October 12, 2025 Eighteenth 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.

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- + Please name each person in attendance, and if they will be taking communion, on the card provided in the pew rack. Place card in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.
- + 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 nursery or the "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

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October 12, 2025 18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Trumpet Tune in D (H. Purcell)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)



GREETING

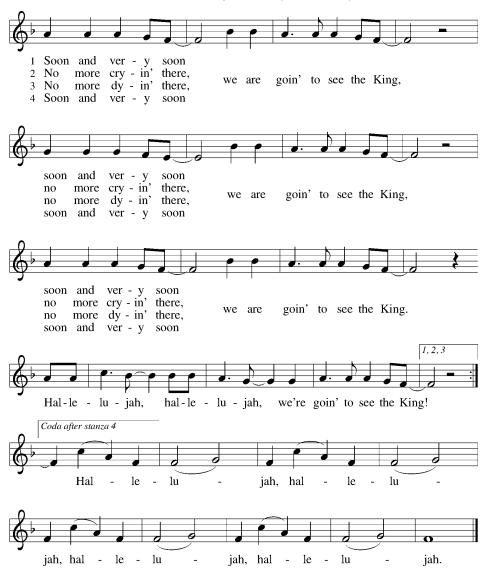
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beckoning God, in the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:8-11

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: Song Of Hope (R. Hobby)

THE WORD: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"

[Samuel] said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

[Eli] said, "I did not call; lie down again."

So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But [Eli] said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11

Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

He said, "Here I am."

Then [Eli] said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

Word of God, word of life.

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

 $^{^{16}\,\}mathrm{But}$ Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son."

¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."

¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. ²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Deacon Liz Colver

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (*especially*). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

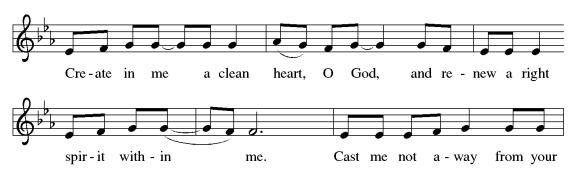
And also with you.

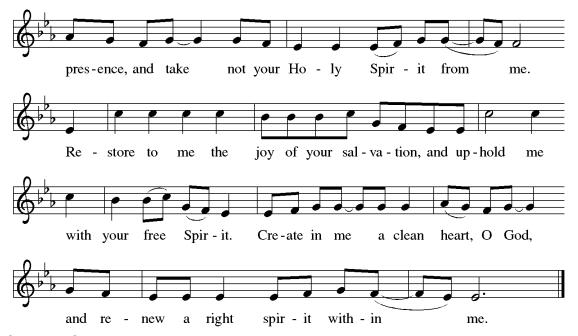
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: I Come with Joy (R.T. Adams)

OFFERING: Create in Me a Clean Heart





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

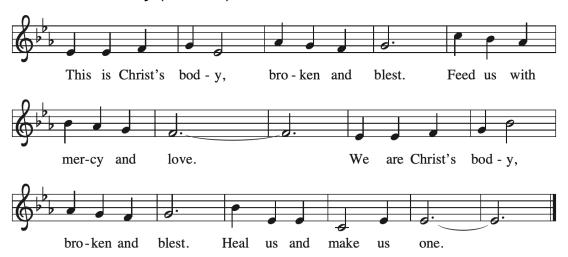
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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: This Is Christ's Body (ACS 967)



We Are Called (ELW 720) (Red Hymnal)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT BLESSING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: CWM Rhonda (P. Manz)

October 19, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

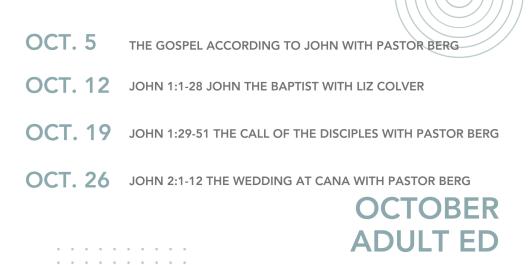
Psalm 51:10-14 Sanuel 16:1-13 God Calls David

Weekly Financial Report

October 5, 2025 Attendance in Person: 138 Online: 27

October 5, 2025 General Offerings: \$12,137 Capital Improvement: \$755

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770



INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, October 12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Deacon Liz Colver

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

Monday, October 13

Chruch Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day

9:00 am 4/5 Year Old Preschool 10:00 am Widows Support Group

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

Preschool Conferences

9 00 am 3 Year Old & 4/5 Year old Preschool

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary w/ Pastor Berg 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee

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

Wednesday, October 15

9:00 am 4/5 Year Old Preschool

10:00 am Rebecca Circle

Thursday, October 16

9:00 am 3 Year Old Preschool & 4/5 Year Old Preschool

9:30 am Quilters (Packing Quilts)
3:45 pm Personnel Committee
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Creation Care Meeting

Friday, October 17

Church Office Closed!

Saturday, September October 18

9:00 am Hannah Circle

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

1:00 pm Trudy Eichelsdoerfer Memorial Service

Sunday, October 19 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

and Holy Baptism of Wyatt Jarvis & Bennett Hatlen

10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

11:30 am Executive Committee

4:00 pm Journey Class with John Koch from Lutheran Counseling Network

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), 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), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), 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), Joe (Barb Thieme's brother), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Knut Aagaard (member), 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), Phillip (Karen Johnson's brother), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend),
Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Gina (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard
Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Ollie Polonsky (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), Ron Tuck (member), Melanie Veazey (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), Roger Wolter (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: 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:

