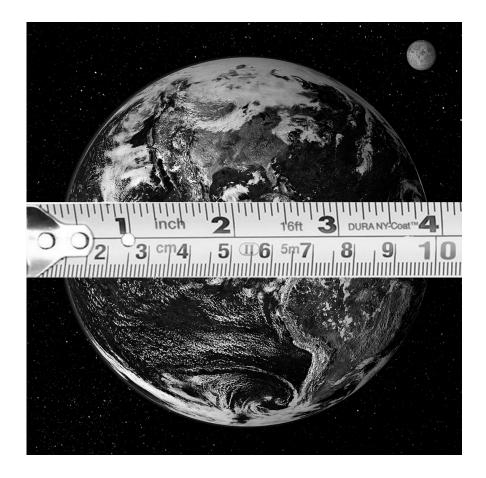
June 23, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am





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 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 narthex with soft toys and books. We also have a nursery with a caregiver available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
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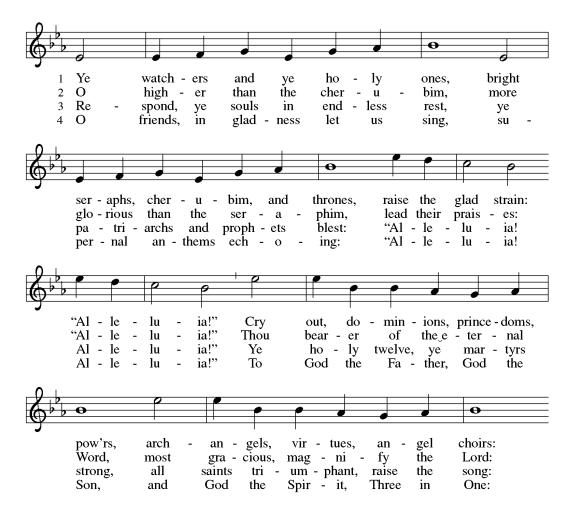
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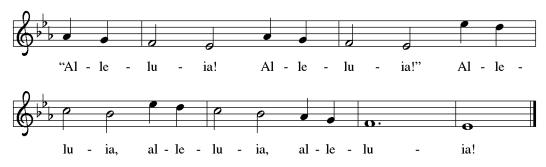
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones (H. Hopson)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (ELW 424)





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.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, All You People: Uyaimose (ELW 819)

ANTHEM: How Great Thou Art (Hine/Belliston) Rachel Jackman, Soprano

WORD

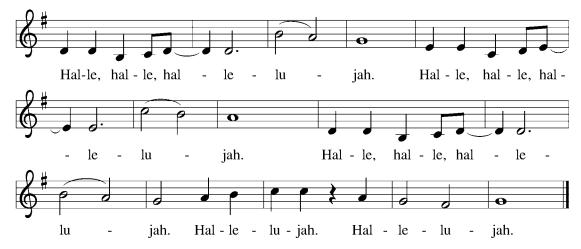
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"
Word of God,
word of life.

WELCOMING THE WORD: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)



THE WORD: Hebrews 3:7--4:13

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹where your ancestors put me to the test, though they had seen my works ¹⁰for forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways.'

¹¹As in my anger I swore,

'They will not enter my rest."

¹²Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the

deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶Now who were they who heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses? ¹⁷But with whom was he angry forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, if not to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

"As in my anger I swore, 'They shall not enter my rest,"

though his works were finished at the foundation of the world. ⁴For in one place it speaks about the seventh day as follows, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this place it says, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he sets a certain day – "today" – saying through David much later, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

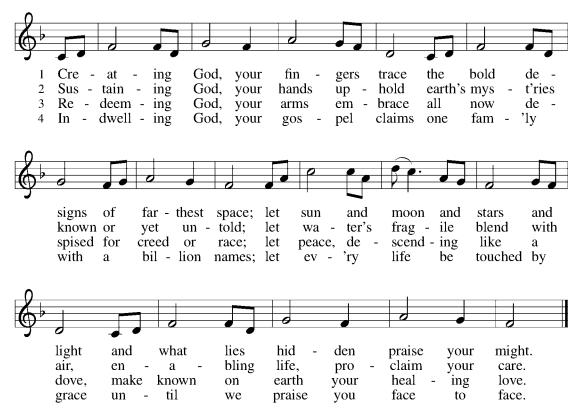
⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day. ⁹So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; ¹⁰for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Word of God, word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (ELW 684)



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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray. (You may offer up out loud or in the silence of your hearts prayers for yourself, others, or for situations in the world.)

