September 18, 2016 Eighteenth 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 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.

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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

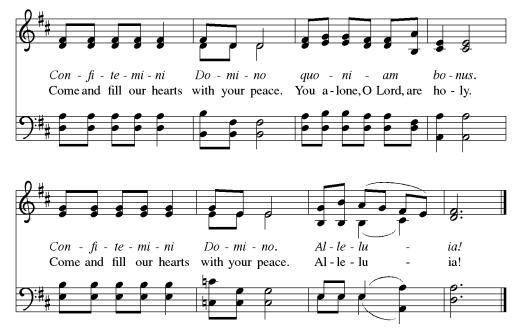
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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



OPENING DIALOGUE: PSALM 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

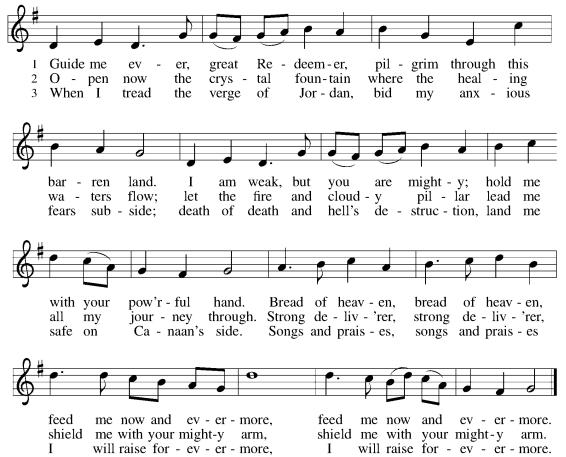
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

The LORD makes the home of a childless house to be a joyful home of children. Hallelujah!

GATHERING SONG: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)



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

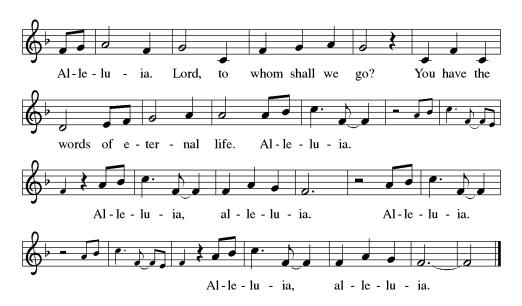
Let us pray.

God of the covenant, as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: Kyrie Eleison



WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. WELCOMING THE WORD: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



THE WORD: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Small Our Span of Life (ELW 636)



AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

- to celebrate God's presence,
- to live with respect in Creation,
- to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, and gardens. Renew fields that will soon lie fallow. Feed and protect all wild creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, we pray for places in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil. We pray that your perfect peace and order be restored. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our weary years, we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery, especially Gordon. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair. Visit this assembly with your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

God of our silent tears, we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses. Gather us all in praise around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in

+ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

Amen.

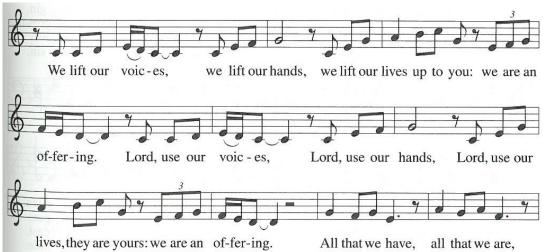
PEACE

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

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We Are an Offering





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

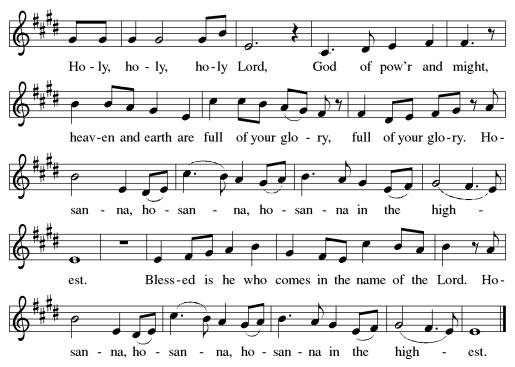
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

Gracious God, anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers *in their homes*, *in prisons*, *and in hospitals*.

