Summer Worship Bumper Sticker Theology July 9, 2023

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God won't give you more than you can handle.

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Too blessed to be stressed:

Too blessed to be stressed:

Don't put a question mark

where God put a period!

God helps those who help themselves.

It's all part of God's plan!

God doesn't make misteaks!



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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WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the 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 narrhex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery 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

Why Bumper Sticker Theology?

A pastor friend of mine in the Midwest put together his Summer Lectionary and he called it Bumper Sticker Theology. It grabbed my imagination and so I stole it from him (with his permission). The reason I am excited about this opportunity is that it speaks directly to our human condition and our desire to break down the complex relationships we have and events that are around us into simpler terms. Often this is not as helpful as we hope.

When we comfort someone who is grieving, for example, we are overcome often with our own emotions. Maybe it is our own grief or our own feeling of inadequacy in the situation that drives us to say something or anything. So, we blurt out something that we heard somewhere that maybe would be helpful. But, really, the person we are comforting does not need to be told that "God doesn't give us more than we can handle", or "you will feel better in time", or "buck it up", or anything else for that matter.

Bumper sticker theology takes those simple sayings and breaks them down so that we can see how sometimes these words are more harmful than they are helpful. Often these sayings have more to do with me than the person I am trying to help.

Poor theology does do real harm. In fact, it can be dangerous at times. Bad theology wants to put us in control and to smooth over anything that is uncomfortable. Too often, bad theology wants to cover up the uncomfortable instead of confronting it, or worse, to shun others because we do not want to confront the complexities of life. It is just better if there is just one way, right?

I hope this series will help us grow as theologians. And yes, you are a theologian. We all are. The more we can educate ourselves about God's word and how Jesus taught us to be in the world, the more equipped we will be when faced with difficulty. Because:

Honk if you Love God!

July 9, 2023 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am

LET GO! LET GOD!

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach

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GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)

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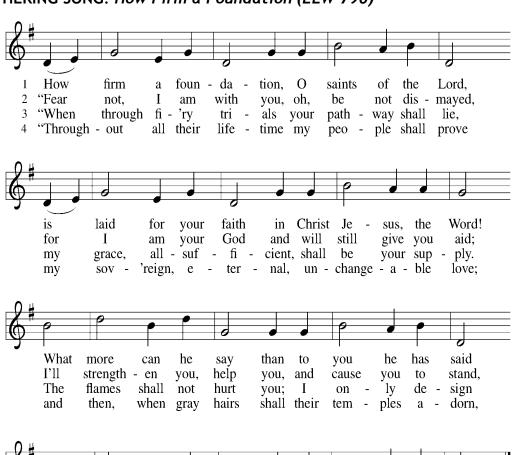
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WELCOME

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.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: Prelude in C, J.S. Bach

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 37:3-8, 23-27

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

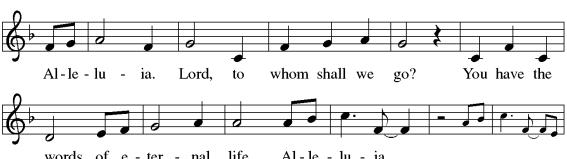
Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret-it leads only to evil. Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

They are ever giving liberally and lending, and their children become a blessing. Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever.

WELCOMING THE WORD



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THE WORD: Isaiah 43:1-3, 5-7, 18-19

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence for self-reflection.

Gracious God,

we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

Amen PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

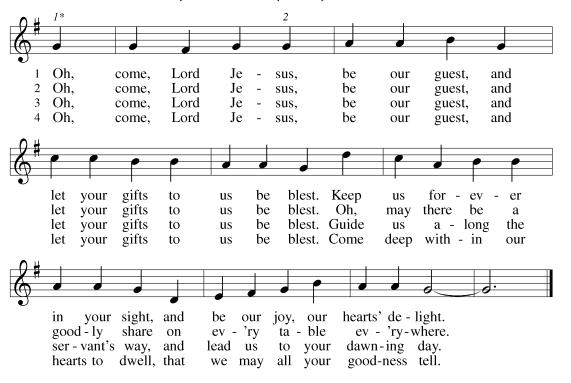
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Arioso, G.F. Handel

OFFERING: The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Ann & Knut Aagaard in honor of the 60th wedding anniversaries of Noreen & Karl Kloster, Donna & Dave Hillard, Sandy & Allen Glenn, Carolyn & Jack Becker and Ann & Knut Aagaard.

