October 15, 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF WELCOME

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

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

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our 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.
- + 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

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	Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Greeter	Sandy Glenn	Greeter	Stephanie Almeida
Acolyte	Karlyn LaFord	Acolyte	Clare Jackman
Ushers	Allen Glenn Dave Richards	Ushers	Rob McCaw Karey Coble
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Camera Tech	Carsten Thode	Camera Tech	David Shogren
Lector	Mark Bowers	Lector	Jean Peterson
Communion Assistants	David Osborne Nicole Thorsheim	Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjorlolo Randall Wampler
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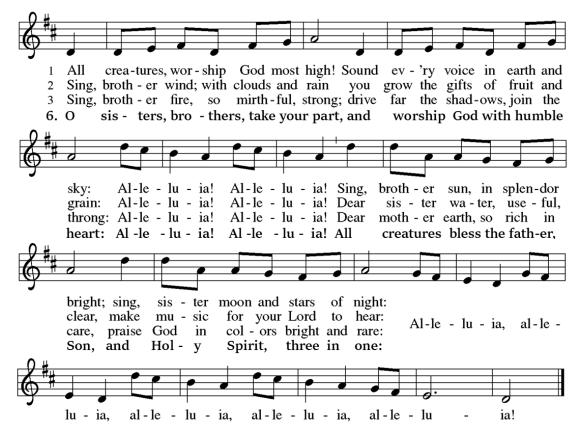
GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: 8:30 am—Children of the Heavenly Father (R. Hobby) 11:00 am—Children of the Heavenly Father (E. Linneweber)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW 835)



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 (ELW 157)









PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the people, your servant Ruth showed great love when she clung to Naomi. Teach us to show great compassion, and to turn to you when we are in need. Amen.

ANTHEM: Glorify Your Name (D. Adkins)



WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Across the heavens, from the heights, all you angels, heavenly beings,

sing praise, sing praise!

Sun and moon, glittering stars,

sing praise, sing praise!

Highest heavens, rain clouds,

sing praise, sing praise!

Praise God's name, whose word called you forth and fixed you in place for ever by eternal decree.

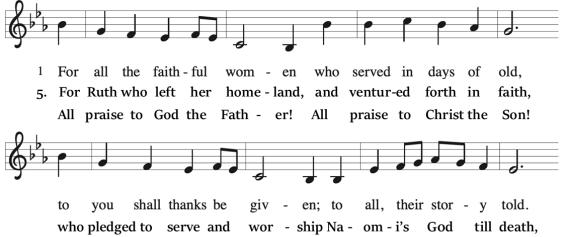
Let there be praise:

from the depths of the earth, from creatures of the deep. Fire and hail, snow and mist, storms, winds, mountains, hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild beasts and tame, snakes and birds, princes, judges, rulers, subjects, men, women, old and young,

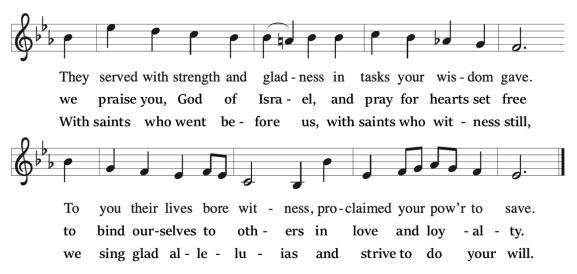
praise, praise the holy name, this name above all names.

God's splendor above the earth, above the heavens, gives strength to the nation, glory to the faithful, a people close to the Lord. Israel, let there be praise!

WELCOMING THE WORD: For All the Faithful Women (ELW 419)



All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



THE WORD: Ruth 1:1-17;4:13-17

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in- law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son.

¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Word of God. Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, for the Cascade Range and the Salih Sea, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For whom do the people pay?

In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence for self-reflection

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

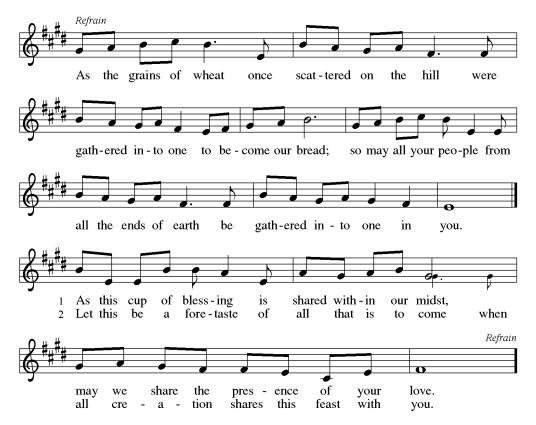
Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for

us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **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: Children of the Heavenly Father (L. Larson) PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

