### Summer Worship Bumper Sticker Theology June 25, 2023



#### 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 desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + 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

#### Why Bumper Sticker Theology?

A pastor friend of mine in the Midwest put together his Summer Lectionary and he called it Bumper Sticker Theology. It grabbed my imagination and so I stole it from him (with his permission). The reason I am excited about this opportunity is that it speaks directly to our human condition and our desire to break down the complex relationships we have and events that are around us into simpler terms. Often this is not as helpful as we hope.

When we comfort someone who is grieving, for example, we are overcome often with our own emotions. Maybe it is our own grief or our own feeling of inadequacy in the situation that drives us to say something or anything. So, we blurt out something that we heard somewhere that maybe would be helpful. But, really, the person we are comforting does not need to be told that "God doesn't give us more than we can handle", or "you will feel better in time", or "buck it up", or anything else for that matter.

Bumper sticker theology takes those simple sayings and breaks them down so that we can see how sometimes these words are more harmful than they are helpful. Often these sayings have more to do with me than the person I am trying to help.

Poor theology does do real harm. In fact, it can be dangerous at times. Bad theology wants to put us in control and to smooth over anything that is uncomfortable. Too often, bad theology wants to cover up the uncomfortable instead of confronting it, or worse, to shun others because we do not want to confront the complexities of life. It is just better if there is just one way, right?

I hope this series will help us grow as theologians. And yes, you are a theologian. We all are. The more we can educate ourselves about God's word and how Jesus taught us to be in the world, the more equipped we will be when faced with difficulty. Because:

## Honk if you Love God!

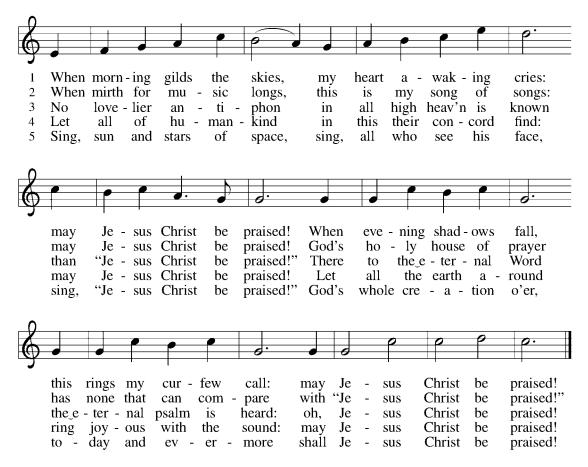
#### EASTER 2023 June 25, 2023 9:30 am

#### GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE:** Children of the Heavenly Father (R. Hobby)

GATHERING SONG: When Morning Guilds the Skies (ELW 853)



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

#### WELCOME

#### 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**





Prayer of the Day Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### ANTHEM: Grace Alone (S.W. Brown) June Condra, Soprano

#### WORD

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

#### PSALM: Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11

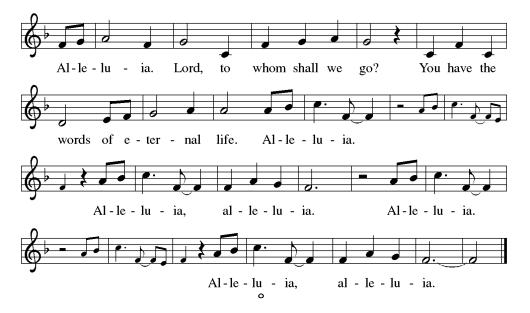
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. But the LORD sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

#### WELCOMING THE WORD



#### THE WORD: Job 42:1-6

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will guestion you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Word of God. Word of Life.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk By Faith (ELW 635)

0 # #										
67	<u> </u>					<u> </u>				<u> </u>
y	•		•			•			- • ·	•
1	We	walk	by	faith		and	not	by	sight;	with
2	We	may	not	touch		your	hands	and	side,	nor
3	Help	then,	0	Lord,		our	un -	be -	lief;	and
4	For	you,	0	res	-		rec -	ted	Lord,	are
5	And	when	our	life		of	faith	is	done,	in
<b>6</b> ##	-			•	0		۳	•	•	• •
	gra - fol - may found realm	low our l in	words where faith means clear	draw you a - di - - er	near, trod; bounc vine: light	1	O but to be - may	Christ, in call neath we	your p on	poke as prom - ise you when wa - ter hold you
\$###	•		•			_	-	•		
	none we you and as	e'er re - are the you	spoke: joice, near word, are,	"My and and be - with	peace cry, seek neath full	be "My where the and	bread	you and are and - less	i i	here." God!" found: wine. sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence for self-reflection.