OFFERING SONG: Come, Lord Jesus (LS 97)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

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 death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

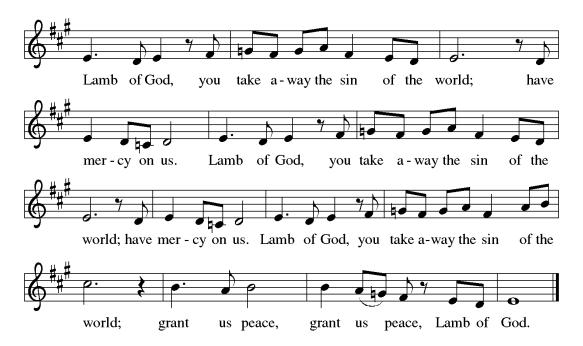
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.

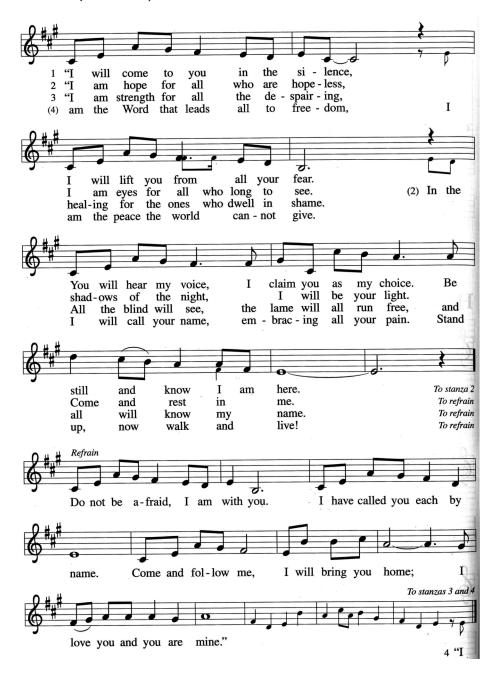
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion 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.

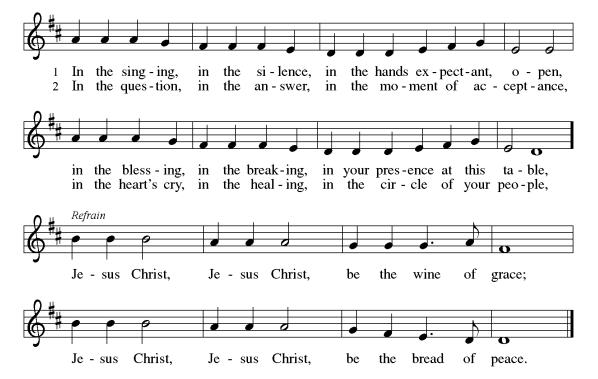
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS: You Are Mine (ELW 581)



In the Singing (ELW 466)



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

SENDING SONG: Earth and All Stars! (ELW 731) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary in D (Jeremiah Clarke)

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Earth and All Stars!



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text and music © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Audrey Fisher and family in the death of her nephew, Mark and grand-niece, Natasha.

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 Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Jocelyn Carberry (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Jennifer (Pastor Berg's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Linda (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), 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), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jeff Almeida (member), Rene Baker (member), Larry Baker (member), Carolyn Becker (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Sue Ebert (member), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Jess Faubion (member), Justin (Rob & Rene Baker's nephew), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), John Godek (member). Steve (Del Benson's friend), Tina (Marilyn Iverson's step-daughter), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee'ss friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Anne Larsen (member), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), David Shogren (member), Walt Stoll (member), Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Mavis Carlson (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta & Larry Nelson (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), 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)

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.

Serving Us In Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Children's Message	Lloyd Condra
Lector	Kendahl Adjorlolo	Greeter	Ho Brown
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	Dan Bormann		David Osborne
Acolyte		Camera Tech	David Shogren
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

July 16, 2023 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 99; Mark 10:35-45 God Helps Those Who Help Themselves! Weekly Financial Report

July 2, 2023 Attendance in Person: 118 Zoom: Count not available

July 2, 2023 General Offerings: \$6,890 Capital Improvement: \$2,999

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, July 9

Western States Youth Gathering

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 am Fellowship Hour-60th Anniversary Party

11:00 am Executive Committee

Monday, July 10

Western States Youth Gathering 12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

Western States Youth Gathering

9:30 am Lectionary

3:30 am Weekly News Submissions Deadline

Wednesday, July 12

Western States Youth Gathering

Thursday, July 13

9:00 am FLC Quilters

Friday, July 14

2:00 pm Jay Arndtson Memorial Service

Saturday, July 15

9:00 am Hannah Circle

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

