October 6, 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please register each person on a communion card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher 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. We have trained nursery staff on duty, as well. Please ask an usher for directions.
- + 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

Serving Us In Worship Today

Greeter	Jerry Bannister
Ushers	Alain Adjorlolo Tom Larsen
Acolyte	Clare Jackman
Lector	Kendahl Adjorlolo
Sound Tech	Stephanie Conroy
Camera Tech	Terry Barker
Communion Assistants	Nancy McGee Neil McGee
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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GATHERING

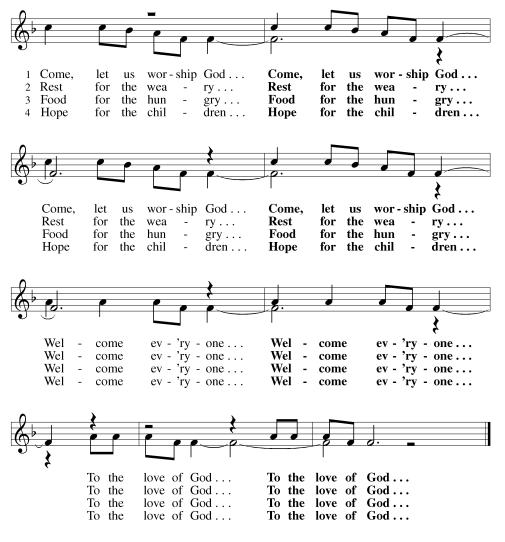
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley, Traditional Spiritual
Cheryl Miller, Flute; June Condra, Piano

WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG: Come, Let Us Worship God (DATH 2)



GREETING

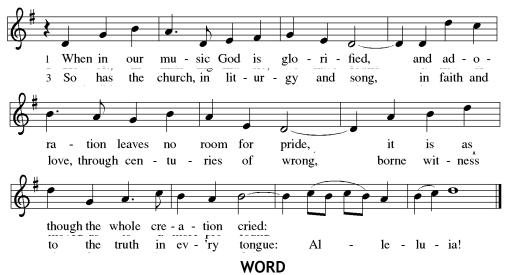
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: When in Our Music God Is Glorified (ELW 851)



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

PSALM:

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

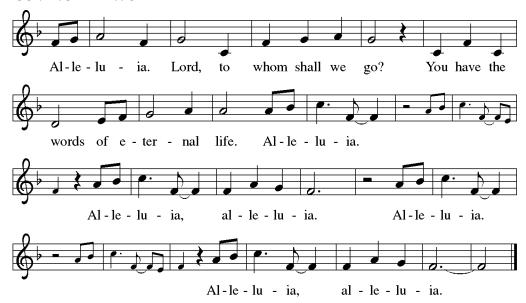
⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ANTHEM: Go Down Moses, African American Spiritual

WELCOMING THE WORD



THE WORD: EXODUS 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD."

⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever."

¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Roger Steinke, Director of Reach Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Bless Now, O God, the Journey (ELW 326)



- 1 Bless now, O God, the jour ney that all your peo ple make,
- 2 Bless so journ-ers and pil grims who share this wind-ing way;
- 3 Di vine e ter nal lov er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take. vour hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day. We lands prom - ise where milk and hon-ey wait for of flow,



The trail is found in des ert and winds the moun-tain round. We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of ten we are bound: but wait-ing not for plac - es, you all round. meet us a -



road where faith is then leads be - side still ters, the found. wa found. geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is to roads, as Our cov - e - nant is writ ten on faith is found.

THE 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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially those suffering the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for self-reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

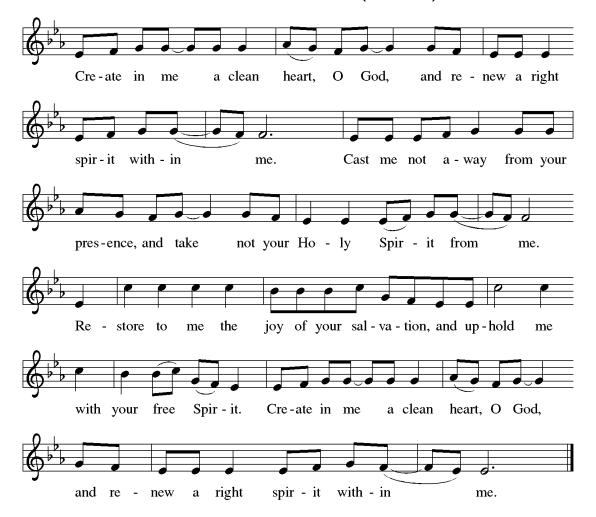
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Nearer My God To Thee, Lowell Mason June Condra, Piano, Cheryl Miller, Flute

OFFERING SONG: Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 185)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, 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 Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

