

**September 19, 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 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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#### 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](http://www.flcbothell.org)

#### Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne

Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds

11:00 am Pianist: June Condra

Children's Message: Roger Steinke

	8:30 am
Greeter	Paul Desilet
Ushers	Dan Bormann & Ryan Stute
Lector	Andrea Peoples
Communion Assistants	David Osborne & Nicole Thorsheim
Sound Tech	Roger Wolter
Camera Tech	Carsten Thode
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (J. S. Bach)**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## 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 God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Kyrie eleison* (W&P 81)

*Refrain*



*Last time*



*Refrain*



## WORD

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

### **THE WORD: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Word of God,  
word of life.

**RESPONSE O THE WORD: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (J.B. Carlson)***

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *If You but Trust in God to Guide You* (ELW 769)

### 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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.**

*We will not share the peace in a physical fashion, but from a distance. You may hold up your fingers in the peace sign or bow with your hands folded or hold your hand over your heart.*



*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING: *Give Thanks* (W&P 41)

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through 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 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

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## COMMUNION

For those in the Sanctuary: We will receive the body of Christ in the form of wheat bread (or if you desire gluten free please let your server know) with these or similar words: *The body of Christ, given for you*. 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*.

For those you at home: We hope you have prepared your own table. You may commune at anytime remembering to use the words in *italic* below.

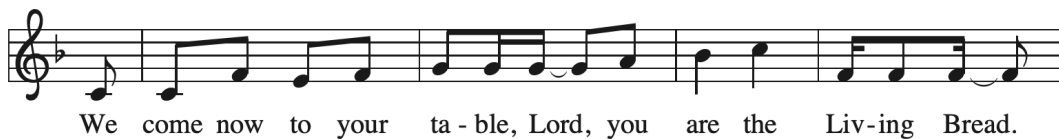
WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion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

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

## COMMUNION SONG: *We Come Now to Your Table* (ACS 970)



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

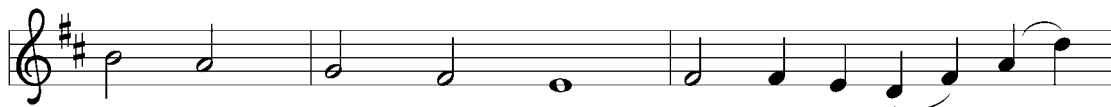
### BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (ELW 619)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*, (D. Cherwien)

## 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), **Duwayne** (Betty Magee's brother), **Everett** (Betty Magee's brother), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), **MaryBeth** (Kathy Chester's Friend), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Rich** (Mark Hatlen's friend), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Janette** (Beth Phelps' cousin), **Kory** (Beth Phelps' friend), **Norman Ray** (member), **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), **Phil** (Kris Smith's friend), **Connie Wolter** (member).

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

**Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Paul Anderson** (member), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Donna Benfield** (member), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Derrick** (Holly Batstone's cousin), **Dick** (Del Benson's friend), **John** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Katie** (Katie Pyne's friend), **John** (Sue Toyoda's brother-in-law), **Anthony** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Rose** (Nora Strothman's friend), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Brian Hepler** (Tamara McIntyre's partner), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jeff** (Kris & Ken Smith's friend), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Jim** (Marilyn Kay's husband), **Kevin Kastning** (member), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Katie** (Hildur O'Connor's daughter), **Marlis Pehling** (member), **John** (Valarie Cole's father), **Sheila** (Valarie Cole's mother), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Matty** (Pyne family friend), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Stephanie** (Carlene & Sherm Russell's daughter), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Chris** (Walt & Jacquie Stoll's son), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother).

### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

**Marilyn Anderson** (member), **Paul 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), **Phyllis & Bob Watters** (members).

### Those Serving Our Country:

**AIR FORCE:** **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

**ARMY:** **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), **Asis Montalvo** (Adjorlolo family friend), **Ben Souriall** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

**MARINES:** **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

**NAVY:** **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn & Richard 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, September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 am                      **Worship**  
9:45 am                      Christian Education for All!  
11:00 am                    **Worship**  
12:15 pm                    Youth Pizza Party at Sparta's (meet at church!)

### **Monday, September 20**

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool  
12:00 pm                    Staff Meeting  
12:15 pm                    4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

### **Tuesday, September 21**

9:00 am                      Lectionary  
                                    4 Year Old Preschool  
12:15 pm                    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, September 22**

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool  
                                    Peace by Piece Sewing  
12:15 am                    4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

### **Thursday, September 23**

9:00 am                      FLC Quilters  
                                    3 Year Old Preschool  
12:15 pm                    5 Year Old Preschool  
7:00 pm                      Gamblers Anonymous (outside group)

### **Friday, September 24**

Church Office Closed  
Pastor Berg's Sabbath  
9:00 am                      3 Year Old Preschool  
1:00 pm                      LWR Quilt-A-Thon

### **Saturday, September 25**

9:00 am                      LWR Quilt-A-Thon

### **Sunday, September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 am                      **Worship**  
9:45 am                      Christian Education for All!  
11:00 am                    **Worship**  
3:00 pm                      Zoom Movie Review—Silver Linings Playbook

**September 26, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 Jacob's Dream of a Ladder**

**Weekly Financial Report**

September 12, 2021

Attendance: 107 in person; 29 Zoom screens

**September 12, 2021 General Offerings: \$9,709      Capital Improvement: \$850**

**General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,735**

**From the FLC Council:**

In conjunction with our Northwest Synod and the larger ELCA, First Lutheran Church has an overall commitment to diversity and inclusion. As such, it is our policy to promote and increase business opportunities for Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). We will accomplish this commitment by incorporating diversity in the fabric of our decision-making and selection processes and will proactively seek opportunities to resource our suppliers and vendors from these diverse business enterprises.

We encourage our FLC family and extended families to also make this commitment and prioritize doing business with minority- and women-owned business enterprises.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.