August Preaching Series Worship and Me: The Word August 13, 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 narrhex 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 Word

We continue our conversation about worship by moving from the Entrance Rite to the sharing of the Word. The transition, as mentioned before, is with an Anthem that highlights the theme for the day either through a musical, choral, or soloist composition. From here we read passages from the Bible.

The Bible is a collection of ancient writings dating as far back as the 8th century BCE and as recent as 110 CE. What we call the Old Testament should really be called the Hebrew Bible which is made of the Torah (instruction, the first five books of the modern Bible), Nevi'im (The Prophets), and the Ketuvim (The Writings). There is no agreement about what constitutes the Old Testament, even in Judaism. What we call the New Testament is a collection of Gospels (Good News), the letters of Paul and others, and teaching texts. The collection of books and writings that make up our modern Bible was mostly agreed upon by the 4th century CE, but still disputes about which writings were authoritative and which were heresy existed. It was not until the 15th and 16th Centuries that we see a set Canon, which again differed between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

It is from the Bible that we choose readings for each Sunday. In our tradition we normally would use the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a collection of scripture readings appointed for each Sunday. Each Sunday would have a reading from the Old Testament, A Psalm, a reading from the epistles (letters), and a reading from one of the Gospels that rotate on a three-year cycle. The RCL is used by many denominations. The Narrative Lectionary (NL) has become popular of late because it focuses on just one reading each Sunday set on a four-year cycle. We have used the NL for many years.

In the liturgy, the Word takes center stage. It is where God's Word meets the people. It is read aloud and received in its hearing. The people engage in a truly Holy Spirit moment when scripture enters the sacred space of worship. We claim that the word comes alive in this moment, and it changes the lives of the hearers.

The Sermon is a moment when the Word expands into the context of the people. It is an attempt to break open the ancient text to see with new eyes what might be there for us today. For the preacher it is a tenuous moment - how does one speak a word of truth and hope in the Cross to a people who desperately need it? It is also a tenuous moment for the hearer - will I hear what God has to say to me this day? It is a relationship of trust - the Preacher must trust the people and the people must trust the Preacher so that it becomes a mutual engagement with God's Word.

The Word is finally shared in what is called The Hymn of the Day. A song that highlights the day's theme from the biblical reading.

August 13, 2023 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lay Preaching Series: Worship and Me: The Word

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Holy Manna (M. McDonald)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest. 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see that God is good.

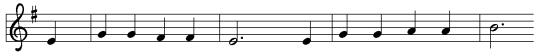
GREETING

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

YOUTH TRIP BLESSING

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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: Amazing Grace (Early American Melody)

Alexia Payne, Violin and Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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



THE WORD: Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

⁹Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that

'looking they may not perceive,

and listening they may not understand.'

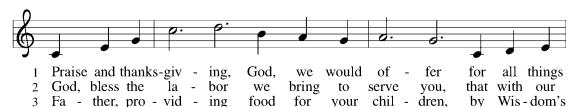
¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but

as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Word of God, word of life.

SERMON: Kendahl Adjorlolo

HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW 689)



reach



liv - ing, you have made good: neigh-bor we may be fed. guid - ing teach us to share fess - ing your gra-cious hand.

Then will your bless - ing

har - vest of sown fields, Sow - ing or till - ing, one with an - oth - er, Where you are reign - ing,

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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.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. 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.

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Richard and Kathryn Chester in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11th.

OFFERTORY: Holy Manna (A.D. Miller)

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



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.

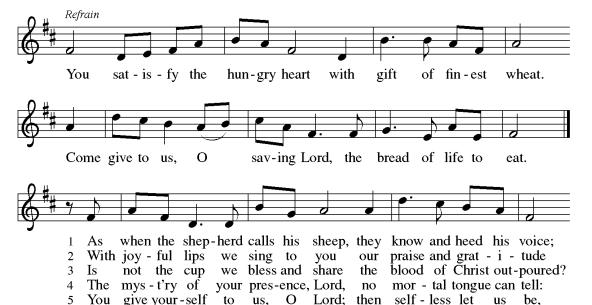
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)





us,

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You give your-self to

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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



- 1 Let us tal ents and tongues em ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a ble to make us one, at the ta ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major (G.F. Handel)

August 20, 2023 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship: Prayer and Confession Psalm 5: Romans 8:22-28

Weekly Financial Report

August 6, 2023 Attendance in Person: 87 Zoom: 18

August 6, 2023 General Offerings: \$15,703 Capital Improvement: \$1,246

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), 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), Larry Baker (member), Carolyn Becker (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 13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Lutherhaven Youth Trip Group Meet at Church

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 14

10:00 am Widows Support Group

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submissions Deadline

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, August 16

Thursday, August 17

9:00 am Quilters 12:00 pm KBIG Meeting

Friday, August 18

Church Office Closed

Lutherhaven Youth Trip Group Returns

Saturday, August 19

9:00 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Sunday, August 20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Rev. Pam Russell!

Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne
Preaching	Kendahl Adjorlolo	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Violin	Alexia Payne		
Choral Leaders	Bob Berg	Ann Bormann	Doug Peterson
Lector	Susan Berg	Greeter	Susan Berg
Ushers	Alain Adjorlolo Dan Bormann	Communion Assistants	David Osborne Roger Wolter
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Sound Tech	Linda Chapman	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges



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God's work. Our hands.