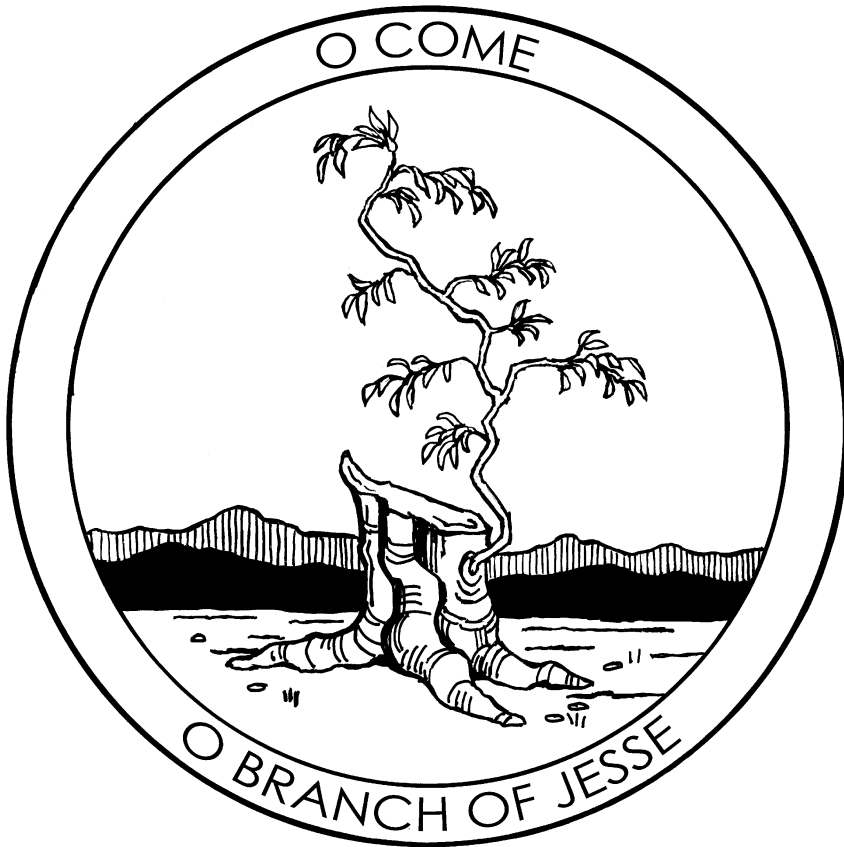


November 19, 2023  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM



First Lutheran Church  
BOTHELL

# 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. We also have a nursery with a caregiver available at both worship services. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. [www.flcbothell.org](http://www.flcbothell.org)
- + Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless—Password: MartyLuther

## Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
8:30 am		11:00 am	
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne		
Greeter	Paul Desilet	Greeter	Kendahl Adjorlolo
Acolyte	Trey Desilet	Acolyte	Clare Jackman
Ushers	Tom Agnew Dan Bormann	Ushers	David Shogren Randall Wampler
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Sound Tech	Gary Curtis
Camera Tech	Katie Pyne	Camera Tech	Derrick StaRosa
Lector	Susan Berg	Lector	Jacky Schnarre
Communion Assistants	Paul Desilet Andrea Peoples	Communion Assistants	Susan Berg Jean Peterson
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Immortal, Invisible* (Arr. L. Shackley)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW 631)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## 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.

Loving Lord, you have searched your people for evidence of goodness, the way fruit is sought in a vineyard. Send your righteous judge and find goodness in your faithful children. Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (ELW 172)



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## ANTHEM: *Be Thou My Vision* (M. Pooler)

### WORD

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

## PSALM: Psalm 119:48-55

I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

**Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.**

This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.

**The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.**

When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

**Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.**

Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.

**I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.**

## WELCOMING THE WORD: *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (ELW 737)



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

## THE WORD: Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Word of God.

Word of life.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness (LBW 378)*



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with  
2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he  
3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the  
4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his



prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.  
plant - ed here to bear the choic - est fruit for him.  
dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.  
win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your



branch, with your rich life in me.

## **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**

**Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.**

**Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the  
church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our  
talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the  
life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise  
stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all  
nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption,  
and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is  
sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your  
love in community. We remember before you. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**



We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For whom do the people pray?

