

The Celebration of the  
Life and Resurrection of  
Linna Dossett  
September 13, 2024



 **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.

### Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Mary Lindberg
Organ / Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Funeral Coordinator:	Debbie Lagesson
Camera Tech:	Stephanie Conroy
Sound Tech:	Ann Bormann
Usher:	Dan Bormann
Reception Coordinator:	Nora Strothman

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**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**INTRODUCTION**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**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.**

**Pall Bearers:**

Vincent Aaron Verhei

Jake Dossett

Gary Ogles

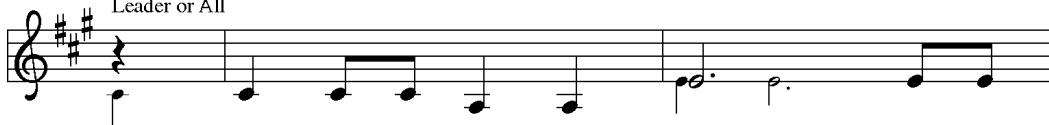
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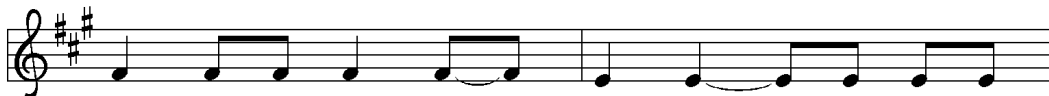
Tyson Higbee

# Gathering Hymn: *I Am the Bread of Life* ELW 485

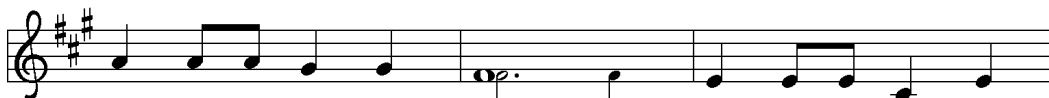
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*  
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Linna was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

**We glorify you.**

**We praise you.**

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Linna. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE:** *Emily Higbee, step daughter; Vincent Aaron Verhei son; Laurie Gerrard, friend & co-worker; Thomas Horsley, friend & co-worker.*

## WORD

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

PSALM: 139

Adam Cohron, Godson

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going. <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## SERMON

**Memorial donations** may be made in Linna's name to the First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, online to YMCA of Greater Seattle, or online to Fred Hutch Cancer Center.

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, 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 fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

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.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now 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,**  
    **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.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

### **COMMENDATION**

Let us commend Linna to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*We keep silence.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Linna.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,

a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive her into the arms of your mercy,

into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,

and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May the silence of the hills,

the joy of the winds,

the peace of the fields,

the music of the birds,

the fire of the sun,

the strength of the trees,

and the faith of a little child,

in all of which is God,

go with you and be with you today and always. Amen

**SENDING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* (ELW 413)**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**POSTLUDE**

Linna Kay Dossett (née Davis, Verhei), 73, of Bothell, Washington, passed away on August 11, 2024, after enduring a prolonged cancer battle, with strength, courage, humor and grace.

Linna was preceded in death by her parents, her elder sister Tyra, and her grandson Michael. She is survived by her husband Don Dossett; her children, Julie, Amy, Vincent, Ashleigh, her step-children, Emily, and Jake, her precious grandchildren; her brothers, Dwight, Greg, Brent; her sister Shauni, and beloved nieces and nephews.

Linna earned a Bachelor's Degree from Central Washington University, in 1991. Later, she spent 15 years with the YMCA, as a Senior Director of Healthy Living, retiring in 2015, to work as a freelance Professional Consultant in Health and Wellness.

Linna's first child, Julie Maria, was born in 1969, in Longview, Washington.

In 1972, she married Ronald Verhei, and they had three children: Amy Nicole, born in 1973; Vincent Aaron, in 1975; and Ashleigh Etta, in 1978. They raised their children in Bothell, Washington.



In 2003, Linna met her second husband, Donald Dossett, and they were married in 2005. Their blended family brought two more children to Linna, Emily and Jake. The couple settled at Don's house in Bothell, where they hosted countless birthdays and holiday parties, gathering everyone around the backyard fire pit ... after they had done their fair share of yardwork, of course.

Linna and Don found great joy in their grandchildren; Anissa, Tristan, Aislinn, Terran, Michael, Linna Sun, Max, Davis, Lola, Addie, and Kenny. Linna loved buying and making gifts, baking treats, going to ballgames, attending their music concerts, and spending as much time as she possibly



could with them.

Faith was very important to Linna, and she ensured prayers or songs of praise were shared before every big family meal. She and Don attended First Lutheran Church of Bothell.

Linna will always be remembered for her love of the arts, her warm heart, and her wisdom. She wanted the best life for all of her loved ones. She was a wonderful wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and aunt. Prior to her death, she was blessed to learn that her first great-grandchild is scheduled to arrive in early 2025. We will miss her hugs, her laughter, and her love for the rest of our lives.



## Once a Day

Don't miss me more than once a day  
for life is moving fast  
don't wish all of your time away  
dreaming of the past

Don't waste the moment looking at  
the things I left behind me  
I'm not there anymore my love  
your heart is where you'll find me

Don't dread to say my name sweet one  
don't fear the wrath of sadness  
just take the love you had for me  
and turn it into gladness

Some days your anger will rush out  
your tears will find their way  
to me, wherever I am then  
I'll soothe them all away

When I am gone don't miss me more  
than once or twice a day  
there's so much life to live my love  
I'm with you all the way



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