

September 18, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 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.

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
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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: *Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness (J.S. Bach)*

WELCOME

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.

GATHERING SONG: *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

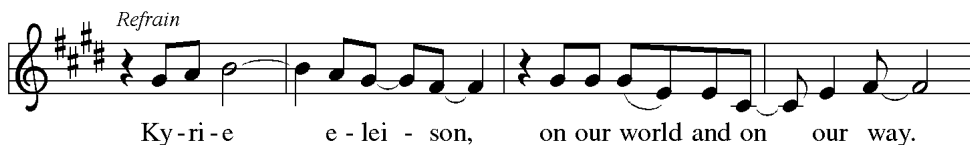


wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.



Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

ANTHEM: *Hymn Of Promise (Natalie Sleeth)*

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

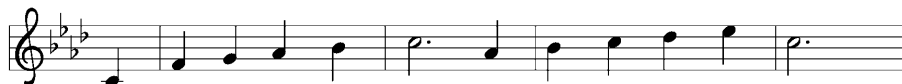
Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Roger Steinke,
Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The God of Abraham Praise* (ELW 831)



- 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

- 5 Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
at your command.
The wat'ry deep I pass,
with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness
my way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.
- 7 Before the great Three-One
the saints exulting stand
and tell the wonders God has done
through all their land.
The list'ning spheres attend
and swell the growing fame
and sing the songs which never end,
the wondrous name.
- 8 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
to you be glory, might divine,
and endless praise!

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.**

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.

OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY: *Arioso* (J.S. Bach)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

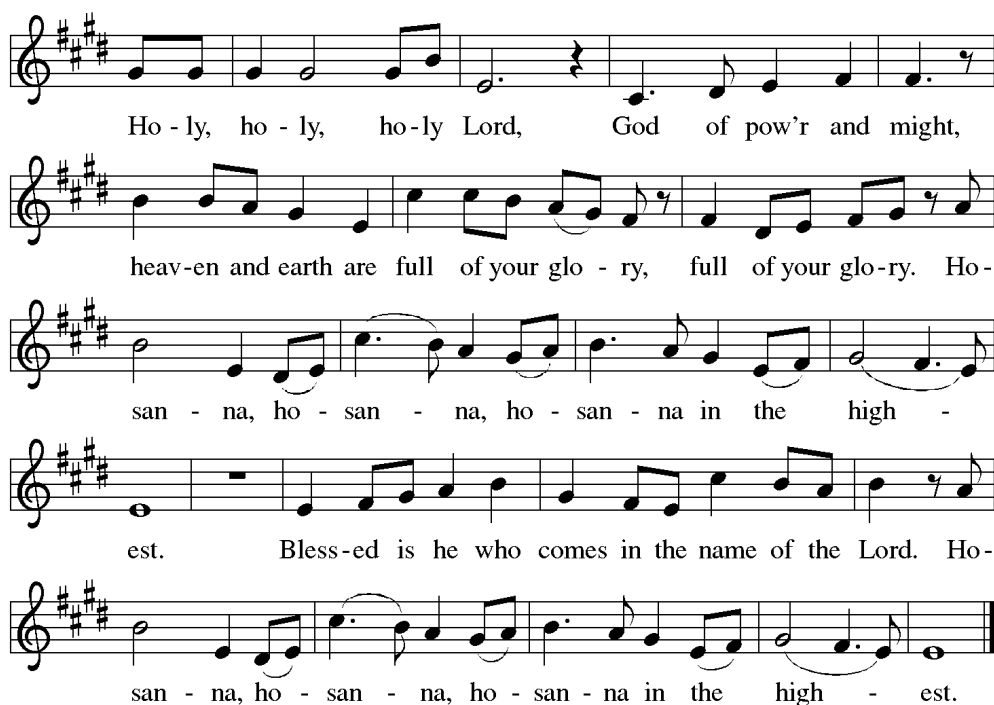
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

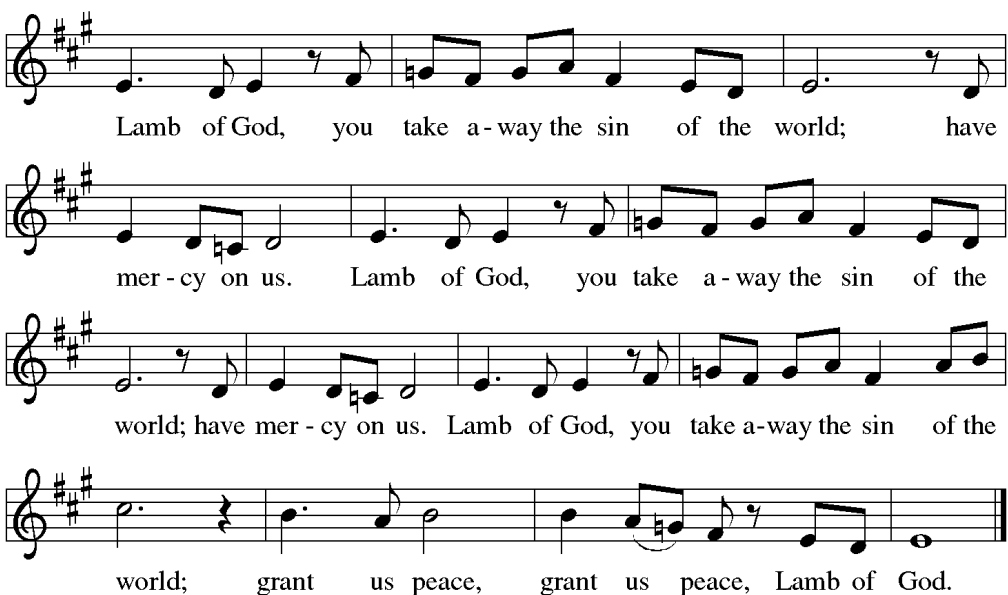
Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

This Is My Father's World (ELW 824)

O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (ELW 488)

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

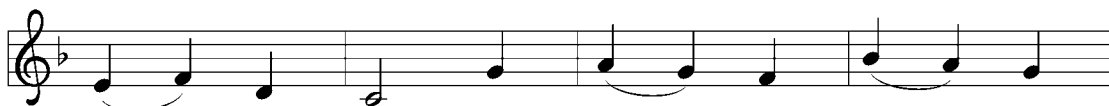
BLESSING

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: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ELW 551)



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *The God Of Abraham Praise* (H. Hopson)

Assisting With Today's Service:

Organist	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Brian Midtbo & Adonica Midtbo
Choir Director	Sarah Moran	Communion Assistants	Ann Aagaard, Kris Linderoth & Nancy McGee
Lector	Neil McGee	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Acolyte	Audrey Busch & Alexa Midtbo	Greeter	Paul Anderson

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

Weekly Financial Report

September 11, 2016

Attendance: 215

General Offerings: \$8,930

Mortgage Fund: \$980

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098



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-Louisiana 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), **Jacque & 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 Fjeld** (Richard & Judy Edmonds' grandson) and **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

MARINES: **James Bacon** (Jeanne Koruga's friend), **Olav 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 am Lectionary—*Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!*
11:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Personnel Committee
7:00 pm Church 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
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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.