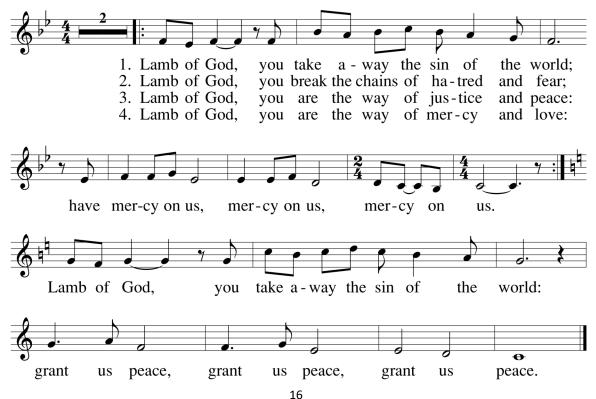
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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, it 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.

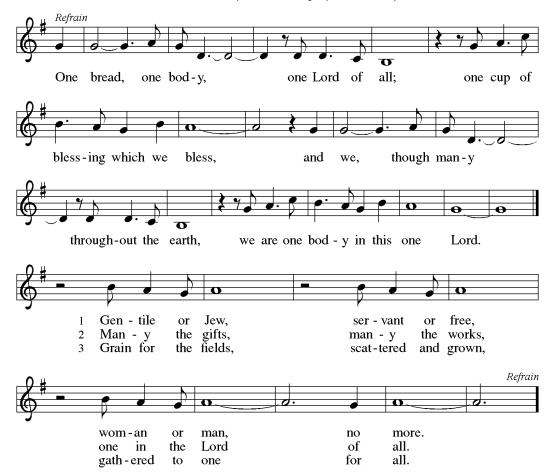
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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 HYMNS: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION SONG: Praise to You, O God of Mercy (ELW 208)



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

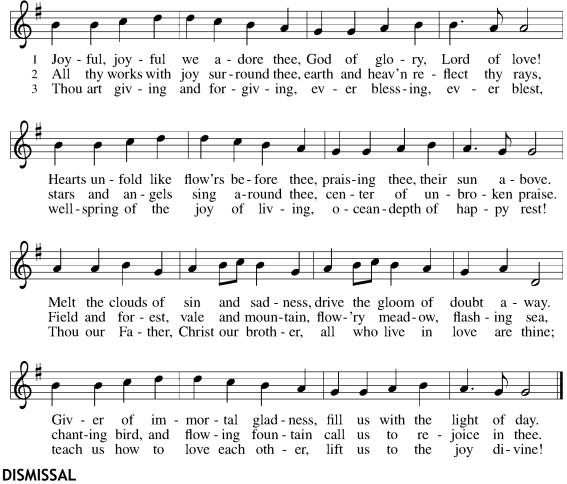
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)



Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (L. Dengler)

INFORMATION for the Week!

Sunday, October 15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am
9:45 am
11:00 am
12:30 pm
Worship w/Holy Communion
Breaking Bread with the Bergs
Personnel Policies Task Force

Monday, October 16

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 9:15 am Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 am Lectionary
- 3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline
- 6:00 pm Fellowship Committee
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, October 18

- 9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
- 10:00 am Rebecca Circle
- 5:00 pm Preschool Task Force
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee

Thursday, October 19

9:00 am
9 Year Old Preschool
3 Year Old Preschool
Quilters
9:15 am
9:15 am
9:10 pm
9:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 20

Church Office Closed 9:00 3 Year Old Preschool

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 am Hannah Circle Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:30 am Quilt Sale Set-up
 - Eucharistic Ministry Team

Sunday, October 22 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am FLC Quilters' Quilt Sale
- 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
- 5:00 pm Journey Class-All are welcome! Dinner will be served!

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Scott Straka and family in the death of his mother, long-time member, Terry Straka on October 5.

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), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), 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), John Helmon (former member), 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), Terry Straka (member), 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), 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), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Jess Faubion (member), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Mark Hatlen (member), Marilyn Iverson (member), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's stepdaughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Debbie Lageson (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Akton (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).

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), 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.

Adult Sunday School: The Reformation

October 8 - Before Luther October 15 - Luther the Radical October 22 - Philip Melancthon Augsburg Confession October 29 - The Reformation



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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:



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.