September 17, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 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 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

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for 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 desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

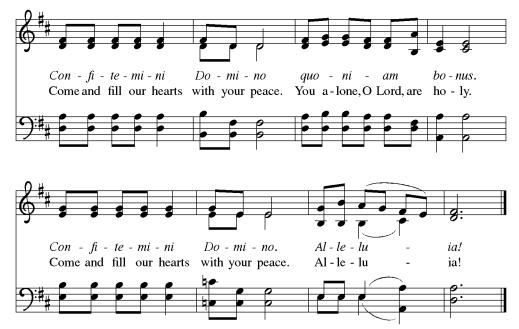
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

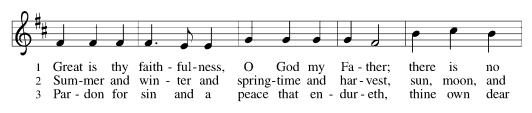
MEDITATION SONG: Come and Fill Our Hearts: Confitemini Domino (ELW 528)

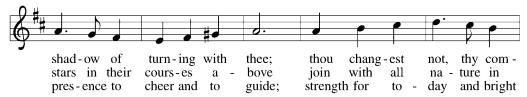


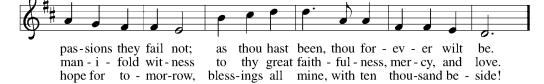
PSALM

- ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

GATHERING SONG: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)













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

God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Kyrie eleison (W&P 81)

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to the Lord,



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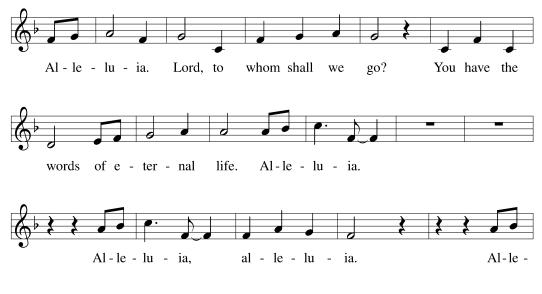
to the Lord.

ANTHEM: Be Not Afraid (B. Dufford)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? (W&P 7)





THE WORD: GENESIS 21:1-3, 22:1-14

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.

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham

looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Word of God,
Word of life!
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Roger Steinke REACH Ministries Director

SERMON

What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service is understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord's Supper. Offerings have grown to include the goods and the money we give to the Church to assist in its mission and to provide for the assistance of the needy. The act of bringing our gifts of money to the altar helps keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all people.

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically.

To give now, scan the code to the right.



HYMN OF THE DAY: If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)



HOLY BAPTISM: Wesley Glen Hamilton (Son of Lisa & Brad Hamilton & brother to Declan)

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PRESENTATION

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In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

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Sponsor: I present Wesley for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Wesley* baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Wesley the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Wesley may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Parents*: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wesley in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *Sponsors:* I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Wesley and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Wesley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Wesley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Wesley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your lifegiving gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or ill, especially Sue, Nick and Zachary. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you. Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

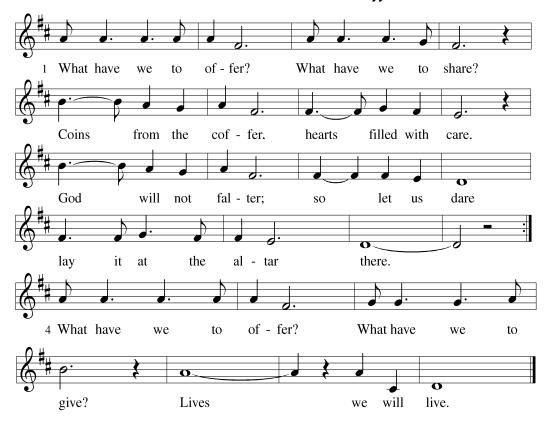
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEALGod feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: What Have We to Offer?



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

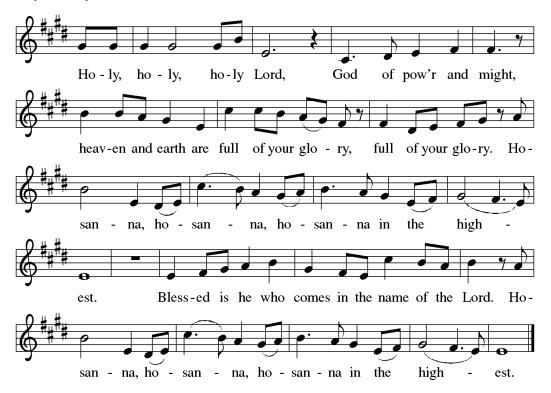
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

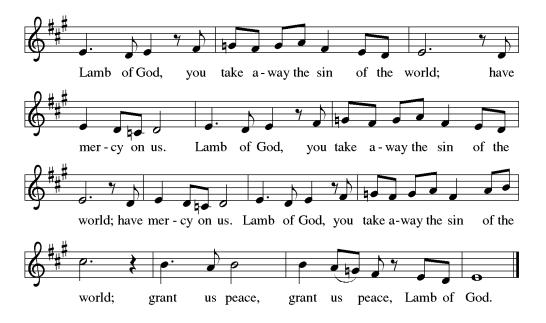
Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION: 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 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 yellow pew card.

