

August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am



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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- + 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 hymnbook.
- + 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. Please ask an usher for directions.
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Serving Us In Worship Today

Greeter	Sandy Glenn
Ushers	Dan Bormann Ryan Stute
Acolyte	
Lector	Jean Peterson
Sound Tech	Linda Chapman
Camera Tech	David Osborne
Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard Tamara McIntyre Andrea Peoples
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Canticle Of The Turning* (Arr. M. Hayes)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* (ELW 251)



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low-ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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.

Spirit of the Lord God, you bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* (WOV 671)

Refrain (Unison)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name!

Harmony

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

to Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 21:1-4

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

Word of God,
word of life.

ANTHEM: *Nearer Thy God to Thee (Arr. G. Lanier)*
Alexia Payne, Violin; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

THE WORD: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *Lucy Kay Osborne*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

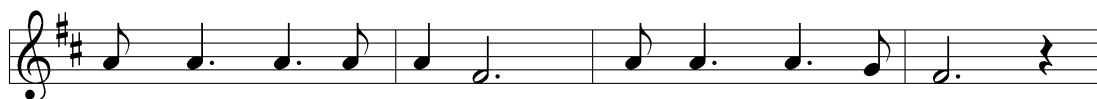
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: *All Are Welcome* (Arr. M. Hayes)

OFFERING: *The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Mona and David Shogren in honor of their son, Kellen's birthday on August 26th.*

OFFERING SONG: *What Have We to Offer?* (W&P 156)



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the of - fer, hearts filled with care.
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
 Lay it at the al - tar then.
 Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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 HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW 336) (Red Hymnal)

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (ELW 464)



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

PRESENTATION OF ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS: Trevor Coble, Pacific Lutheran University; Jackie Fairbanks, Pacific Lutheran University; Ian Kosman, California Lutheran University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Send Me, Jesus: Thuma mina, Nkosi yam* (ELW 549)



1 *Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.*
2 *Ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, Nko - si yam.*
1 *Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Lord.*
2 *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will - ing, Lord.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *March* (Arr. C. Berry)

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, August 24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion—Lucy Kay Osborne, Preacher

10:45 am Youth Swim Party at Jackie Fairbanks' home

Monday, August 25

12:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 26

9:30 am NO Lectionary

1:00 pm FLC Staff CPR Class

3:15 pm Membership Committee

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

7:00 pm Book Club—

Wednesday, August 27

10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing Group

Thursday, August 28

9:30 am Quilters

Friday, August 29

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion—Lucy Kay Osborne, Preacher

August 31, 2025— Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Revelation 22:1-5

River of Life

Weekly Financial Report

August 17, 2025

Attendance in Person: 127

Online: 20

August 17, 2025 General Offerings: \$15,667

Capital Improvement: \$970

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Robert & Petra Eichelsdoerfer and family in the death of Robert's mother and long time member, Trudy on August 16th.

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), **Sue & Lee** (Beth Bowers' cousins), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Susan Cook** (member), **Alexis** (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Trevor** (Nora Strothman's friend), **Norma** (Kristin Smith's friend), **Mary Hatlen** (member), **Steve** (Mark Hatlen's cousin), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **John** (Susan Berg's brother), **Nancy McGee** (member), **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), **Brandis** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Rylan** (Kristin Smith's cousin), **Marin** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Roy** (Kristin Smith's cousin), **Deborah** (Vicki Shanks' cousin), **Fern** (Surya Skjonsby's friend), **August** (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Tom Agnew (member), **Castulo** (Tricia Alcaraz' friend), **Laura** (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), **Lupe** (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Dick Boyce** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **John** (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), **Kai** (Jennifer Cleaves' son), **Richard** (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Karen** (Paula Glandon's sister), **John Godek** (member), **Teresa** (friend of the Bakers), **Zach** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Jim** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Noreen Kloster** (member), **Amy** (Nancy McGee's friend), **Gina** (Roger Steinke'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), **Gordy Phelps** (member), **Judy Richards** (member), **Andy** (Vickie Shanks' friend), **Dennis** (Dave Shogren's brother), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Alan** (Siebert family friend), **Kayden** (Karey Coble's nephew), **Harriett** (Roger Steinke's friend), **Kathy Telford-Luiz** (member), **Paul** (Baker family friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Sherrill & Larry Baker** (members), **Audrey Fisher** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **Walt Stoll** (member), **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.

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:



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Lutheran Church
in America