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. We remember this day, Einer Fallmyr. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than

enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

PEACE

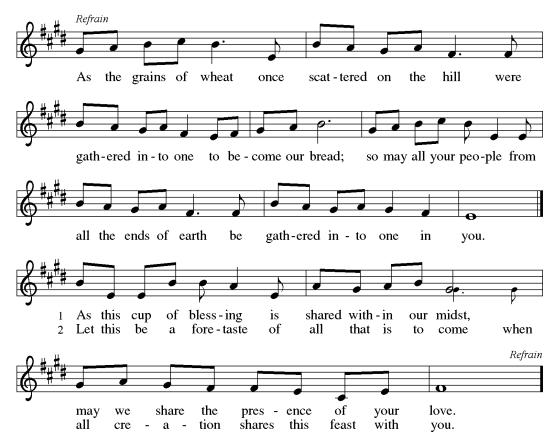
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Come Let Us Eat (D. Cherwien)

OFFERING: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 yo

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

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

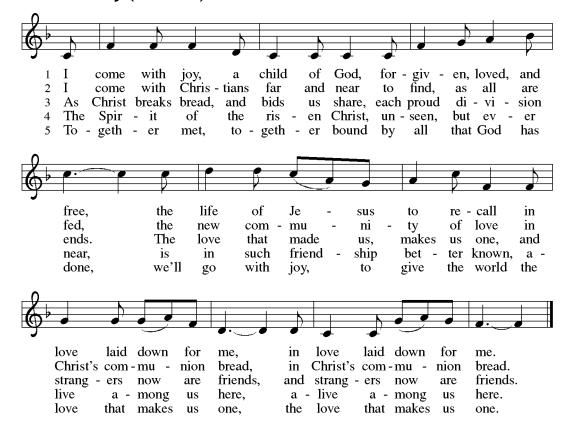
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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 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.

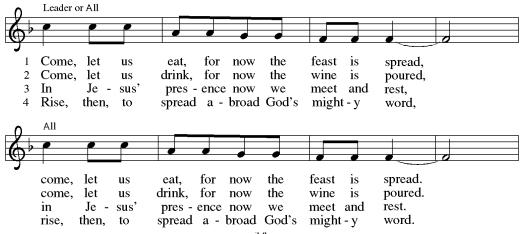
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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. <u>Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.</u>

COMMUNION HYMNS I Come with Joy (ELW 482)



Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \pm be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Fanfare (H. Purcell)

Weekly Financial Report

June 16, 2024Attendance in Person: 94Zoom: 22June 16, 2024General Offerings: \$12,598Capital Improvement: \$801General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

June 30, 2024 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 92 A Song for the Sabbath

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Beth Bowers Retirement Party-all are welcome! 10:30 am

Monday, June 24

Staff Meeting 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 25

9:30 am Lectionary Weekly News Submission Deadline 3:30 pm Book Club Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 26

Peace by Piece Sewing 10:00 am 4:00 pm Preschool Board

Thursday, June 27

FLC Quilters 9:00 am

Friday, June 28

Church Office Closed

1:00 pm Panama Canal Birding with Ann & Dan Bormann

7:00 pm Panama Canal Birding with Ann & Dan Bormann

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am

Congregation Sabbatical Beginning Celebration 10:30 am

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In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Pastor Berg and family in the death of his cousin, Einar Fallmyr

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), 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), Richard (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Joshua (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Castulo (Alcaraz family friend), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Tim (Dave Shogren'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), Jean Rahr (former member), Jacky Schnarre (member), Deborah (Vicki Shank's cousin), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), August (Karey Coble's friend) Patty Weston's Father.

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Carolyn Becker (member), Donna (Roger Steinke's friend), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Joan Christian (member), Susan Cook (member), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), John Godek (member). Teresa Fesalbon (Friend of the Bakers) Marilynverson (member), Mary (Melanie Veazey's mother), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Stephen (Ann & Tom Larsen's son-in-law), John (Valarie Cole's father), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sarah (Susan & Ross Cook's daughter), Sandy Sailand (member), Kathy Telford-Luiz (frequent visitor), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend),

Frances (Dan Hendricks' sister).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeanette Backstrom (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta Nelson (member), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Emma (Dave Shogren's mother), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother), Roger Wolter (member).

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.

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:

