

August Preaching Series
Worship and Me: Prayer and Confession
August 20, 2023



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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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 Prayer and Confession

We have covered the Entrance Rite and The Word in the liturgical order of worship. The transition from the Word to the next part of the service is for the congregation to recite together an Affirmation of Faith.

From about the middle of the first century onward, the followers of the Way struggled to define itself. The Jewish Synagogue had the scriptures, its tradition, and even scholars who were respected who wrote about the faith. As an offshoot of this faith community the question was, who are we and what do we believe? What differentiates us?

Soon competing statements of faith were being written or proposed to be the definitive explanation of the faith. Also, there were controversies about how to talk about the faith (Arianism, Docetism, and Gnosticism to name a few). Around 325 the Nicene Creed was adopted by an ecumenical council to be the true statement of faith. The Apostles' Creed is attributed to the 5th century and the Athanasian Creed to the 6th century. These three creeds are considered the only official statements of faith of the Lutheran Church. In our worship we generally recite the Apostles' Creed during low church time and the Nicene Creed during high church time (Feast Days, Advent/Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost).

The Affirmation of Faith, also known as The New Creed, that we sometimes use, comes from the United Church of Canada and was adopted by them in 1968. It was revised in 1980 and 1995. Here at FLC we have unofficially adopted this statement of faith because of its inclusive nature and its modern language.

The next part of the liturgy is the Prayers of the Church. These are prayers that are a response to the proclamation of the Word. They remind us that we are a missional church by remembering the larger church and its struggles, the creation in crisis, the governments of the word in conflict, those who are sick and alone, our own congregation and its place in our community, and especially the saints who have gone before us. These prayers call us to action to help heal the world.

Out of these prayers we are reminded that we are part of the problem, so we confess our sins. Confession was understood to be in two forms, individual and communal. Individuals would be invited to sit with the pastor sometime during the week to confess sins that are harming their hearts - then the pastor would offer forgiveness. Then, during worship the community would confess and receive forgiveness. In modern times we have just the one confession that is communal in nature, but with a moment of silence for people to reflect on their own sins. The acclamation of forgiveness is then made for the individual and the community.

This part of worship also has a transition point, the gathering of our gifts to be in service to God's mission in this place. More on that next week.

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Air from Water Music (G. F. Handel)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (ELW 399)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

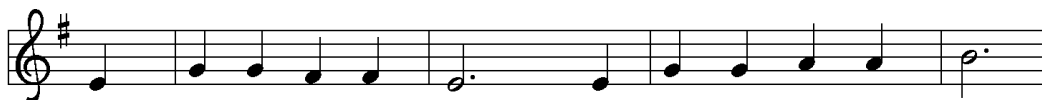


wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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: *For the Wholeness of the Earth* (ACS 1067)



- 1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
- 2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
- 3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us, as disciples of your Son, to remember in prayer all who struggle, all of creation, and that we take seriously your blessing of forgiveness, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Teach Us To Pray* (R. Rambo/D. McGuire)

June Condra, Soprano; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

Listen to my cry for help, my king and my God, for I plead to you.

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, and evil cannot dwell with you.

Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; you hate all those who work wickedness.

You destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

But as for me, through the abundance of your steadfast love I will go into your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouth; there is destruction in their heart; their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongue.

Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.

Because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

But all who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy forever.

You will shelter them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (ELW 510)



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE WORD: Romans 8:22-28

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *Lloyd Condra*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Spirit, Open My Heart* (ACS 1043)

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom or what do people pray?

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. 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 ✝ Jesus 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: *There is a Balm in Gilead* (T. Keesecker)

OFFERING: *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063)



1	God	of	the	fer	-	tile	fields,	sha	-	per	of
2	We	would	be	stew	-	ards	true,	hold	-	ing	in
3	As	grows	the	hid	-	den	seed	to	fruit	that	
4	God	of	the	coun	-	try	-	side,	dear	to	the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er.

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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW 614)

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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: *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (ELW 449) (next page)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Hornpipe from Water Music* (G. F. Handel)

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

August 27, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 22:1-10; Luke 22:14-20 Worship: The Eucharist and Sending

Weekly Financial Report

August 13, 2023 Attendance in Person: 101 Zoom: 11

August 13, 2023 General Offerings: \$11,304

Capital Improvement: \$494

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), **Del Benson** (member), **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), **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), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Judy** (Linda Chapman's friend), **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 Frieriks' 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), **Vicki** (Darryl Lageson's sister), **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), **Sherrill & Larry Baker** (members), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (member), **Greta & Larry Nelson** (members), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **Jacque 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.

Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Preaching	Lloyd Condra	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Choral Leaders	Ann Bormann	June Condra	Doug Peterson
Lector	Jeffrey Kosman	Greeter	Roger Wolter
Ushers	David Osborne Dave Richards	Communion Assistants	Allen Glenn Andrea Peoples
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Sound Tech	Gary Curtis	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

INFORMATION for the Week!

Sunday, August 20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Rev. Pam Russell!

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 21

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline

7:00 pm Book Club

Wednesday, August 23

10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing

Thursday, August 24

9:00 am Quilters

Friday, August 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

9:30 am Unpacking LWR Supplies

Sunday, August 27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 am Church Council Retreat



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God's work. Our hands.