September 15, 2019 Fourteenth 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 NOTES

- + 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

Assisting With Today's Service: Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor Kristian Berg			
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Rob McCaw
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Lector	Randall Wampler
Guitar	Connie Wolter	Greeter	Stephanie Almeida
Percussion	Eric Daane	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjololo & Emily Curcio
Ensemble	Rachel Jackman, Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps, Johannes & Karishma Skjonsby and Randall Wampler	Acolyte	Sarah Holmes
		Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE: My Faith Looks Up To Thee (L. Larson)

WELCOME

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



OPRNING DIALOGUE: Based on Psalm 42

As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. I thirst for God, for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime;

in the night season the LORD's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

GATHERING SONG: You Are Holy (ELW 525)



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, Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Amen.

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



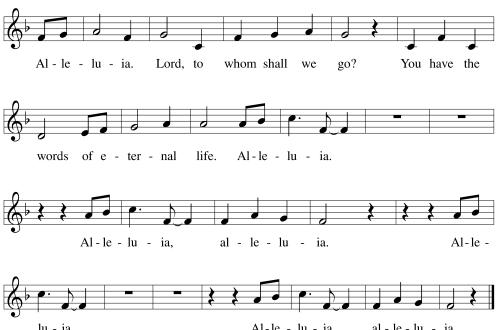
ANTHEM: Beach Spring (A. K. Organ)

Trent DeVerter, Trumpet & Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

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 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." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then 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."

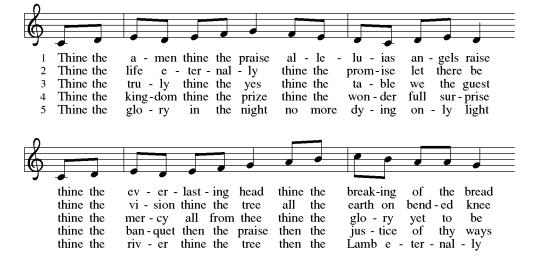
¹The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was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

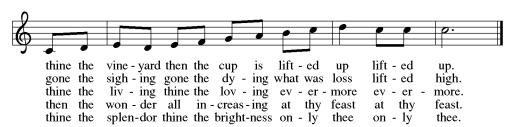
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine the Amen (ELW 826)







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

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Bless pastors, deacons, and all church leaders in their ministries, so that your gospel is shared through their faithful leadership and living. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect and preserve habitats and biospheres, especially in places damaged by natural disaster or human alteration. Restore balance to deserts, oceans, polar regions, and temperate areas. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Instruct all the world's people, nations, and governments in ways of justice, mercy, and peace. Lead us away from the idols of power, war, self-centeredness, and fear. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Show mercy to the lost, welcome to the outsiders, and comfort to the suffering and dying. We pray for all who need your healing and constant presence, especially Helen, Yuan, Tom & Cornelia. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Strengthen those who work with people in crisis: firefighters, police officers, hospital staff, chaplains, nurses, doctors, emergency responders, staff and counselors in rehab centers and women's shelters. Give them wisdom and compassion, so that those in need are well-supported and cared for. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We give thanks for the beloved sheep of your fold who have died and who now find life in your eternal glory, especially Jean and Paul. Embrace us as we hope and rejoice in your unfailing redemption. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for self-reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

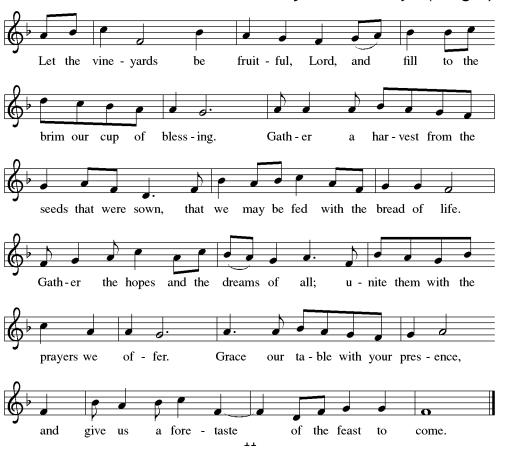
MFAI

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Ann & Dan Bormann in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 7.

