# May 15, 2022 11:00 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter





# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# STATEMENT OF WEICOME

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 Godgiven 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 white 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 WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

# **Assisting With Today's Service:**

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds Children's Message: Roger Steinke

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Student: Jill Nichols-Hicks

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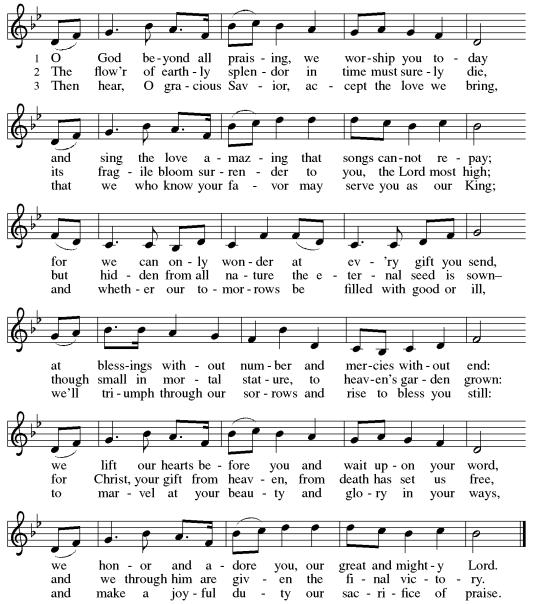
### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: In Christ Alone, Keith Getty

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: O God Beyond All Praising (ELW 880)



### GREETING

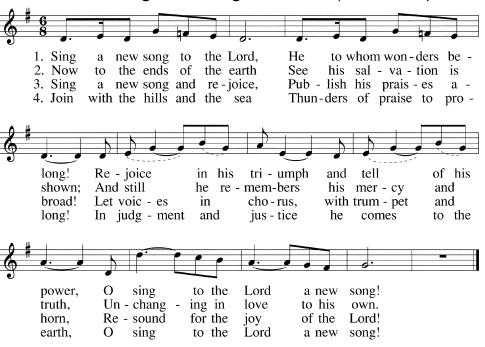
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Sing a New Song to the Lord (Gather 521)



### WORD

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

ANTHEM: I Want to Praise Your Name (B. Hurd; acc. C. Kingsbury) based on Psalms 148-150

### PSALM: Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever,

giving them a law that shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

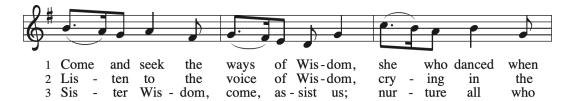
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

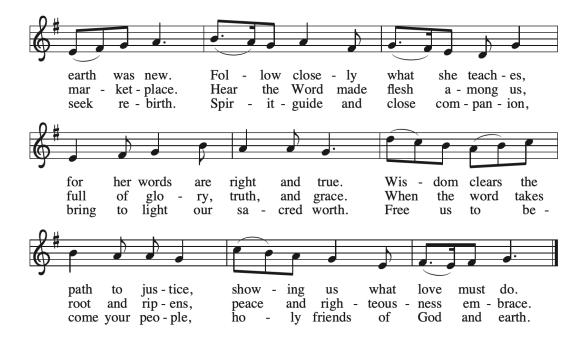
<sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Halleluiah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (ACS 971)





# WORD: ACTS 17:16-31

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for [Silas and Timothy] in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

<sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)

<sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and

everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

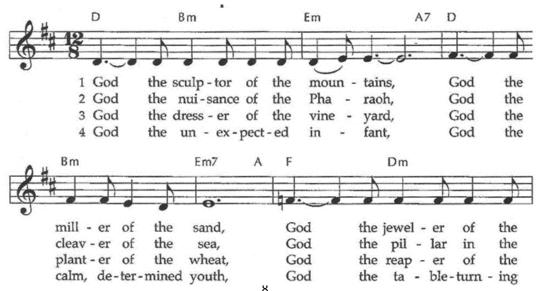
Word of God.