LAMB OF GOD



Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wooden boxes on the altar. These boxes are our communion kits for our Eucharistic Ministry Team. This team is made up of members of the congregation who take Holy Communion to our shut-ins, those in the hospital and others upon request. They go out two by two, just as Jesus sent his disciples. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

COMMUNION HYMNS Jesus Is Here Right Now (RWSB R169)



All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768) (Red Hymnal)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Assisting With Today's Service: Presiding Minister Ushers Alain Adjorlolo & Rob McCaw Rev. Tor K. Berg Music Director Lucy Kay Osborne Sound Tech Andrew Phelps Ensemble Director Richard Edmonds Lector Tim Jorve Percussion Eric Daane Greeter **Emily Curcio** Cheryl Miller Communion Flute Kendahl Adjorlolo & Tim Jorve Assistants **Ensemble** Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Acolyte Sarah Holmes Sigrun Payne, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps & Johannes Skjonsby

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, September 17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour—Ministry Fair for adults! - Find your passion at First Lutheran Church!

11:00 am Worship—Holy Baptism of Wesley Hamilton

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

12:30 Living Truth Lunch

5:00 pm Journey Class—Tonight, Compass Housing Alliance will present information about their

mission. Dinner will be served.

Monday, September 18

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 am Lectionary — Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!

10:00 am Living Truth Fellowship

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Personnel Committee 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 am Rebecca Cirlcle

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, September 21

9:00 am Quilters

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 22

6:00 pm Pasta with Pastor
7:00 pm Living Truth Bible Study

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour—

11:00 am Worship

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

12:30 Living Truth Lunch

5:00 pm Journey Class—Tonight, Hopelink Recognition Dinner with Manager of Case Management,

Elizabeth Harrison.



IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Michele Berger (Karey Coble's friend), Terry Chausee (Cathy Edwards' son-in-law), Neal Beachinor (Paul Désilet's uncle), Larry & Marcie Clure (Dán & Sándy Hendricks' friend), Kim Coleman (Kris Linderoth's friend), Marilyn Cristofori (Kelli Jo Winkler's friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Patricia Dwonch (Stephanie Álmeida's aunt), Mason Gordón (Curcio Family friend), Cámi Grillo (member), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Bernie Jenkíns (Jane King's friend), Marcella (Benson family friend), Tom McMaster (Dawn Bastin's father), Mark Nesse (Darci Desilet's stepfather), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Pam (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Richard Robilard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Sylvia Stevens (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), Sue (Paula Glandon's friend), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Mary Beth Torgerson (Cathy Tanner's friend), Roger Tuck (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Kip Van Alstine (Paul Desilet's uncle), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) Danna White (Cathy Tanner's friend), and Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:
Addison Albert (Hamilton family friend), Margie Bannister (member), Jack Barry (Betty Brown's friend), Holly Batstone (member)Don Brown (Betty Brown's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Joan Davis (Curcio family friend), Theda Dawley (Cris Sherman's mother-in-law), Sherri Gordon (regular visitor), Marge Gonyea (member), Gloria Groff (Cathy Edwards' friend), Melissa (Judy Richards' friend), Bill O'Neall (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), Gunn Nesse (Andy Nesse's mother), Richard Peterson (Sherri Gordon's father), Steve Polkinghorn (Cathy Tanner's friend), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Wade Sanders (Ida Beth Morgan's son-in-law), Mona Shogren (member), Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend), Kimi Toyoda (member), Heidi Van Doren (member), Jeff Ward (Melanie Veazey's brother-in-law), Phyllis Watters (member) & Connie Wolter (member).

Special Prayers: Sarah (Cathy Edwards' granddaughter), Nick Walker (Ian Anderson's friend), Zacharay (Ian Anderson's friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Marilyn Anderson (member), Perdy Carlson (member), Phyllis Enger (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Arlene O'Neall (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Eleanor Simonsen (Lisa Graumlich's mother-in-law), Joyce Sullivan (member) & Fran Tazuma (member).

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter) ARMY: Shaun Cunningham (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), Asis Montalvo (Adjorlolo family friend)

MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's husband) and Kelsev Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

PEACE CORPS: Maoulay Adjorlolo (member)

Prayer shawls are available upon request.

September 24, 2017 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 27:1-4:15-23: 4:10-17 Jacob's Dream

Attendance: 241 **September 10, 2017**

General Offerings: \$14,620 Mortgage Fund: \$2,863

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038 Mortgage Fund: \$1,098