OFFERTORY: Day By Day (Arr. C. Berry)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Haugen)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us 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.

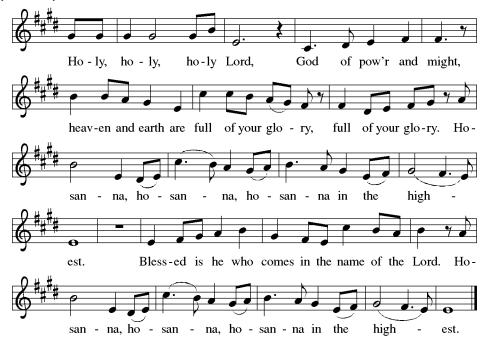
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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

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

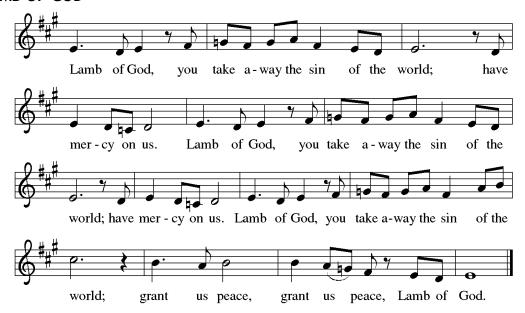
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS:

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496) Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW 473)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Do you have hearing aids? We now have telecoil loops fo our sound system's wireless receivers. To use the loops, set your hearing aids to the telecoil mode, put the loop around your neck, and you're set!

SENDING SONG: The Trees of the Field (W&P 138)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Notes

What one word stuck out for me?
What phrase or sentence was especially memorable?
What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?
I think the title of the sermon is:

September 22, 2019 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:9-30 Jacob Wrestles God

Weekly Financial Report

September 8, 2019 Attendance: 182

General Offerings: \$8,692 Mortgage Fund: \$1,200

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,907 **Mortgage Fund:** \$1,098

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, September 15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Journey Class

Monday, September 16

First Day of Preschool!

6:30 pm Hannah Circle

7:00 pm Keep the Faith Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 17

9:30 am Lectionary 11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 18

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, September 19

9:00 am Quilters

<u>Friday, September 20</u> Church Office Closed

6:00 pm Family Game & Movie Night

Saturday, September 21

9:00 am Men's Breakfast &Bible Study

Sunday, September 22 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Am Worship

9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

12:15 pm Youth Pizza & Swim Party

4:00 pm Parish Storytelling Potluck—at Northlake Lutheran Church. FLC member,

Kris Dersch will be this week's story teller.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of sympathy for the family of Jean Pickens in her death on September 4th, and for Karen Gabrielson and family in her husband Paul's death.

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief, Northwest Washington Synod

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Richard (Sherrill Baker's uncle), Cynthia (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), Patricia (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Russel (Karey Coble's cousin), Edith Holbrook (member), Dewey (Nora Strothman's brother-in-law), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), Rita (Ruth Neitzel's sister), Janette (Beth Phelps' cousin), Teresa (Michelle Tuck's friend), Roger (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) & Clara (Pat Daane's cousin).

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

Keely Adjorlolo (member), Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Cornelia (lan Anderson's aunt), Hugh (lan Anderson's father), Tom (lan Anderson's cousin), Jack Becker (member), Lou (Cathy Edwards' friend), Nancy Davis (member), Yuan (Joy Fu's sister-in-law), Norma (Renee Markert's sister), Kevin Kastning (member), Roy King (member), Barb (Stacy Souriall's friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Dorothy (Johannes Skjonsby's mother), Lorretta Rapp (member), Dennis Shogren (Dave Shogren's brother), Margaret & Lee (visitors), Helen (Renee Baker's mother), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Sue Toyoda (member), Sadako (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother),

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Phyllis Enger (member), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Harriet (Eleanor Walters' mother), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother) & Phyllis Watters (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), Ben Souriall (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

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

NAVY: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's husband), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter), Kyle Warner (Karen and Paul Gabrielsen's grandson) & Christopher Whipple (Carolyn & Richard Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members and close friends in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

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