#### Gracious God,

we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

#### **PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

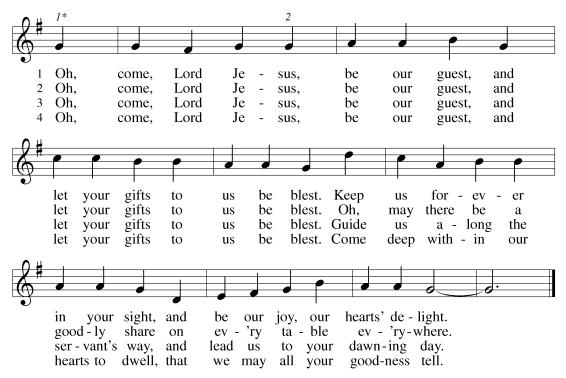
#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERTORY:** Children of the Heavenly Father (L. Larson)

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the Glory of God by Nancy and Neil McGee in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30th.

OFFERING SONG: Come, Lord Jesus (LS 97)



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

#### Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

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 death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

#### COMMUNION

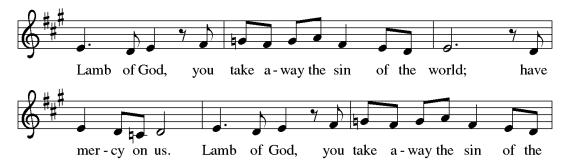
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

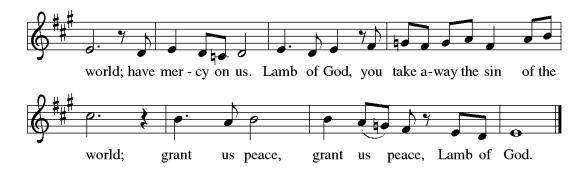
**COMMUNION:** We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option that is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, 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 HYMNS:**

Children of the Heavenly Father Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet. nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress



If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### SENDING

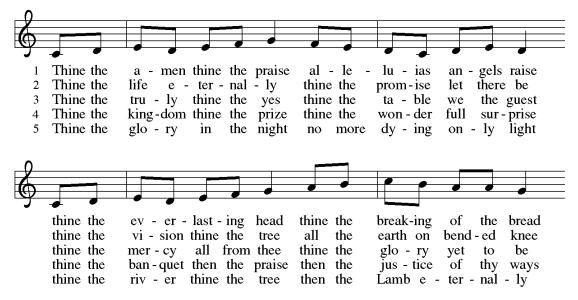
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

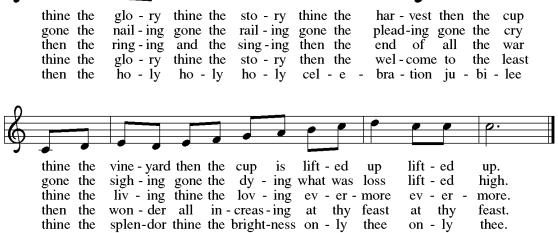
#### BLESSING

The God of all, who raised • Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

#### SENDING SONG: Thine the Amen







Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Text and music © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Thine the Amen (R. Powell)

#### All liturgy, music & lyrics in this bulletin are covered by copyright licenses for publishing & streaming.

- 3
- Some music used with permission for publishing and streaming under CCLI License #2262125. Some music used with permission for publishing and streaming under LicenSing #623195. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright ©1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Copyright ©2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted and streamed by permission under 1 license #SAS003678.

<sup>2</sup> 

#### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor

Rev. Tor Kristian Berg tberg@flcbothell.org

Director of Music Organist Lucy Kay Osborne Ikosborn@flcbothell.org

Ensemble Director Richard Edmonds redmonds@flcbothell.org Director of REACH Ministries Roger Steinke rsteinke@flcbothell.org

Office Manager Kristin Smith ksmith@flcbothell.org

Preschool Director Beth Bowers flcbeth@gmail.com

#### Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Lector	Marlis Pehling	Greeter	Susan Berg
Ushers	Tom Larsen Randall Wampler	Communion Assistant	Jeffrey Kosman Nancy McGee
Acolyte	Jett Krema	Camera Tech	David Osborne
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

#### 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), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Jocelyn Carberry (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Jennifer (Pastor Berg's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Linda (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), 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), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeff Almeida (member), Rene Baker (member), Carolyn Becker (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), 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), Sue Ebert (member), Jess Faubion (member), Justin (Rob & Rene Baker's nephew), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's step-daughter), Loa (Karen Thomas' friend), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee'ss friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), 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), David 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), Larry Baker (member), Mavis Carlson (member), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta & Larry Nelson (member), 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.

#### **INFORMATION** For the Week!

Sunday, June 25 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11:00 am-2:00 pm Youth Swim Party at Fairbanks Movie Review 3:00pm Monday, June 26 11:15 am Staff Meeting Tuesday, June 27 9:30 am Lectionary Weekly News Submission Deadline 3:30 pm Book Club 7:00 Wednesday, June 28 10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing Group Thursday, June 29 FLC Quilters 9:00 am Friday, June 30 Church Office Closed Saturday, July 1 9:00 am Garden Guild Altar Guild Sunday, July 2 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

#### July 2, 2023 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 36:5-10; John 16:19-24 God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle

#### Weekly Financial Report

June 18, 2023 Attendance in Person: 90 Zoom: 21

June 18, 2023 General Offerings: \$12,393 Capital Improvement: \$1,017 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

# First Lutheran Church