August 3, 2025 Eighth 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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Serving Us In Worship Today

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Ushers	David Osborne Dave Richards
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley June Condra, Piano, Cheryl Miller, Flute

WELCOME

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GATHERING SONG: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 859)



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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.

Ever present God, you watch over us and our work that we do in your name. We pray that your promises will come to us daily. Send your Holy Spirit to encourage us to share your comforting words with the world. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Hallelujah (ACS 1088)



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah,



WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 22:2-7,29

²[David] said: The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

³my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

⁴I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

and I am saved from my enemies.

⁵For the waves of death encompassed me,

the torrents of perdition assailed me;

⁶the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me.

⁷In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

²⁹Indeed, you are my lamp, O LORD, the LORD lightens my darkness.

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: Jesus Loves Me (William Bradbury) June Condra, Piano, Cheryl Miller, Flute

: Psalm 91

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ²will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; ⁴he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, ¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: "On Eagle's Wings" Ann Aagard

HYMN OF THE DAY: On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787) Rachel Jackman, Leader; Congregation, Refrain

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

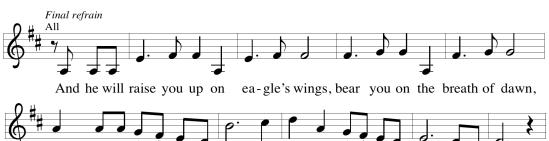


And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Final Refrain



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Swigerts, Christians, Paul Wang, Al Halvorson, Petersons, Wayne Lohrman, Gabe Hernandez, Jennifer Cleaves, Stephanie Nelson, Brian Hepler.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these siblings in faith, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

Joyce Thode (President of the Congregation: I present NAMES, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptisms.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in faith, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these siblings in faith the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice and show our appreciation in receiving these loved ones as full members of our congregation!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

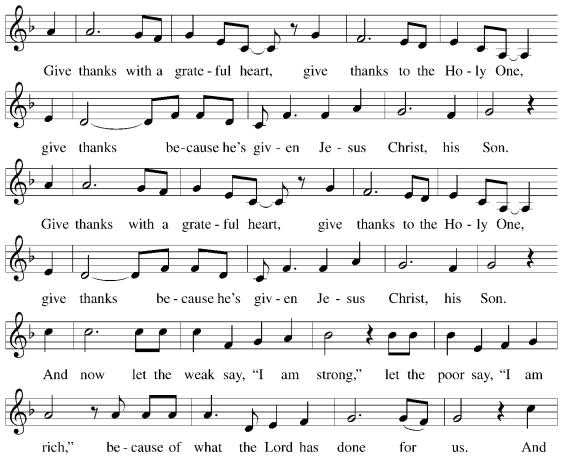
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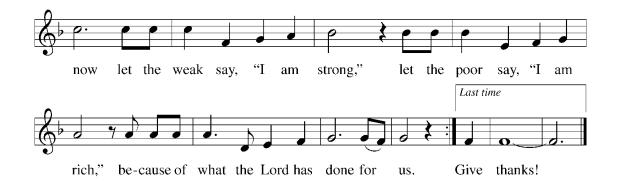
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEALGod feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Beach Spring June Condra, Piano, Cheryl Miller, Flute

OFFERING: Give Thanks (TFF 292)





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through 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 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

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come to the Table (ELW 481)



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

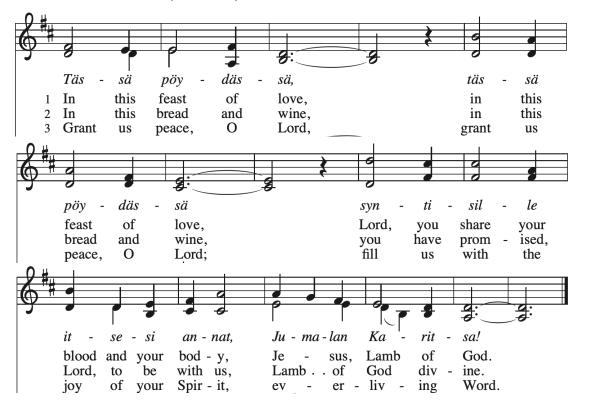
Come by Here (TFF 43)



