July 14, 2019 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 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 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 K. Berg		
Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Ryan Stute
Richard Edmonds	Lector	Marlis Pehling
Alexia Payne	Greeter	
Connie Wolter	Sound Tech	Jacky Schnarre
Bob Berg, June Condra, Doug Peterson & Gordy Phelps	Communion Assistants	David Berg, Brian Midtbo & Jacky Schnarre
	Pew Angel	Joanne Bjornsen
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Foundation (W. Held)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



- 3 "When through fi 'ry tri als your path way shall lie, 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove
- is laid for your faith in Christ Je sus, the Word! for I am your God and will still give you aid; my grace. all - suf fi cient, shall be your sup - ply. my reign, e ter _ nal. un - change - a - ble love:





GREETING

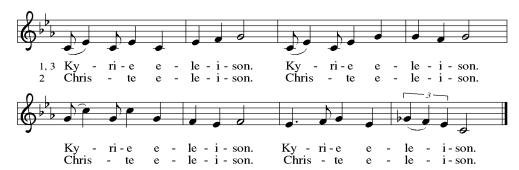
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Our God, who meets us in our story with the greatest story ever told. In Jesus we have an anchor in rough seas. As Esther learned, you are indeed with us always in the most difficult moments of our lives. We give you thanks for fulfilling your promise. Amen.

KYRIE: Kyrie = Lord; eleison = have mercy; Christe = Christ



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



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!

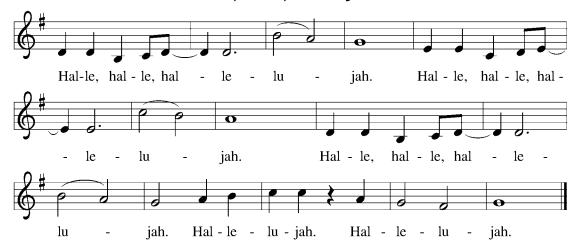
ANTHEM: How Firm a Foundation (L. Shackley)

Vocal Quartet: Sally Adams, Bob Berg, Doug Peterson & Connie Wolter

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



THE WORD: Esther 4:1-17

¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law - all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. 12When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace" you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another guarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Word of God. Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Lloyd Condra

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Faith of Our Fathers (alternate text) (ELW 813)



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

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

For the church, steadfast and faithful in its mission to proclaim redemption through Christ Jesus; for all ministers of the gospel who proclaim that the word is near, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For areas affected by drought or storms; for livestock and fields; for ranchers and farmers; and for all stewards of the earth, that as God's goodness is revealed in creation, we act with justice toward all creatures, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

For lawyers and advocates; for local, regional, and national governments; and for peace throughout the world, that God send gracious and upright leaders to govern with mercy and truth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who feel ashamed; for those who find it difficult to trust; for the bereaved and sick, especially Roy & Rick that God provide compassionate and loving caregivers to all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the members of the body of Christ in this place; for those who do good works in our midst; for those who are visiting and those who are absent, that the Holy Spirit guide all the journeys of our lives, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For whom do the people pray?

For our ancestors who have inspired us by their lives of faith, that thankful for their witness, we can confidently proclaim our salvation, let us pray. **Have mercy**, **O God**.

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Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

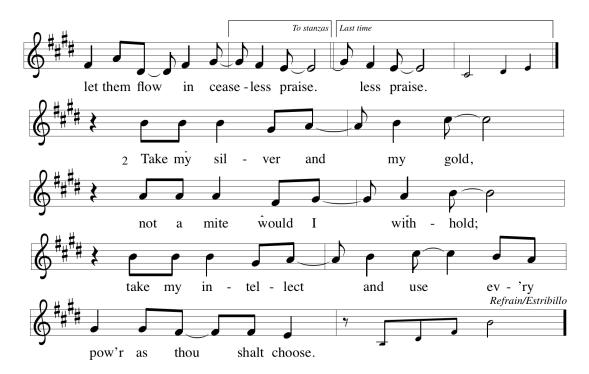
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Foundation (Arr. By P. Keveren)

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Evelyn & Charles Gaylord in memory of their son-in-law Dave Lewis, husband of Shannon.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

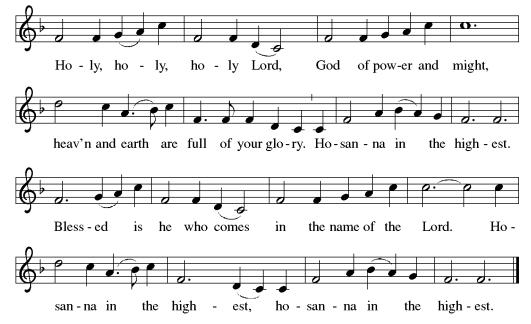
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

