

July 27, 2025  
Seventh 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.

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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## WORSHIP NOTES

- + 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

Piano	June Condra
Violin	Alexia Payne
Greeter	Stephanie Almeida
Ushers	David Berg Ryan Stute
Acolyte	
Lector	Tom Larsen
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Camera Tech	Jeff Kosman
Communion Assistants	Tom Agnew Donna Hillard Tom Payne
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

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# July 27, 2025

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE:** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (W. Doane)

### WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG:** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* (ELW 531) (Red Hymnal)

### 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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Hallelujah* (ACS 1088) sing twice



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

### WORD

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

**FIRST READING:** Psalm 119:45-52

<sup>45</sup> I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

<sup>46</sup> I will also speak of your decrees before kings and shall not be put to shame;

<sup>47</sup> I find my delight in your commandments because I love them.

<sup>48</sup> **I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.**

<sup>49</sup> Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.

<sup>50</sup> **This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.**

<sup>51</sup> The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.

<sup>52</sup> **When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.**

**ANTHEM: *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (ACS 1024)***

**Tom, Keith & Karin Larsen**

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

**THE WORD: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

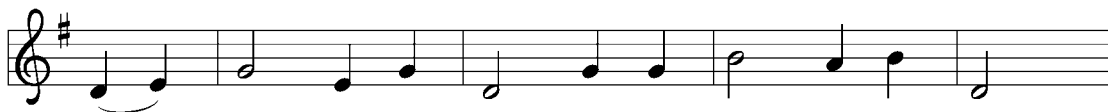
Word of God.

**Word of life.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## **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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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: June Condra, Piano, Cheryl Miller, Flute**



## OFFERING: *Give Thanks* (TFF 292)



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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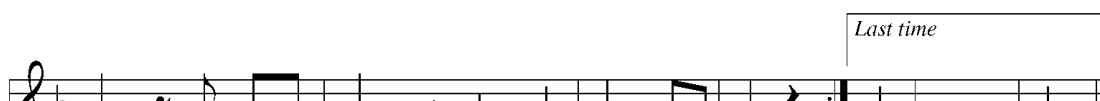
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



*Last time*



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## **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

## *Welcome Table (ACS 969)*



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
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 I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

## *This Is Christ's Body (ACS 967)*



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (ELW 772)



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

## 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BLESSING

### 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: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674) Next page**

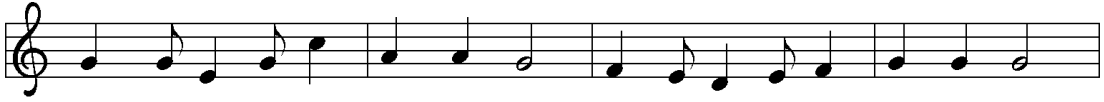
### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: *Praise Him! Praise Him!* (C. Allen)**

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

## *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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## INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

### Sunday, July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am          Worship w/Holy Communion—Welcome back, Pastor Berg

11:00 am          Vacation Bible School Set-up

### Monday, July 28

9:00 am          Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am          Vacation Bible School

9:30 am          NO Lectionary

3:30 pm          Weekly News Submission Deadline

### Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am          Vacation Bible School

### Thursday, July 31

9:00 am          Vacation Bible School

9:30 am          NO Quilters

### Friday, August 1

Church Office Closed!

### Saturday, August 2

9:00 am          Altar Guild

Garden Guild

### Sunday, August 3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to our new members!

9:30 am          Worship w/Holy Communion—Ann Aagaard, Preacher

10:45 am          Church Tour with David Osborne

### August 3, 2025— Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 22:1-7 - Psalm 91          On Eagle's Wings

#### Weekly Financial Report

July 20	Attendance in Person: 112	Online: 20
July 20, 2025	General Offerings: \$10,776	Capital Improvement: \$594

**General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770**

## ***In Our Prayers***

### ***Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Bennett Daniel Hatlen to Emma & Michael Hatlen. Proud grandparents are Mary & Mark Hatlen.***

*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), **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), **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), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Audrey Fisher** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **Walt Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother), **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.*