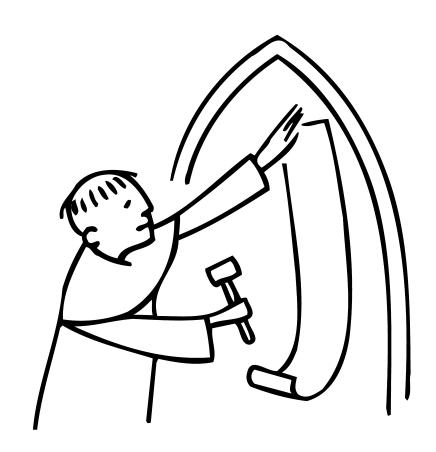
October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday
9:30 am





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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- Please name each person in attendance, and if they will be taking communion, on the card provided in the pew rack. Place card in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymnbook.
- + 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 nursery or the "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. Please ask an usher for directions.
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October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday

GATHERING

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

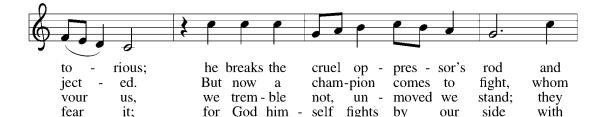
PRELUDE: Ein Feste Burg (W. Held)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW 504)



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who





wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.

God him - self e - lect - ed.

can - not o - ver - pow'r us.

weap-ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



GREETING

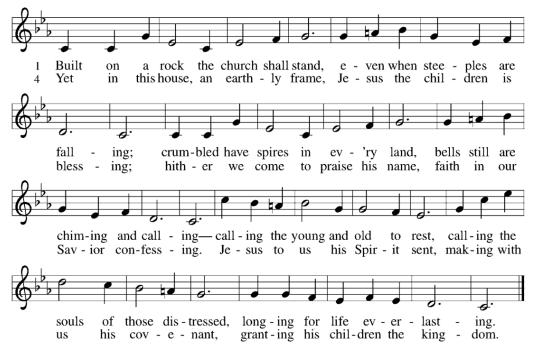
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Built on a Rock (ELW 652)



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Psalm 46

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: Upon this Rock (J. Althouse)

THE WORD: Romans 3:19-28

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they

are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage (ELW 509)









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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

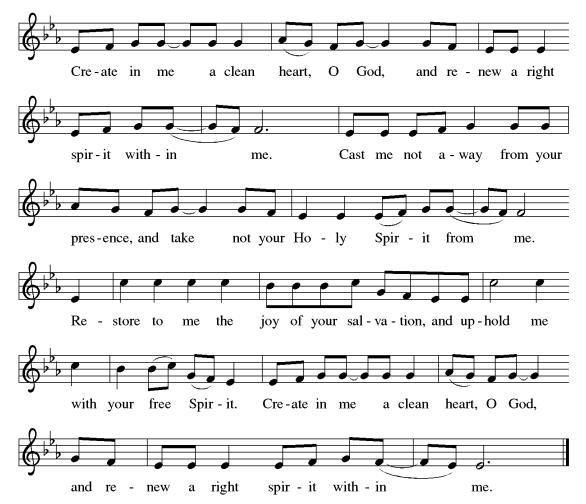
PEACE

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

MEALGod feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Ein Feste Burg (B. Buda)

OFFERING: Create in Me a Clean Heart



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth,

for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place,

for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,

and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools, for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, for Jeremiah and the psalmists,

and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde, for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai, Nommensen and Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld, for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, **embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,** who on the night before he died, 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.

And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection,

his presence in this meal around the world,

And we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your churches;

and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, with the joy of life in your household.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield,

today, tomorrow, 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,

vour 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 welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

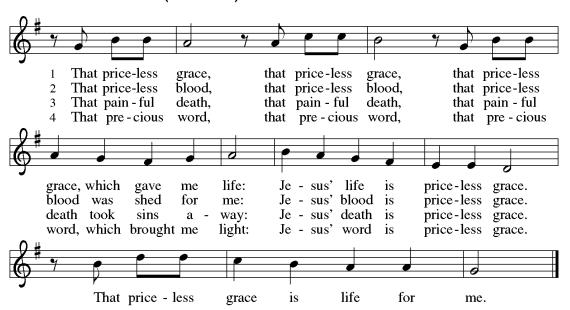
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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: That Priceless Grace (ELW 591)



Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (HFW 172)



- 1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ, our head and cor-ner-stone,
- 2 To this tem-ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith-ful all the gifts they ask to gain;
- 4 Praise and hon or to the Fa ther, praise and hon or to the Son,



of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all cho - sen the church in one; come, with all your lov - ing-kind-ness, hear your peo - ple they pray; as what they gain from you for - ev - er with the bless-ed re - tain: to praise and hon - or the Spir - it, ev - er three and to ev - er one:



ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er and your full - est ben - e - dic - tion and here - af - ter in your glo - ry one in might and one in glo - ry and our con - fi - dence a - lone. shed with - in these walls to - day. ev - er - more with you to reign. while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656)



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be fore our Fa ther's throne we pour our ar dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu tual woes, our mu tual bur dens bear,
- 4 From sor row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove. our fears, our hopes, our aims are one. our com-forts and our cares. each oth - er flows and of - ten for the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 597)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Kirken (P. Manz)

November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday

Ephesians 1:11-14 Revelation 7:9-17 Washed in Jesus

Weekly Financial Report

October 19, 2025 Attendance in Person: n/a Online: n/a
October 19, 2025 General Offerings: n/a Capital Improvement: n/a

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770



Answering the call

Yehiel Curry is installed as ELCA presiding bishop John Potter, Living Lutheran

When Yehiel Curry was installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA on Saturday, Elizabeth Eaton, the former presiding bishop, led the assembly in welcoming Curry. "Yehiel, bishop in the church of God, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy," she exclaimed to a diverse, colorfully dressed and enthusiastic assembly at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

"With all my heart," Curry began before pausing emotionally. After Eaton went to his side and placed a hand on his arm, he continued. "I thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve among you in Christ's name. And in the joy of the Spirit, may the peace of God be upon this house and this assembly."

CeCee Mills, secretary-elect of the ELCA, began the installation with an African tradition, the pouring of libations in honor of "the God that created us and in recognition that we are because of the ancestors who preceded us and in the hope of those who will come," she said. "This ritual recognizes and shows respect for those who have come before and who have paved the way, and those who are yet to come."



Curry was introduced to the assembly by representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he served as bishop prior to being elected to a six-year term as presiding bishop. "Grounded in mission, he gave us the charge to 'Go, therefore,' and invited us to smile, embracing the joy of God's calling and trusting that our labor in the Lord is not in vain," said one synod representative.

For Curry, that call to ministry took shape as he became first mission developer and then pastor of Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., and it continues now. "There came a call over the portals of heaven into the earth, round about the South Side of Chicago, at 61st and Woodlawn," Vandiver said.

"Who would've thought that that young boy growing up on the South Side of Chicago would grow also in wisdom and stature and somebody would put their hand on him and say, 'We want you to be a lay mission developer'?" Vandiver continued. "Who would've thought in that moment that we'd be sitting here today? Look what the Lord has done!"

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), Jen & Dave (Baker family friend), Donna Benfield (former member), 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), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), 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), Joe (Barb Thieme's brother), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Knut Aagaard (member), 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), 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), Phillip (Karen Johnson's brother), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Gina (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Ollie Polonsky (member), Judy Richards (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), Ron Tuck (member), Melanie Veazey (member), Jackie Williams (Donna Benfield's brother), Paul (Baker family friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Diane (Rene & Rob Baker's friend), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Audrey Fisher (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Roger Wolter (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: Christopher Whipple (Carolyn Whipple's son)

COAST GUARD: Gage McIntyre (Tamara McIntyre'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.

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, October 26 Reformation Sunday-Wear Red!

9:15 am LWR School Kit Stuffing

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

4:00 pm Journey Class with Compass Housing Alliance

Monday, October 27

9:00 am 4/5 Year Old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 28

9 00 am 3 Year Old & 4/5 Year old Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary w/ Pastor Berg 3:15 pm Membership Committee

7:00 pm Book Club-

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 am 4/5 Year Old Preschool 6:00 pm Preschool Open House

Thursday, October 30

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool & 4/5 Year Old Preschool

9:30 am Quilters

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 31

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, November 1 9:00 am Altar Gui

Altar Guild Garden Guild

1:00 pm Walt Stoll Memorial Service

Sunday, November 2 All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

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:

