

**The Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Diane Mae Ullery
September 5, 2025**



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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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Diane, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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.

GATHERING HYMN: *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
- 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Diane was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life;

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life;

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

We glorify you.

We praise you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Diane. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: *Teresa Hewitt, daughter and Eric Ullery, son*

ANTHEM: *You Are My Hiding Place* (Michael J. Ledner)
Christa Ullery

Christa will sing verses 1 & 2 and invites the congregation to join on verse 3

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord

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WORD

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

FIRST READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Sheri Boldt, Daughter

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all

kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PSALM 23

Ryan Boldt, Grandson

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-6

Nancy Henning, Daughter

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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 pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Diane to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence for Reflection

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Diane.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,

the joy of the winds,

the peace of the fields,

the music of the birds,

the fire of the sun,

the strength of the trees,

and the faith of a little child,

in all of which is God,

go with you and be with you today and always. Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

POSTLUDE:

In Loving Memory of Diane Ullery

Diane Ullery, age 90, went to be with the Lord on the evening of August 23, 2025, at Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland, Washington, surrounded by her six children and her brother.

Born in North Dakota in April 1935, Diane was the beloved daughter of Rudy (Rudolph) and Evy (Evelyn) Helgeson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her youngest brother, Dennis Helgeson.

Diane graduated from Queen Anne High School, where she was a standout in the theater program, playing lead roles in productions like *Oklahoma* and *Hansel & Gretel*. At 18, she was selected as a candidate for the 1953 Seafair Queen and was named first runner-up. Diane was always humble about her accomplishments, and we only discovered this part of her story while looking through old photos.

After high school, Diane followed her passion for nursing and earned her degree from the University of Washington. She became a Registered Nurse and devoted her career to helping others, working well into her 60s. Her career began at Virginia Mason Hospital, where she was known for her skill, compassion, and calm presence in the surgical ward, impacting the lives of countless patients.

In 1956, Diane married Jerry Ullery, her loving husband of 66 years. Together, they built a life centered on love and family, first living in a Queen Anne apartment, and later in their home on N. 90th St.—just 11 blocks from their final resting place.

As Jerry pursued his lifelong engineering career in space, avionics, and military programs, he and Diane moved to La Mirada and Placentia in Orange County, California, before eventually settling in Kirkland, Washington, where they raised their six children.



Diane and Jerry shared a deep love for adventure. One of their most treasured experiences was a six-month assignment in Kwajalein, the largest of the Marshall Islands. So fond of their time on the island, they returned for a second six-month stay after a brief time back home.

After Jerry's early retirement, the couple embraced their shared love of travel, planning cruises, international vacations, and road trips between Seattle and their winter retreat in Mesa, Arizona. Their journeys were marked by curiosity, joy, and meticulous planning.

Diane Mae (Helgeson) Ullery is now reunited with her husband, Jerold "Jerry" Ullery, who passed away in February 2022. She is survived by their six children: three daughters, Teresa (Ken) Hewitt, Sheri (Rick) Boldt, and Nancy (Ric) Henning; and three sons, John (Nicki) Ullery, Eric (Karen) Ullery, and Thomas Ullery. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren—Amy (Andrew) Lane, Julie Hewitt, Mark Hewitt, Ryan (Natalie) Boldt, Steven (Jesse) Boldt, Lindsey (Nick) Koske, Christopher (Jenn) Henning, Hannah Ullery, Dylan (Alea) Ullery, Chloe Ullery, Kyle Ullery, and Christa Ullery—and twelve great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Diane is also survived by her brother, Robert Helgeson, and her sister, Gayanne (Helgeson) Kuhn.

Diane loved her children and grandchildren deeply. She stayed involved in their lives, always joyfully interested in their adventures and accomplishments. Her legacy lives on through the warmth and devotion she instilled in her family.





Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Organ / Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Funeral Coordinator:	Donna Hillard
Sound Tech:	Ann Bormann
Camera Tech:	David Osborne
Usher:	Dan Bormann
Reception Coordinator:	Nora Strothman

Memorial donations may be made in Diane's name to the First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.



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