



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

WELCOMES YOU

August 23, 2026
Thirteenth 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 name each person in attendance , and if they will be taking communion, on the card provided in the pew rack. 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 nursery or the “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
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Presiding Pastor	Rev. Pam Russell
Drummer	Joe Siebert
Greeter	Sandy Glenn
Lector	Robert Beckstrom
Sound Tech	Linda Chapman
Camera Tech	Katie Pyne
Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard Jeff Kosman Darryl Lageson
Bus Driver	Jeff Kosman
Pew Angel	Clint Bastin
Fellowship Host	Sandy Hendricks

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *All Who Believe and Are Baptized (Anon)*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *Baptized in Water (ELW 456)*



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for self-reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free
ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your
burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy
Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

KYRIE (W&P 81)

Refrain



Last time



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health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now* (ELW 448)



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
 that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933
 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the waters, we give you thanks for the gift of our Baptisms that have made us inheritors of your kingdom. Continue to bless us with the desire to bring that kingdom near to all those we share this world with. Help others come to your healing waters. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:1-7

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Word of God.

Word of life.

THE WORD: Romans 6:1-7

A reading from Romans.

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *Small Catechism-Holy Baptism: Jackie Schnarre*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)*



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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HOLY BAPTISM- SMALL CATECHISM

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected to God's word.

What then is this Word of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Matthew “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.

What gifts or benefits does Baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the Word and promise of God declare.

Prayers of Intercession

With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation bring about healing to the places wildfire has destroyed homes and precious forest. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster we lift up the Sudan, Gaza, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: *Bunessan* (L. Dengler)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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

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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 SONG: *Lamb of God*



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All Who Believe and Are Baptized (ELW 442)



- 1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band of ev-'ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter-nal life in - her - it.

Baptized and Set Free



- 1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
- 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
- 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
- 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



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For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Come to the Water of Life (ACS 955)

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (ELW 449)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers turned of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Engelberg* (L. Larson)

August 30, 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Small Catechism: Holy Communion

Weekly Financial Report for August 16, 2026

Attendance in Person: 154 General Offerings: \$9,522	Online: 32 Capital Improvement: \$1,171
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INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, August 23 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Pastor Pam Russell

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 24

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 25

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

7:00 pm Book Club on Zoom - Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 am Peace by Piece Sewing

12:30 pm Preschool Open House

Thursday, August 27

9:30 am FLC Quilters

4:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

Friday, August 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Prayers of the Week

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Hattie Michelle Fouhy to Karli & Brian Fouhy on August 15th. Proud grandparents are Cindy & Jerry Bannister.

Prayers of sympathy for Mike and Renee Markert, and family in the death of Mike's brother, Alan on August 15, and for the family of Glenda Husser in her death on August 9.

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), **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), **Alexis** (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), **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), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Brandis** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Jo** (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), **Marin** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Sarah** (Ashley Phelps' friend), **Deborah** (Vicki Shanks' cousin), **Fern** (Surya Skjonsby's friend), **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:

George (Kris Dersch's father), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Laurie Berg** (former member, Vicki Shanks' niece), **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), **Teresa & Lucy** (Baker family friends), **Zach** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Patti** (Kathy Steig's friend), **Debbie** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **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), **Marilrne** (Diane Steig's friend), **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), **Sherrill & Larry Baker** (members), **Audrey Fisher** (member), **Ida Beth Morgan** (member), **Roger Wolter** (member).

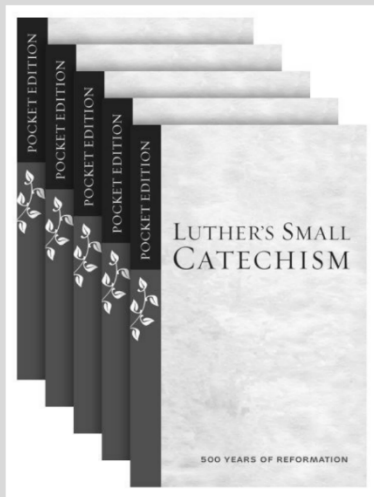
Those Serving Our Country:

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.



Summer Lay Preachers

We are so excited for our Lay Preachers who will share their faith in relation to Luther's Small Catechism during the month of August. Support your siblings in Christ!

August 2 - The Apostles' Creed - Lloyd Condra

August 9 - The Ten Commandments- Susan Berg

August 16 - The Lord's Prayer- Joe Siebert

August 23 - Holy Baptism - Jacky Schnarre

August 30 - Holy Communion - Kris Dersch

September 6 - Confession - Pastor Berg

Welcome Back Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13!

