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

| Greeter | Roger Wolter | Sound Tech | Terry Barker |
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| Lector | Tom Larsen | Camera Tech | Katie Pyne |
| Acolyte | Thorin Freriks | Pew Angel | Evelyn Gaylord |

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Detroit (W. Held)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)



- 1 God, who stretched the span gled heav ens in fi nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven-tured worlds un dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho ri zon beck ons, may it chal-lenge us a new



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space: known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space; chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth-ers, hon-'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do. fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (ELW 588)



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty. there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood. the E - ter - nal most won-der - ful - ly kind. the heart of is great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss. and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own. and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

WORD

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

ANTHEM: Headin' for the Promised Land, arr. Sleeth/Larson

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

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Praise the LORD, all you angels;

sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

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

⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,

creeping things and flying birds;

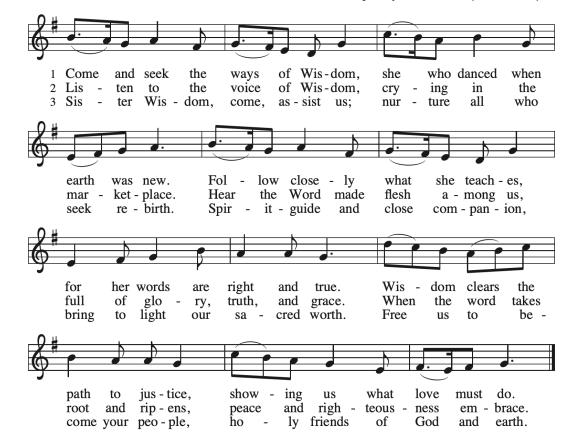
¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²young men and maidens, old and young together.

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

¹⁴The 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. Hallelujah!

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



WORD: ACTS 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for [Silas and Timothy] in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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.

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.)

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

¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹Now all the

Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For '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.'

²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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."

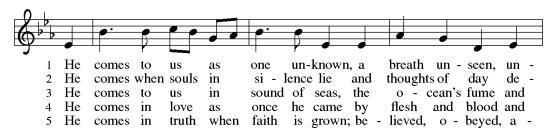
Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: He Comes to Us as One Unknown (ELW 737)





heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv-eled seed in fall - ing star a part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the birth: to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred. cross the sky of night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart. tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home. sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth. not un-known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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.

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Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. 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 life-giving 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.

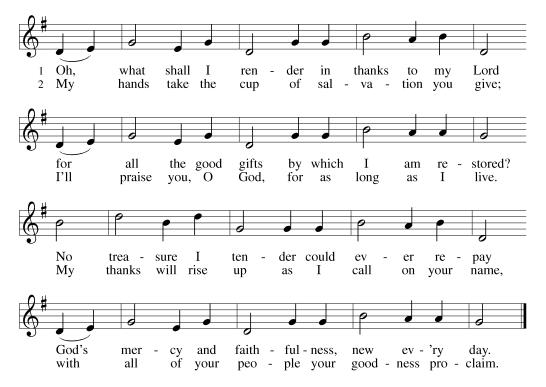
Amen.

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)



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 to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)



Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (ELW 380)



- 1 Hal-le lu jah! Je sus lives! He is now the Liv ing One;
- 2 Je sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn ful sigh?
- 3 Je sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e ter nal waits for you; 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
- 5 Hal-le lu jah! An gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, gone, Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth-er still high, joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too; Praise him in no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth. a swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es Let your cho - rus raise:



bright fore - run - ner skies of his peo - ple, yet to the lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low. with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand. and death and hell Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

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: O Zion, Haste (ELW 668)



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Holy Manna (W. Held)

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: |
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| 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