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Mavis Carlson, we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**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: *Be Thou My Vision* (J. Raney)**

**OFFERTORY: *Bread for the Journey* (GS2 40)**



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,  
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.  
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.  
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

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

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMN: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 469)



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG: *I've Got Peace like a River* (TFF 258)



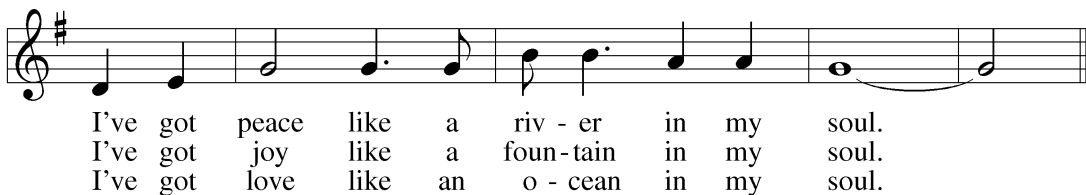
1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



## DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: 8:30 - *Short Voluntary (J. Walond)***  
**11:00 - *I've Got Peace Like a River Reprise***



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**November 26, 2023 Christ the King**  
 Psalm 146      2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-3      King Josiah's Reform

### **Weekly Financial Report**

November 12, 2023 Attendance in Person: 100      Zoom: 26  
 November 12, 2023      General Offerings: \$15,669      Capital Improvement: \$1,080  
 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

## INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

### Sunday, November 19

8:30 am          Worship w/Holy Communion  
9:45 am          Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 am        Worship w/Holy Communion  
4:00pm          Lyric Arts Concert—*All is Calm, All is Bright*. All are Welcome!

### Monday, November 20

9:00 am          4 & 5 Year Old Preschool  
12:00 pm        Staff Meeting  
7:00pm          Movie Review—*A Million Miles Away*. All are welcome!

### Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am          4 & 5 Year Old Preschool  
9:15 am          Preschool Chapel  
9:30 am          Lectionary  
3:30 pm          Weekly News Submissions Deadline  
7:00 pm          Church Council

### Wednesday, November 22

10:00 am        Peace by Piece Sewing

### Thursday, November 23—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Church Office Closed

### Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

### Saturday, November 25

### Sunday, November 26

8:30 am          Worship w/Holy Communion  
9:45 am          No Sunday School  
11:00 am        Worship w/Holy Communion



## ***In Our Prayers***

### ***Prayers of sympathy for Bud Carlson & family in the death of his wife, long-time member, Mavis Carlson on November 14.***

*We pray for Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.*

#### **Those living with cancer:**

**Juanita** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Del Benson** (member), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Karen** (Scott Eiler's sister), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), **Michael** (Jeff Kosman's friend), **Jana** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **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), **Alice** (Del Benson's friend), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Mary Jane** (Beth Bowers' mother), **Dick Boyce** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Judy** (Linda Chapman's friend), **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), **Jess Faubion** (member), **Tracy** (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), **John Godek** (member), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Mark Hatlen** (member), **Marilyn Iverson** (member), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Debbie Lageson** (member), **Amy** (Nancy McGee's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Richard Konieczka** (Kathy Konieczka's husband), **Albert** (Chris Martin's friend), **Jeanne** (Justin LaFord's mother), **Vicki** (Darryl Lageson's sister), **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), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Walt Stoll** (member), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), **Sue** (Aileen Miller's daughter).

**Special Prayers:** **Dan Bridenbecker** and family (Rob & Rene Baker family friends)

#### **Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:**

**Valerie** (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Sherrill & Larry Baker** (members), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (member), **Greta & Larry Nelson** (members), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **Jacque Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

#### **Those Serving Our Country:**

**AIR FORCE:** **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew), **Jake Peoples** (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) 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.*

# **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

## **MIDDLE EAST CRISIS**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

**[ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)**

AS the conflict between Hamas and Israel continues, the humanitarian crisis in the Holy Land continues to worsen. More than half of Gaza's residents are displaced, and resources such as food, water and medical supplies are in short supply. The death toll has far surpassed those of previous conflicts in the region in recent decades.

The ELCA has a longstanding relationship with partners in the region, including Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting these partners and others in providing humanitarian aid, psychosocial support and financial assistance to those within and outside Gaza.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for "Middle East Crisis" will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,  
ELCA Gifts Processing Center,  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

and write "Where needed most" or  
"Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line.



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## **SERMON NOTES**

**What caught my attention:**

**What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?**

**I think the title of the sermon should be:**



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