September 17, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM





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/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
8:30 am		11:00 am	
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Piano	June Condra
Greeter	Sandy Glenn	Flute	Cheryl Miller
Acolyte	Karlyn LaFord	Greeter	Susan Berg
Ushers	Allen Glenn Carsten Thode	Ushers	Lloyd Condra Rob McCaw
Sound Tech	Roger Wolter	Acolyte	Lyla Curcio
Camera Tech	David Osborne	Sound Tech	Gary Curtis
Lector	Neil McGee	Camera Tech	Derrick StaRosa
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges	Lector	Jeff Almeida
Communion Assistants	Ho Brown Nancy McGee	Communion Assistants	Susan Berg Emily Curcio

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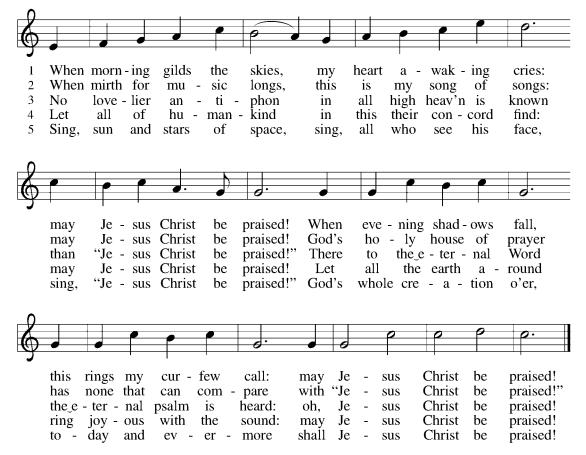
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: 8:30 AM—When Morning Gilds the Skies (R. Hobby) Prelude 11:00 AM—Holy Spirity, Living Breath of God (Joel Ramey)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: When Morning Gilds the Skies (LAUDES DOMINI) (ELW 853)



GREETING

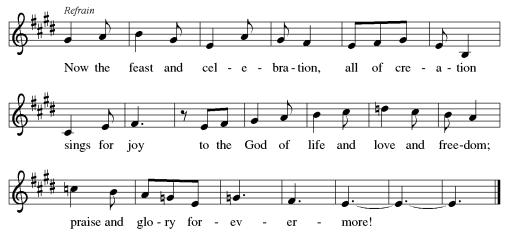
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

KYRIE





CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Now the Feast and Celebration





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God of Wonder, you are the inexhaustible fountain of goodness. Replace our hearts of doubt with a faith that laughs at the impossible. Bring to us the joy that is your Word made flesh among us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM 8:30: Andante Expressivo (F. Tombell) Thomas Holmes, Trombone & Pherell Layanto, Piano 11:00: God, Beyond All Names (B. Farrell)

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 119:17-24

¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

¹⁹I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

²⁰My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

²¹You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments;

²²take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees.

²³Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴Your decrees are my delight, they are my counselors.

WELCOMING THE WORD: O Word of God Incarnate (ELW 514)



THE WORD: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant."

So, they said, "Do as you have said."

⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife, Sarah?"

And he said, "There, in the tent."

¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid.

He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

¹The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Word of God. Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (ELW 772)



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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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.

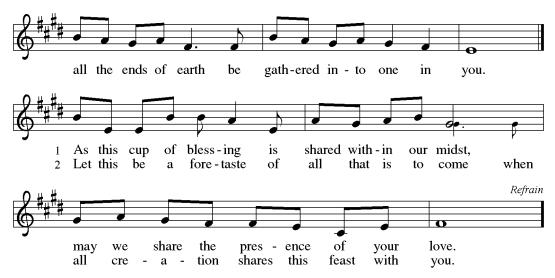
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: 8:30 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (L. Maynard) 11:00 Fairest Lord Jesus (Volkslieder)

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.

