# August Preaching Series Worship and Me: The Eucharist & Sending August 27, 2023





# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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# **WORSHIP 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 narrhex with soft toys and books.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

# Worship The Eucharist and Sending

We have covered the Entrance Rite, The Word and Prayer and Confession in the liturgical order of worship. The transition from the Confession to the Eucharist is the gathering of the gifts.

Jesus sat in the temple, and he watched as people came and went doing their ritual obligations. One of those obligations was to give money to the work of the temple. All through the Old Testament we have story after story of offerings, sacrifices, and other gifts being offered to God. While Jesus watched, he noticed an old, poor woman putting a little piece of money into the treasury while also there were many rich people who put quite a few pieces of money into the treasury. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The offering is the people recognizing that all they have has come from God and so as a sign of our love for God and the Church the people give back. It is a percentage of our wealth that we give on a regular basis. The offering is also the bread and the wine that is used for the Eucharist - it too is offered up to God. (Thank you Mark Hatlen our faithful baker of the bread and the Altar Guild who sets the table.)

The meal we share has many names. "Eucharist" comes from the Greek "eukharistia" meaning thanksgiving or being grateful (kharis meaning grace). The meal then is set into a prayer that celebrates all that God has done for us including the gift of God's son, Jesus. This meal is also called "The Lord's Supper" or "The Last Supper" or "The Great Thanksgiving" or "Holy Supper" or "The Holy Sacrament." Whatever we call it, we repeat the words of Jesus that set aside the bread and the wine as his body and blood, broken and poured out for our salvation. We do this "In remembrance" of Jesus and all he has done for us.

We believe that in the eating and drinking Jesus comes fully to us, that in this act we are cleansed and fed for the work God has called us to in this world. All that this sharing need is for us to believe the words Jesus says, that this is indeed FOR YOU!

At the end of the meal we are sent out. This is the time that the community, that has now been recreated into the body of Christ (the church), is sent into the world to bring the Good News. We are sent to serve the poor, the hungry, and the lonely. You are part of Jesus good work in the world. What a powerful way to live!

So to recap we are gathered as a broken community. As we gathered we are

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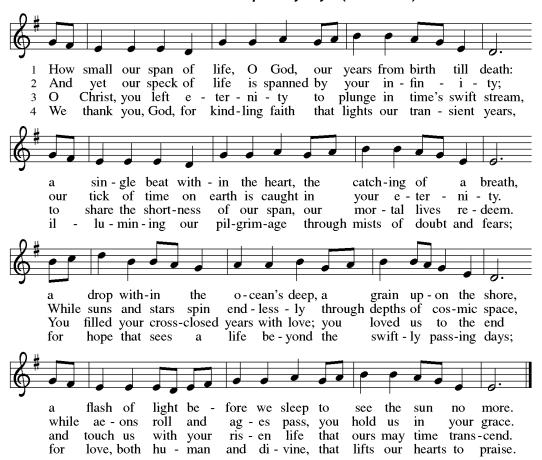
#### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness (J. S. Bach)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: How Small Our Span of Life (ELW 636)



#### 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**



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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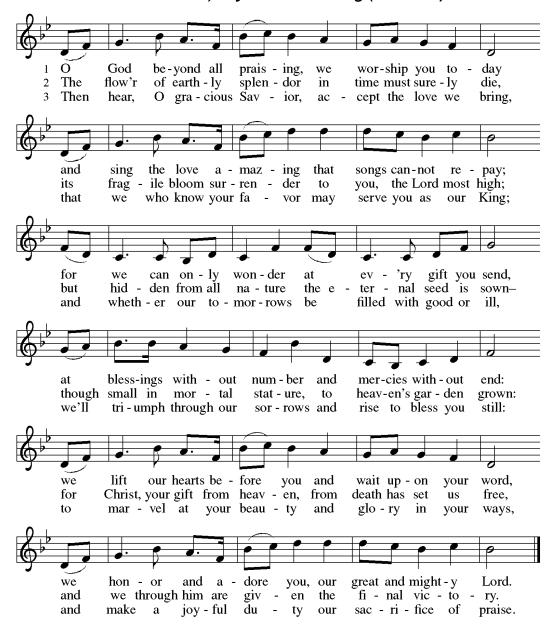
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# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: O God, Beyond All Praising (ELW 880)



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us, through the bread and wine, into the body of your Son, that we may gladly go from here to minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: Fantasie for Flute in e minor (Gearge Philip Telemann)
Patty Weston, Flute

#### WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: Luke 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)



# THE WORD: Luke 22:14-20

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Word of God, word of life.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

SERMON: Kristine Dersch

# HYMN OF THE DAY: Seek Ye First (WOV 783)



### 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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### September 3, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 24; Philipians 2:12-18

#### **Weekly Financial Report**

August 20, 2023 Attendance in Person: 113 Zoom: 16

August 20, 2023 General Offerings: \$6,777 Capital Improvement: \$625 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10.510

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**MEAL**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (R. Adams)

OFFERING: God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)



# **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through 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.

#### 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.

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



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

#### COMMUNION

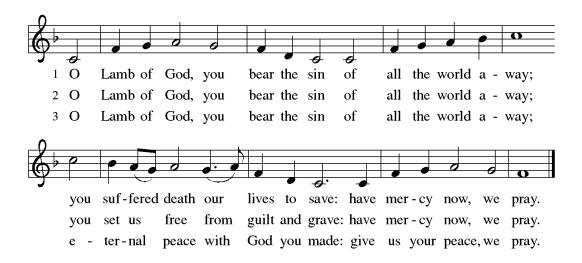
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**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



# COMMUNION HYMN: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.** 

# SENDING SONG: Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Gigue Fugue in C (D. Buxtehude)

# In Our Prayers

#### Our Ministry Partners:

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

#### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Del Benson (member), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble'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), Jeff Almeida (member), Alice (Del Benson's friend), Carolyn Becker (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), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Jess Faubion (member), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Mike (Sandy & Dan Hendricks' son), Marilyn Iverson (member), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's step-daughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Vicki (Darryl Lageson's sister), Anne Larsen (member), 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), David Shogren (member), Walt Stoll (member), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Sue Toyota (member), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

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

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

#### Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) 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.

# Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Preaching	Kris Dersch	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Flute	Patty Weston		
Choral Leaders	Bob Berg	June Condra	Doug Peterson
Lector	Mark Hatlen	Greeter	Jerry Bannister
Ushers	Tom Larsen Randall Wampler	Communion Assistants	David Berg Ho Brown
Acolyte	Noah Berg	Camera Tech	Katie Pyne
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

# **INFORMATION** for the Week!

Sunday, August 27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 am Church Council Retreat

Monday, August 28

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 29

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline

Wednesday, August 30

Thursday, August 31 9:00 am Quilters

Friday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 2

9:00 am Garden Guild

Altar Guild

Sunday, September 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion



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