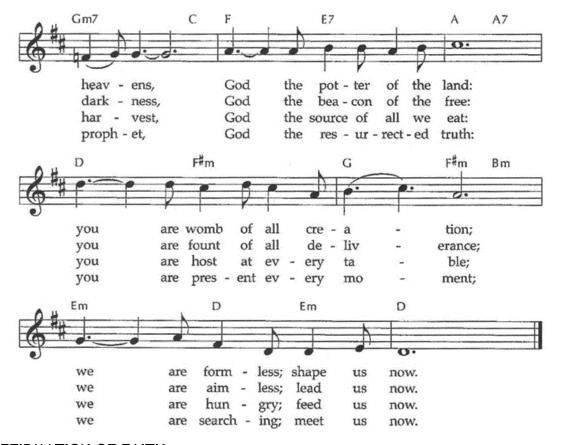
Word of life.

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: God the Sculptor of the Mountains (ELW 736)





## 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.

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for self-reflection.

### God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

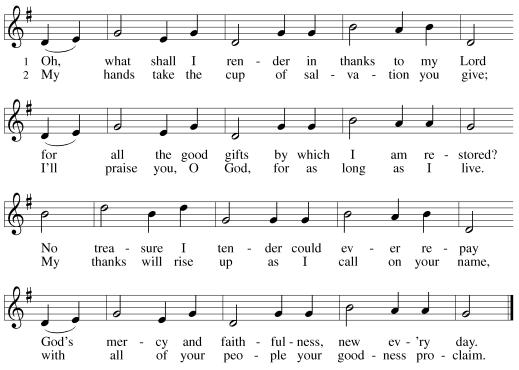
### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**MEAL**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# OFFERING: Oh, What Shall I Render (HFW 983)



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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in 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, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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 (HAAS)



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

**COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:** We will receive the body of Christ in the form of bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten free option please make that known to the server. 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:** For those in the sanctuary, 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. For those at home, you may share communion with each other when the communion assistants are communed.

### COMMUNION

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

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

We Come Now to Your Table (ACS 970)



# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### SENDING

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

#### Amen.

# SENDING SONG: How Small Our Span of Life (ELW 636)



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** 

#### 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 & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce' son), Jocelyn Carberry (Kristin and Ken Smith's friend), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's Friend), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), Evelyn (Marilyn Iverson's friend), Bonita (Kathy Chester's friend), 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), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother).

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

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Kurt (Stephanie Almeida's father), Judy (Judy Richards' friend), Rene Baker (member), Donna Benfield (member), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Elias (Linda Chapman's great-grandson), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Judy (Kristin Smith's aunt), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Mark Hatlen (member), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Jim (Marilyn Kay's husband), Kevin Kastning (member), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Greta Nelson (member), Hildur O'Connor (member), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Sandy Sailand (member), Mona Shogren (member).

#### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Bob Ahlstedt (member), Marilyn Anderson (member), Mavis Carlson (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane & Roy King (members), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), 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)

#### ARMY:

MARINES: Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & 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, May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Christian Education Hour

11:00 am Worship

11:30 am Youth Group— Escape Room Visit

Monday, May 16

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

6:30 pm Hannah Circle

Tuesday, May 17

12:15 pm

9:00 am Lectionary

4 Year Old Preschool
4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

Personnel Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool 10:00 am Rebecca Circle

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

7:00 pm Lutheran Theology Book Study with Jill Nichols-Hicks

Thursday, May 19

9:00 am Quilters

3 Year Old Preschool 5 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm 5 Year Old Preson Sanctuary Choir

Friday, May 20

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Christian Education Hour

11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Movie Review—Just Mercy All are welcome on Zoom.

# **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:

May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Philippians 1:1-18a Partnership in the Gospel

**Weekly Financial Report** 

May 8 2022 Attendance: 119 in person; Zoom: 24

May 8, 2022 General Offerings: n/a Capital Improvement: n/a

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,939