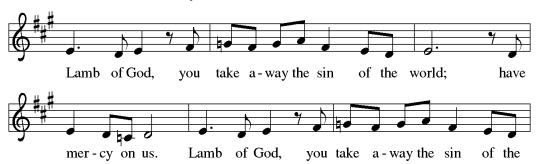
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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 SONG: Lamb of God





world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



COMMUNION HYMNS: I Come with Joy (ELW 482)



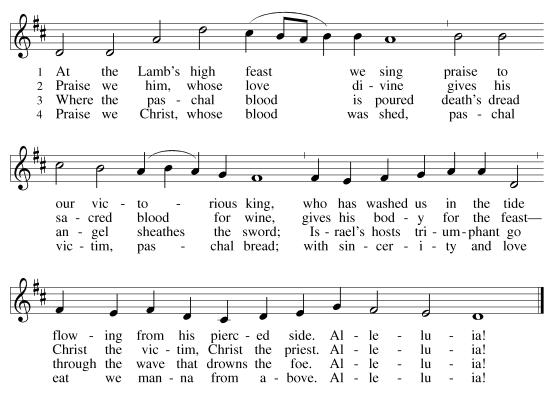
- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for giv en, loved, and
- 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di vi sion 4 The Spir it of the ris en Christ, un seen, but ev er
- 5 To geth er met, to geth er bound by all that God has





laid down love for in love laid down for me, me. Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends. live a - live a - mong us here. a - mong us here. that makes love that makes the love one. us one, us

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (LBW 210)



This is Christ's Body (ACS 967)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

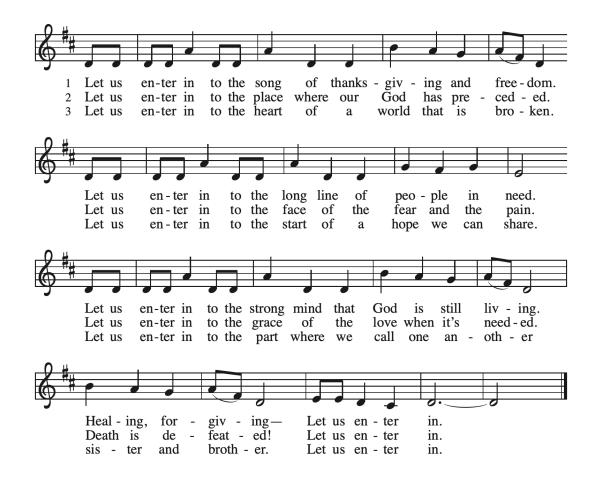
SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**



SENDING SONG: Let Us Enter In (Dath 32)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Coronet Voluntary, S. Goodwin

October 13, 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 God Answers Hannah

Weekly Financial Report

September 29, 2024 Attendance in Person: 123 Zoom:: 18

September 29, 2024 **General Offerings: \$9,852** Capital Improvement: \$947

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

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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), John (Sue Toyoda's brother-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Alexis (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), Karen (Scott Eiler's sister), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Richard (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Joshua (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Castulo (Alcaraz family friend), Wayne (Dave Shogren's friend), Beth (Anne Larsen's sister), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Tim (Dave Shogren'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 (frequent visitor), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Jean Rahr (former member), Jacky Schnarre (member), Deborah (Vicki Shank's cousin), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), Debbie (Karen Thomas' friend, August (Karey Coble's friend), Patty Weston's Father.

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

Carolyn Becker (member), Donna (Roger Steinke's friend), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee, John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Joan Christian (member), Susan Cook (member), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Don Cornell (Kristin Smith's friend), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Audrey Fisher (member), John Godek (member), Teresa (friend of the Bakers) Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Mary (Melanie Veazey's mother), Karen Johnson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Chris Martin (member), David Osborne (member), John (Valarie Cole's father), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sarah (Susan & Ross Cook's daughter), Sandy Sailand (member), Mona Shogren (member), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Walt Stoll (member), Kathy Telford-Luiz (member).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeanette Backstrom (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta Nelson (member), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother), Roger Wolter (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew), Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) 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, October 6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Back, Pastor Berg!

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages!

Welcome Home Reception for Pastor and Susan Berg

11:30 am Youth to Swan's Trail Farm

Executive Committee

Monday, October 7

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee

6:00 pm Nominating Committee 6:30 pm Youth Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 9

10:30 am Personnel Committee

Thursday, October 10

9:00 am FLC Quilters

10:00 am Mutual Ministry Committee

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 11

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 12

9:00 am Garden Guild

Altar Guild

Sunday, October 13 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Back, Pastor Berg!

9:30 am10:30 am
Worship w/Holy Communion
Sunday School for all ages!

4:00 pm Journey Class—Youth Trip Travelogue with dinner!

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:

