne   | Ushers                  | Rob McCaw                        |
| Sound Tech              | Roger Wolter                 | Sound Tech              | Andrew Phelps                    |
| Camera Tech             | Carsten Thode                | Camera Tech             | David Shogren                    |
| Lector                  | Ho Brown                     | Lector                  | Mona Shogren                     |
| Communion<br>Assistants | Paul Desilet<br>Rober Wolter | Communion<br>Assistants | Jeffrey Kosman<br>Jacky Schnarre |
| Pew Angel               | Marcus Hodges                |                         |                                  |

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# October 8, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

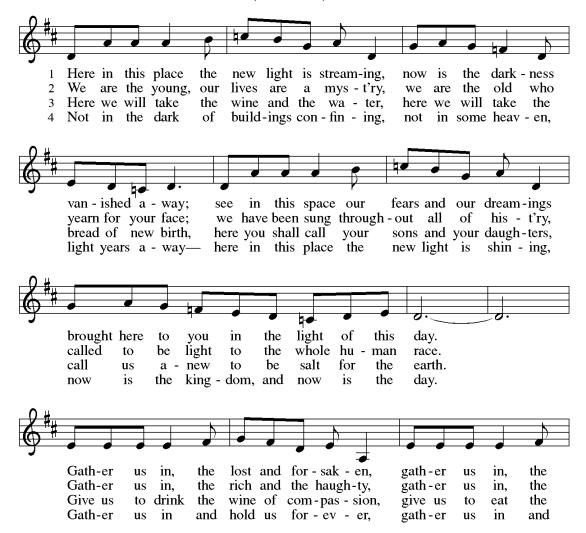
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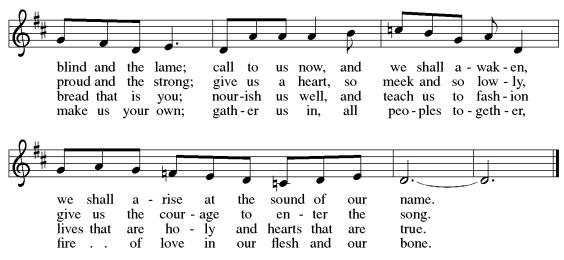
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: 8:30—Recit de Chromhorne (Couperin) 11:00—Let All Things Now Living (L. Larson)

#### WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Gather Us In (ELW 532)

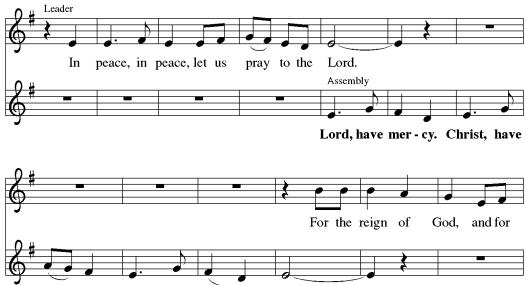




#### GREETING

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 (ELW 157)**



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving Lord, you gave commandments to your people as a gift. Teach us to be obedient to your word and to care for each other as we do your will. Amen.

#### ANTHEM: 8:30—As We Gather (K.Lee Scott) 11:00—Lord, Be With Us On This Day (J. Althouse)

#### WORD

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

## PSALM: Psalm 119:27-34

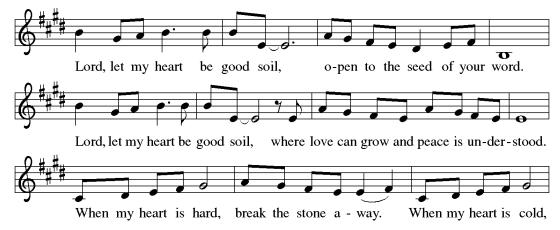
<sup>27</sup>Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

<sup>28</sup>My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.
<sup>29</sup>Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law.

<sup>30</sup>I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me. <sup>31</sup>I cling to your decrees, O LORD; let me not be put to shame.

<sup>32</sup>I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.
 <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
 <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

WELCOMING THE WORD: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)





#### THE WORD: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

<sup>1</sup>Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. <sup>2</sup>The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. <sup>3</sup>Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. <sup>4</sup>The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. <sup>5</sup>(At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to declare to you the words of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>7</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>8</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>10</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

<sup>16</sup>Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>18</sup>Neither shall you commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup>Neither shall you steal.

<sup>20</sup>Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup>Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

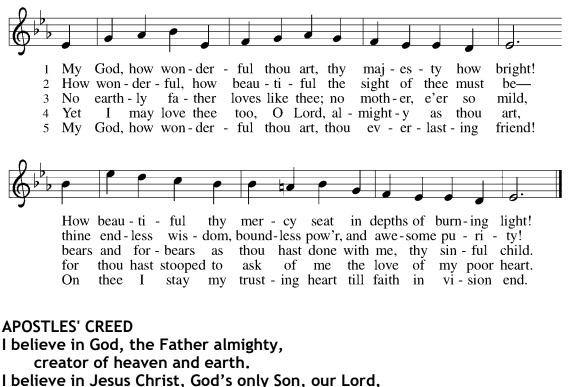
<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Word of God. Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art (ELW 863)



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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, and the World Health Organization, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence for self-reflection

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for

us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

# PEACE

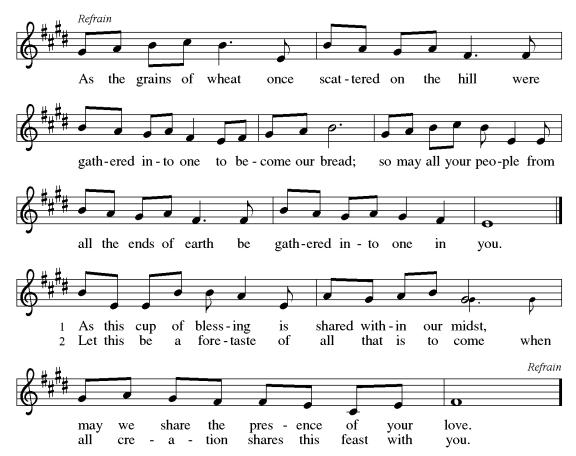
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Let US Break Bread Together (L. Larson)

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food 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 given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body 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

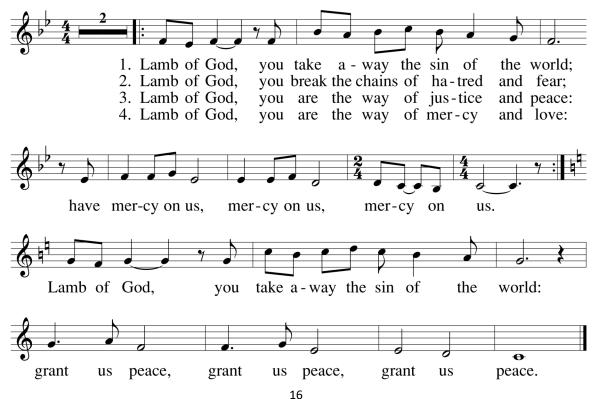
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**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, it 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.

LAMB OF GOD



#### COMMUNION HYMN: Day by Day (ELW 790)



#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

POST COMMUNION SONG: Praise to You, O God of Mercy (ELW 208)



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



#### BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG: Let Us Enter In (ACS 985)



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: 8:30—Dialogue sur la Trompette (F. Couperin) 11:00—Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Arr. J. Carter)

## **INFORMATION** for the Week!

#### Sunday, October 8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 12:15 pm Youth to Pumpkin Farm

#### Monday, October 9

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 10:00 am Widows Support Group
- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Executive Committee

#### Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 9:15 am Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 am Lectionary
- 3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline
- 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee
- 6:00 pm Nominating Committee
- 6:30 pm Youth Committee

#### Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 5:00 pm Preschool Task Force

#### Thursday, October 12

- 9:00 am 5 Year Old Preschool 3 Year Old Preschool Quilters 9:15 am Preschool Chapel
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, October 13

Church Office Closed 9:00 3 Year Old Preschool

#### Saturday, October 14

- Sunday, October 15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 12:30 pm Breaking Bread with the Bergs
  - Personnel Policies Task Force

# October 15, 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 148 Ruth 1:1-17; 4:13-17 Ruth

Weekly Financial Report

October 1, 2023 Attendance in Person: 111 Zoom:19

October 1, 2023 General Offerings: \$7,692 Capital Improvement: \$2,523 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

## 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 Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Del Benson (member), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), John Helmon (former member), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert'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 (Del Benson's friend), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Terry Straka (member), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeff Almeida (member), Alice (Del Benson's friend), Carolyn Becker (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Judy (Linda Chapman's friend), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Jess Faubion (member), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Mark Hatlen (member), Marilyn Iverson (member), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's stepdaughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Debbie Lageson (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Akton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Vicki (Darryl Lageson's sister), 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), Mona Shogren (member), Walt Stoll (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), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Mavis Carlson (member), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta & Larry Nelson (members), 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.

# Adult Sunday School: The Reformation

October 8 - Before Luther October 15 - Luther the Radical October 22 - Philip Melancthon Augsburg Confession October 29 - The Reformation



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# **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.