Through Christ 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

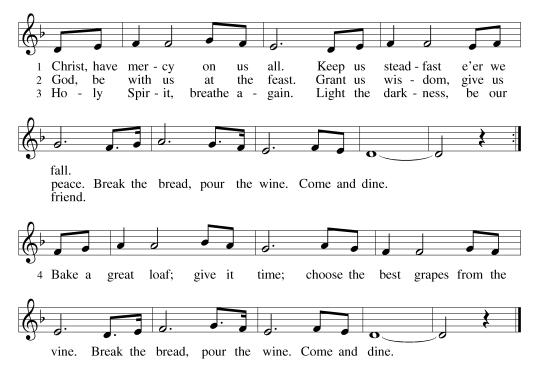
Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: Christ, Have Mercy on Us All



Many and Great, O God (ELW 837) All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

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: Let All Things Now Living (ELW 881) (next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wood 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 out. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

Let All Things Now Living



Assisting With Today's Service:				
Piano	June Condra	Ushers	Tom Larsen & Rob McCaw	
Music Leader	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Lisa Hamilton & Donella Robbins	
Lector	Kendahl Adjorlolo	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo	
Acolyte	Annika Daniel	Greeter	Marilyn Iverson	
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Percussion	Eric Daane	

Ensemble: Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Gordy Phelps and Donella Robbins.

September 25, 2016 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11 God Answers

Weekly Financial Report

September 11, 2016 General Offerings: \$8,930 Attendance: 215 Mortgage Fund: \$980

Amount needed per Sunday: General Offerings: \$9,038 Mortgage

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically. To give now, scan here.





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisianna Gulf Coast Synod–Flooding

Those living with cancer:

Carol Angello (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Janet Berg (Pastor and Susan Berg's sister-in-law), **Owen Carter** (Lisa Hamilton's friend), Lynn Crutcher (Busch family friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Pam Davis (Phelps family friend), Craig Decker (Judy & Dave Richards' friend), Pih Foo (Lisa and Brad Hamilton's friend), Sandra Glenn (member), Jan Gregersen (Nicole Thomas' friend),), Cami Grillo (member), Phyllis Hoefer (Marlis Pehling's friend), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Edna Kastning (member), Lee Larson (Beth Phelps' cousin), Marcella (Benson family friend), Mary Mahoney (Erika Beers' friend), Roy McMullen (Cathy Tanner's friend), Pete Nettles (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Maureen Volz (Doug & Jean Peterson's friend), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend) and Darlene Zrust (Andrea Faubion's mother)

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery: Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Margie Benson (member), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Cathy Edwards (member), Gordon Flom (Kristin Smith's father), Sherri Gordon (regular visitor), Marge Gonyea (member), Rachel & Jeff Danforth (member), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Ryan & Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), Karishma Skjonsby (member), Joyce Sullivan (member), Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend), Sue Toyoda (member) and Phyllis Watters (member).

Special Prayers: Anita & Greg Griffith (Pastor Berg's cousin)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Walter Appleseth (Sally Adams' father), Perdy Carlson (member), Claire (Sue Ebert's mother), Phyllis Enger (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Erik Olson (member), Fran Tazuma (member), Helen Young (member) and Roger Zimmerman (Connie Wolter's brother)

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas: Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and those nations battling Boko Haram.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter) ARMY: Christopher Field (Richard & Judy Edmonds' grandson) and Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend), Olay Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son) and Luke Yandell (Annie McCracken's grandson)

NAVY: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's friend), Toby Pickens (Jean Pickens' grandson), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

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 the bread, the wine and 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.

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, September 18 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour—Special Congregation Meeting for all voting members.
11:00 am	Worship
5:00 pm	Journey Class—Join Joe Siebert for a 3-week series, A Christian's View of Evolution
	Dinner will be served.
7:00 pm	Chime Choir

Monday, September 19

Pastor Berg's Sabbath 6:30 pm Hannah Circle

Tuesday, September 20

9:30 amLectionary—Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!11:00 amStaff Meeting6:00 pmPersonnel Committee7:00 pmChurch Council

Wednesday, September 21

10:00 am	Rebecca Circle
	Peace by Piece Sewing
2:30 pm	Liturgical Arts Guild

Thursday, September 22

9:00 am	Quilters
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 25 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour—Special Congregation Meeting for all voting members.
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
5:00 pm	Journey Class—Join Joe Siebert for a 3-week series, A Christian's View of Evolution
	Dinner will be served.
7:00 pm	Chime Choir

SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

At First Lutheran God calls us to:

CARE for one another in community,

GROW in faith and discipleship,

SERVE the needs of a broken world; and in all we do,

PROCLAIM the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.