- 1 Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one's cry ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's cry ing, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's sing-ing, Lord, come by here;
- 4 Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's pray-ing, Lord, come by here;
- 5 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;



In This Feast of Love (ACS 962)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit • bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty (P. Manz)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

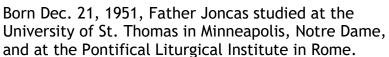


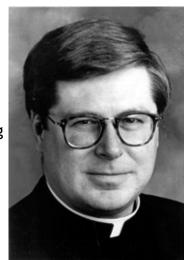
Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

Behind the Song: "On Eagle's Wings"

The music for the hymn "On Eagle's Wings" was written by Father Jan Michael Joncas in 1976 after returning from a meal with his friend Doug Hall, when he discovered Hall's father had died of a heart attack. To console his friend, Father Joncas recalled "I knew this was a hard, hard experience in anybody's life, and I just wanted to create something that would be both prayerful and comforting." Returning to his parents' Minnesota home, he composed the music on his guitar. "On Eagle's Wings" was recorded and published in 1979.





Ordained 1980, he taught at both St. Thomas and Notre Dame. He has composed over 20 collections of liturgical music. While serving in Minnesota he collaborated with Marty Haugen and David Hass, both of whose music we sing frequently at First Lutheran Church.

Following the 1995 bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Father Joncas received a request for the hymn to be played by the then governor's wife, Cathy Keating.

To his surprise and delight an Italian version was sung at the funeral of famed operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

The hymn was also used in Joe Biden's acceptance speech in 2020, and at the 2015 funeral of his son Beau Biden.

The hymn is frequently sung at the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel, and in Catholic, mainline Protestant, charismatic, and other denominations at baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

It was also used during Pope John Paul II's various visits to the United States in 1980s.

Father Michael Joncas: "Scripture grounds my life as a Christian, a preacher and a priest."

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, August 3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion Reception of New Members

Ann Aagaard, Preacher

10:45 am FLC Building Tour

Monday, August 4

12:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 5

9:30 am NO Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

6:00 pm Property Committee

7:00 pm IT/Communications Committee

Social Ministries Committee

Wednesday, August 6

3:00 pm Endowment Committee

Thursday, August 7

9:30 am Quilters

Friday, August 8

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion—David Osborne, Preacher

August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 141, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Weekly Financial Report

July 27 Attendance in Person: 101 Online: 24

July 27, 2025 General Offerings: \$7,158 Capital Improvement: \$305

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770

In Our Prayers

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), Sue & Lee (Beth Bowers' cousins), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Susan Cook (member), Alexis (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Trevor (Nora Strothman's friend), Norma (Kristin Smith's friend), Mary Hatlen (member), Steve (Mark Hatlen's cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), John (Susan Berg's brother), Nancy McGee (member), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (frequent visitor), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Brandis (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Rylan (Kristin Smith's cousin), Marin (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), Roy (Kristin Smith's cousin), Deborah (Vicki Shanks' cousin), Fern (Surya Skjonsby's friend), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Tom Agnew (member), Castulo (Tricia Alcaraz' friend), Laura (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), Lupe (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), Carolyn Becker (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Kai (Jennifer Cleaves' son), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Nancy Davis (member), Karen (Paula Glandon's sister), John Godek (member), Teresa (friend of the Bakers) Zach (Trevor Coble's friend), Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Karen Johnson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Noreen Kloster (member), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Gina (Roger Steinke'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), Chris Martin (member), Gordy Phelps (member), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Dennis (Dave Shogren's brother), Mona Shogren (member), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), Alan (Siebert family friend), Kayden (Karey Coble's nephew), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Telford-Luiz (member), Paul (Baker family friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Audrey Fisher (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Walt 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.