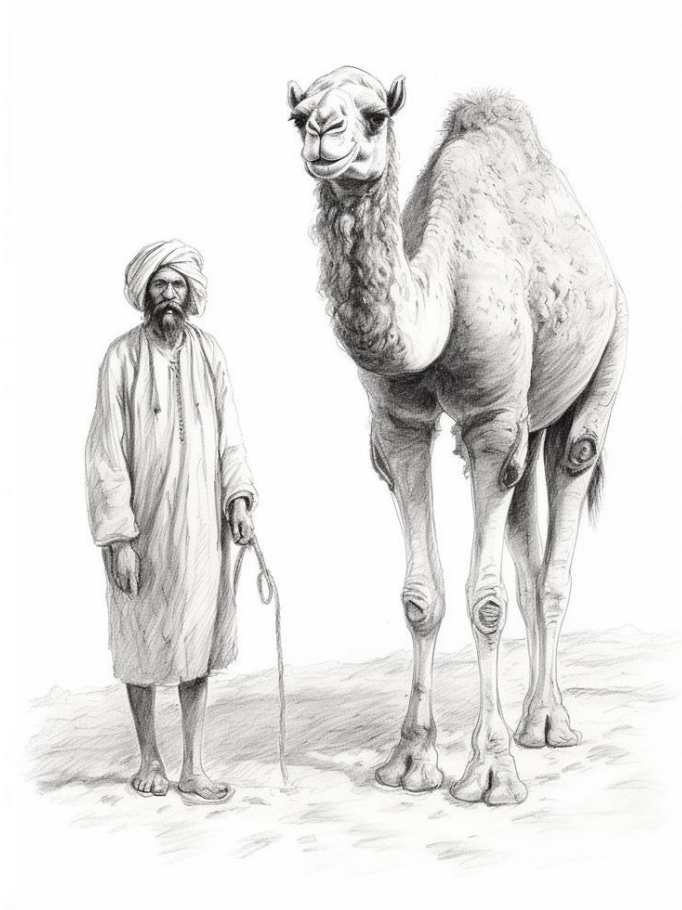




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOTHELL, WASHINGTON

WELCOMES YOU!

**September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As voted on by the Congregation Council and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of FLC

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLC), 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 FLC welcome all into the fullness of God's love. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, **gender expression**, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life. **We believe in and engage in antiracism as a primary way to recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God, worthy of love and welcome.**

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 FLC, 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 fill out a pew card with the name of each person in attendance, and if they will be taking communion. 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 staffed nursery as well as a “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. Please 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

Serving Us in Worship Today

Piano	June Condra
Drums	Eric Daane
Flute/Violin	Cheryl Miller
Acolyte	Henry Jackman
Ushers	Bruce Toycen and Dan Hendricks
Lector	Joyce Thode
Greeter	Jan Anderson
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Camera Tech	Jeff Kosman
Communion Assistants	David Osborne David Shogren Paul Desilet
Bus Driver	David Osborne
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges
Fellowship Host	Cindy Bannister

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *You Are My All in All* (J. Raney)

June Condra, piano, Cheryl Miller, flute

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063)



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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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.

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* (ACS 1049)



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 28:19-30

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Word of God,
word of life.

ANTHEM: *Take My Life and Let It Be* (M. Sedio)

THE WORD: Genesis 12:1-9

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”

So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *Jacky Schnarre*

SERMON

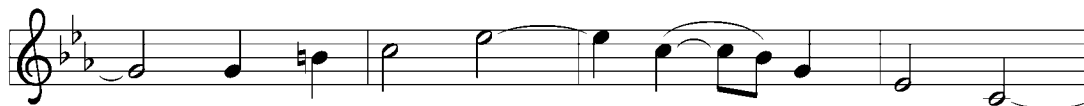
HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (ELW 325)



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need especially those we now name out loud or hold in our heart (*silence is held*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is held for self-reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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: *Forever (C. Tomlin) June Condra, piano, Cheryl Miller, flute*

OFFERING: *As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)*

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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 sinner 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

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

***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

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

COMMUNION SONGS: *Lamb of God (ELW 336)*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Come to the Table (ELW 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (ELW 464)



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom (ACS 1064)*



- 1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
- 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
- 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Gigue Fugue (D. Buxtehude)*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of SEPTEMBER 20-27

Sunday, September 20 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation
Transition Information Meeting

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 am 3,4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
9:15 am Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary Group with Pastor Berg
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
7:00 pm Book Club

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing Group

Thursday, September 24

9:00 am 3, 4 and 5 Year Old Preschool
9:30 am FLC Quilters
6:00 pm Personnel Committee
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education Classes

September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Matthew 5:11-12
Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison

Weekly Financial Report for September 13, 2026

Attendance in Person: 130
General Offerings: N/A

Online: 21
Capital Improvement: N/A

Praying for Our Neighbors and the World

Please include in your prayers: Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Gulf nations, Global Refuge and Lutheran World Relief.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Jen & Dave** (Baker family friend), **Shilo** (Rene & Rob Baker's great-nephew), **Al** (Clint Bastin's cousin), **Sue & Lee** (Beth Bowers' cousins), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Claire** (Bruce and Darlene Toycen's niece), **Vivian** (Jennifer Cleaves' mother), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Norma** (Kristin Smith's friend), **Pete** (Paula Glandon's friend), **Jeanne** (Justin LaFord's mother), **Robb** (Jamie Lindell's brother), **John** (Susan Berg's brother), **Gene** (Kathy Telford-Luiz' husband), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Marin** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Sarah** (Ashley Phelps' friend), **Deborah** (Vicki Shanks' cousin), **Fern** (Surya Skjonsby's friend), **Veronica** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Joe** (Barb Thieme's brother), **Peter** (Joyce & Carsten Thode's brother-in-law), **Arlene** (Darlene Toycen's friend), **August** (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Deb (Ross Cook's sister), **Tom Agnew** (member), **Jose Alcaraz** (member), **George** (Kris Dersch's father), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Dick Boyce** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Jamie** (Kathy Telford-Luiz' sister), **John** (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), **Darrell** (Ingrid Cloud's son), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Scott Eiler** (member), **Trygve Enger** (member), **Lee** (Cheryl and Elmer Fleury's son), **Teresa & Lucy** (Baker family friends), **Zach** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Patti** (Kathy Steig's friend), **Debbie** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **Makayla** (Sandy & Dan Hendricks' granddaughter), **Jennifer** (Dan Hendricks' niece), **Catherine** (Jamie Lindell's mother-in-law), **Jaimie Lindell** (member), **Liz** (Marlis Pehling's friend), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Phillip** (Karen Johnson's brother), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Kathy Koneiczka** (member), **Richard Koneiczka** (Kathy Koneiczka's husband), **Doug** (Justin LaFord's father), **Peggy & David** (Nancy McGee's friends), **Wendy Morgan** (member), **Dennis** (Dave Shogren's brother), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Jennifer** (Irene Cloud's friend), **Kayden** (Karey Coble's nephew), **Harriett** (Roger Steinke's friend), **Kathy Telford-Luiz** (member), **Nick** (Kathy Steig's son), **Becky** (Ray Thomas' sister), **Kristi** (Sue Toyoda's sister-in-law), **Ron Tuck** (member), **Molly** (Haley Neff-LaFord's friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Diane** (Rene & Rob Baker's friend), **Audrey Fisher** (member), **Ida Beth Morgan** (member), **Roger Wolter** (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Jake Peoples** (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son)

NAVY: **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

COAST GUARD: **Gage McIntyre** (Tamara McIntyre's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family and friends in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.