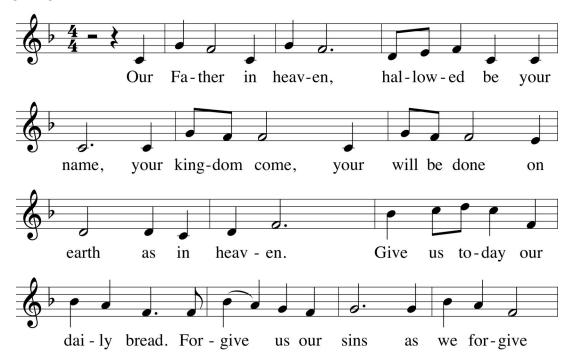
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

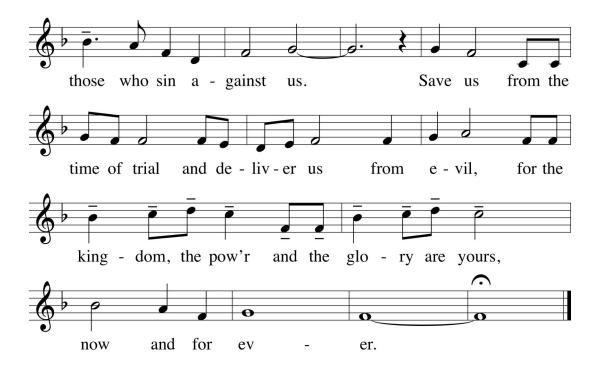
We ask you to bless these communion kits and those who will carry them to our home bound family. May they be a sign of your love.

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





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

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.

AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God: Your Only Son (ELW 336)



COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)
What a Fellowship, What a lov Div

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

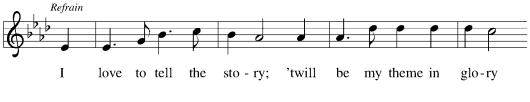
SENDING SONG: I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)













DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fanfare in C (H. Purcell)

July 21, 2019 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 2:1-11

Worship as Life: Living into our Faith

Weekly Financial Report

July 7, 2019 Attendance: 136

General Offerings: \$13,539 Mortgage Fund: \$1,370

Amount needed per Sunday:

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of sympathy for Evenlyn & Charles Gaylord and family in the death of their son-in-law, Dave Lewis, husband of daughter, Shannon.

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), Barbara (Clint Bastin's mother), Richard (Sherrill Baker's uncle), Donna (Del Benson's friend), Cynthia (Ginny & Jim Conricode's sister-in-law), Patricia (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Linda (Paul Ehe's mother), Russel (Karey Coble's cousin), Edith Holbrook (member), Susan (Cathy Tanner's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), Mary Beth (Cathy Tanner's friend), Rita (Ruth Neitzel's sister), Teresa (Michelle Tuck's friend), Roger (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Tim (Neil McGee's friend), 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:

Jeff Almeida (Stephanie Almeida's husband), Cameron Anderson (former member), Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Ashley (Chris Martin & Tom Agnew's friend), Iris (Nancy Funsinn's granddaughter), Janice (frequent visitor), Rick (Erika Beers' son-in-law), Lou (Cathy Edwards' friend), Katie (Darlene Robare's granddaughter), Nancy Davis (member), Henry (Beth Bowers' firend), Jay (Pat Daane's cousin), Judy (Judy Richards' friend), Marcie (Dan Hendricks' friend), Karen (Darlene Robare's daughter), Sherri Gordon (member), Roy King (member), Barb (Stacy Souriall's friend), Jackie (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Dorothy (Johannes Skjonsby's mother), Lorretta Rapp (member), David Shogren (member), Dennis Shogren (Dave Shogren's brother), Terry Straka (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Sadako (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother), Zoe (Ian Anderson's sister), & Harriet (Eleanor Walters' mother)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Phyllis Enger (member), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Fran Tazuma (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 Irag.

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 Olav 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

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INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, July 14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am Idaho Servant Event Departs

9:30 Am Worship

Monday, July 15

Idaho Servant Event

Tuesday, July 16

Idaho Servant Event

9:30 am Lectionary 11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 17

Idaho Servant Event

11:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, July 18

Idaho Servant Event

9:00 am Quilters

Friday, July 19

Idaho Servant Event Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 20

9:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study4:00 pm Idaho Servant Event Returns

Sunday, July 21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 Am Worship

10:45 am LWR School Kits Work Party & Brunch

