September 17, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 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

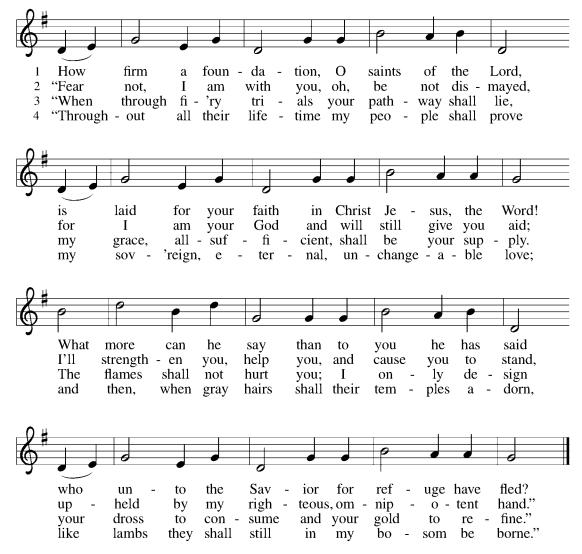
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: The God of Abraham Praise (H. Hopson) WELCOME

Assisting With Today's Service:					
Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ushers	Tom Agnew & Mark Neitzel		
Music Dirctor	Lucy Kay Osborne	Communion Assistants	David Berg, Mary Cardwell & Ruth Neitzel		
Lector	Sandra Yang	Sound Tech	Roger Wolter		
Acolyte	Audrey Busch & Rebecca Navarrete	Greeter	Chris Cardwell		

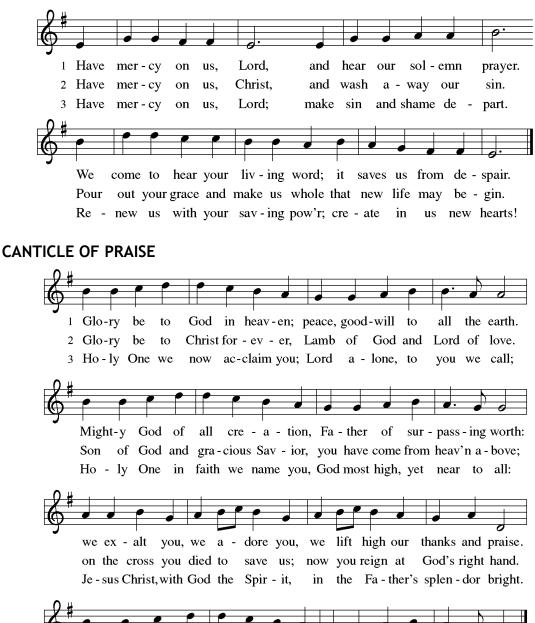
GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



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



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

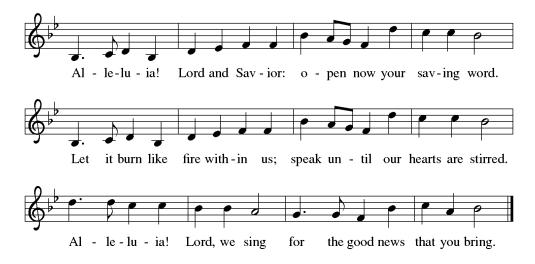
Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM: O Lamb Of God (Arr. Larson)

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

WELCOMING THE WORD



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. So 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."

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

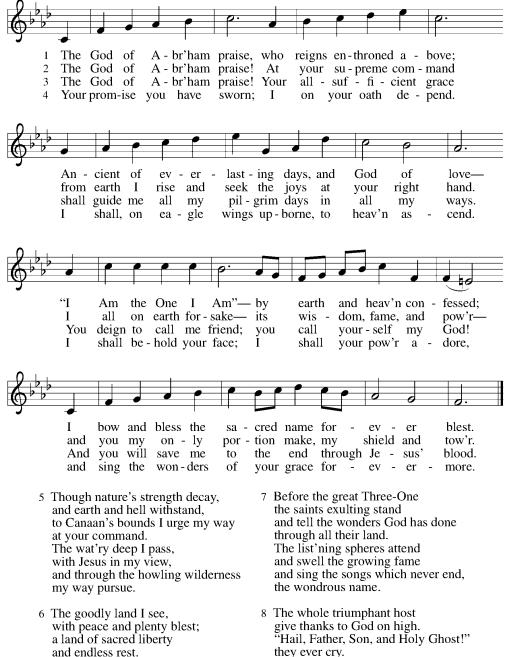
What is the "Offering?"

"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: The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831)



- and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- I join the heav'nly lays: to you be glory, might divine, and endless praise!

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for self-reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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, Bothell United Methodist, St. Brendon's Roman Catholic, Emmanuel Presbyterian, Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Churches. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving 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 and for Living Truth; 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.

For whom do the people pray?

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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING O

OFFERTORY: Lamm Gottes, (J. Walther)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

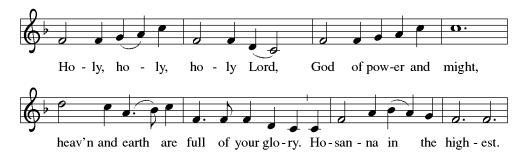
GREAT THANKSGIVING

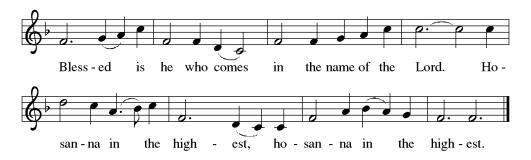
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We send our Eucharistic ministers with this gift of life to those who cannot join us this morning. May this bread and this wine nourish their faith.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

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 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.

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: Come to the Table (ELW 481) In the Cross of Christ I Glory (ELW 324) Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (ELW 492)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, 🕂 Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: O God, My Faithful God (ELW 806)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Ashgrove, (D. Wood)

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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 — <i>Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!</i>
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, Septembe	er 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

Those living with cancer:

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 (Stephánie Álmeida's aunt), Mason Gordón (Curcio Family friend), Cami 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 Pravers: 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

SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