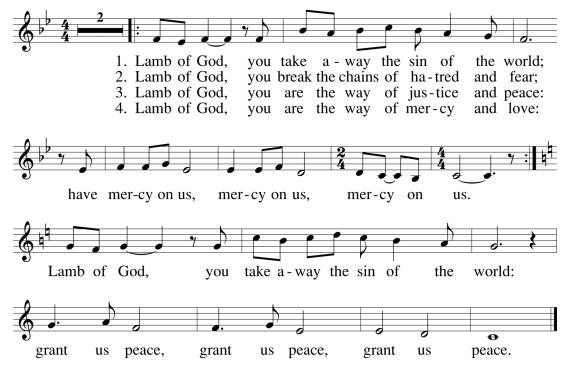
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

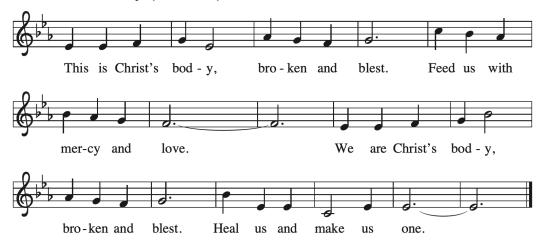
DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

LAMB OF GOD

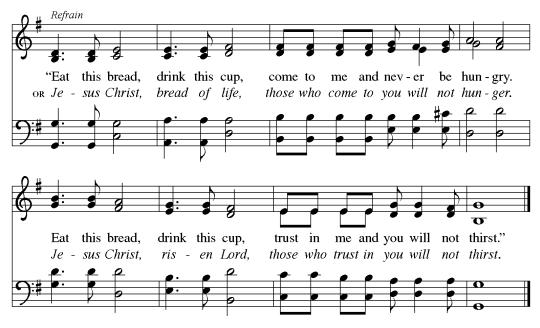


September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after PentecostPsalm 119:169-176; Genesis 32:0-13, 22-30Jacob Wrestles with GodWeekly Financial ReportSeptember 10, 2023 Attendance in Person: 137Zoom:25September 10, 2023 General Offerings: \$8,490Capital Improvement: \$869General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

COMMUNION HYMNS: This Is Christ's Body (ACS 967)



Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)



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)



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SENDING

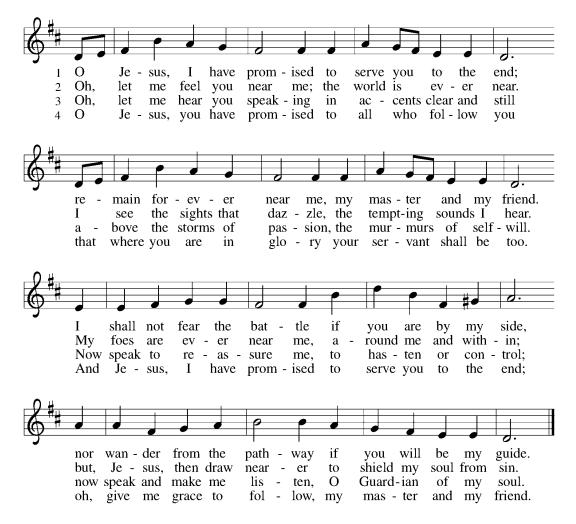
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Gavotte (J. Walond)

INFORMATION for the Week!			
Sunday, September 17 Sixteenth 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		
Monday, September 18			
	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
	Staff Meeting		
7:00 pm	Movie Review-The Social Dilemma		
Tuesday, September 19			
9:00 am	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel		
9:30 am	Lectionary		
3:30 pm	Weekly News Submissions Deadline		
7:00 pm	Church Council		
Wednesday, September 20			
9:00 am	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool		
10:00 am	Rebecca Circle		
Thursday, September 21			
9:00 am	5 Year Old Preschool		
	3 Year Old Preschool		
	Quilters		
9:30 am	Personnel Committee		
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal		
Friday, September 22			
Church Office Closed			
9:00	3 Year Old Preschool		
<u>Saturday, September 23</u>			
9:30 am	LWR School Kit Supplies Set-up		
Sunday, September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost			
8:15 am	LWR School Kit Stuffing		
8:30 am	Worship w/Holy Communion		
9:45 am	Sunday School for All Ages		
11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion		
4:00 pm	Breaking Bread with the Bergs		

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), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-inlaw), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), 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 sisterin-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), Jeff Almeida (member), Alice (Del Benson's friend), Carolyn Becker (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), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Marilyn Iverson (member), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's step-daughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Debbie Lageson (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Axton (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), Anne Larsen (member), 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 Toyota (member), 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.