August Preaching Series
Worship and Me
The Entrance Rite
August 6, 2023





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.
- + 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

Worship

The Gathering Rite

In Christian circles, worship is as ubiquitous as breathing. Because of this there is a lot that we take for granted that is not so obvious to the outsider. We use unfamiliar words like "liturgy," "Eucharist," and "Kyrie Eleison." It is good for us to take time to relearn each part of the worship service and why we do what we do. This month we are inviting lay folk to share what a particular part of the service means to them. Today we turn to the Gathering Rite.

Worship begins with the people gathering in the worship space. Like welcoming people into your home, one is greeted at the entrance and provided instruction, handed a bulletin and directed to a seat. While this is happening music is played called the "Prelude." Often this is chosen as a theme for the service or a setting based on a song that will be sung later.

Once all are in their place, the pastor welcomes all. In this welcome special instructions may be imparted. The community then is invited to sing a song. A song sung for worship is called a "hymn" which comes from the Greek "hymnos" meaning "song of praise." The gathering song will be chosen for its theme of welcome or for the preaching theme for the day.

After the hymn, the pastor offers the "Apostolic Greeting." This greeting comes from the letters of Paul; see Philippians 1:1-2.

After the greeting, the community turns to calling on God for mercy. This is called the Kyrie from the Greek "Kurios" meeting "Lord." We often sing the words "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison," meaning Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. This is offered as a penitential or humble cry of help.

We then turn to singing a hymn of praise extoling the greatness of God. Sometimes we might use the word "canticle." It is from the Latin meaning "little song." A canticle can be either a hymn or a chant often using a biblical text.

The Prayer of the Day emphasizes the theme for the day and invites God and the people into this day of gathering and hearing the Word of God.

We end the Gathering Rite with an anthem. It is either a choral or instrumental composition often based on the biblical passage for the day.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: I Come With Joy (Walker)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Making Their Way (ACS 979)



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank*, 1626 Text © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

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



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your welcome extends beyond our imagination. We are amazed that your love is never-ending. Encourage us to love and welcome the stranger in our midst; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: God of Wonders (Byrd/Hindalong)
Cheryl Miller, Flute and Karla Stalwick, Piano

WORD

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

PSALM 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

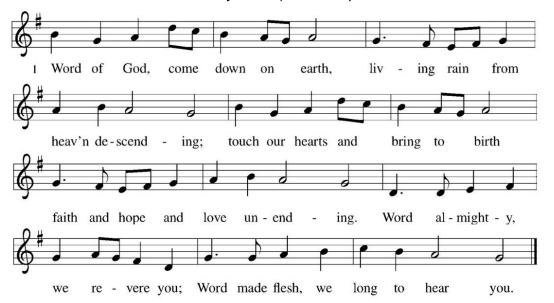
Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Word of God (ELW 510)



THE WORD: Ephesians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

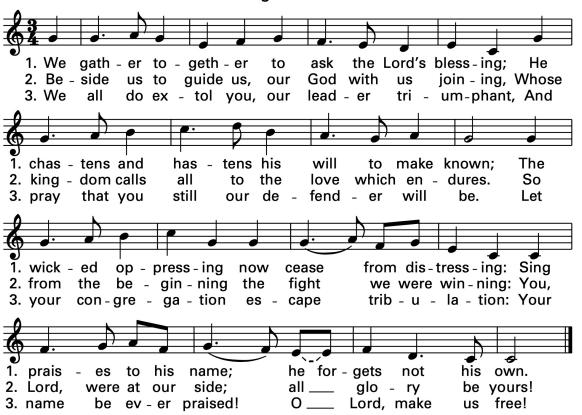
²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also (when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him) were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Jacky Schnarre

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Gather Together



Text: 12 11 12 11; Wilt heden nu treden; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt. Music: Neder-landtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626.

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Desus Christ.

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: Bread of Heaven (Jordan)

OFFERING: God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)



Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION

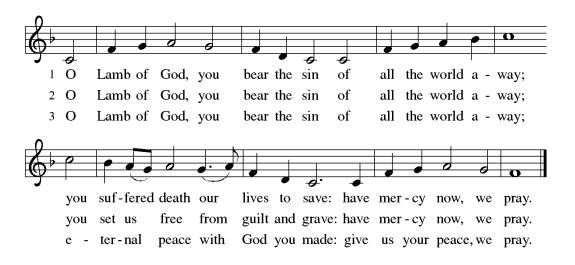
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN: Watch, O Lord (ACS 996)



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on a prayer attributed to Augustine

Music: WATCH, O LORD, Marty Haugen

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed • bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: God Be with You Till We Meet Again (ELW 536)



- 1 God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;





DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (Manz)

August 13, 2023 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 2:1-5; Luke 8:4-15 Worship: The Word

Weekly Financial Report

July 23, 2023 Attendance in Person: 139 Zoom: 18

July 23, 2023 General Offerings: \$5,505 Capital Improvement: \$671

> July 30, 2023 Attendance in Person: 133 700m: 17

July 30, 2023 General Offerings: \$3,583 Capital Improvement: \$389

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

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In Our Prayers

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Jennifer (Pastor Berg's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), 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), Linda (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), 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), 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), Rene Baker (member), Larry Baker (member), Carolyn Becker (member), Del Benson (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), 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), Justin (Rob & Rene Baker's nephew), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Mike (Sandy & Dan Hendricks' son), Marilyn Iverson (member), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's step-daughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Anne Larsen (member), 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), David Shogren (member), Walt Stoll (member), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Sue Toyota (member), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), 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) 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.

INFORMATION for the Week!

Sunday, August 6 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, August 7

9:30 am Personnel Committee

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 8

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee

7:00 pm Youth Committee

Wednesday, August 9

4:00 pm Preschool Task Force

Thursday, August 10

9:00 am Quilters

7:00 pm Finance Committee

Friday, August 11

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Lutherhaven Youth Trip Group Meet at Church

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
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Flute	Cheryl Miller	Preaching	Jacky Schnarre
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God's work. Our hands.