

**December 2, 2018  
First Sunday of Advent  
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 hand it to an usher on your way forward for 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 desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + 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 & Preaching: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	Dan Bormann & Mark Neitzel
Lector	Kaaren Hatlen	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Greeter	Roger Wolter	Communion Assistants	Kris Linderoth, Ruth Neitzel & Cathy Tanner
Acolytes	Addie & Morgan Thomas	Monday Pew Angel	Joanne Bjornsen

## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE: Savior of the Nations, Come (J. Walther)**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG: Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

## 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.**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Christ Be Our Light**

*Choir will sing the verse, congregation join on the refrain.*

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.*

*Longing for truth, we turn to you.*

*Make us your own, your holy people,*

*Light for the world to see. (Refrain)*

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

### **RESPONSIVE LITANY: *Hope for Those Who Wait***

Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.  
**How long, O Lord, how long?**

For those waiting for answered prayer:  
**Grant your steadfast patience.**

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:  
**Grant unshakeable confidence in your sovereign provision.**

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:  
**Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.**

For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:  
**Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE**

This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

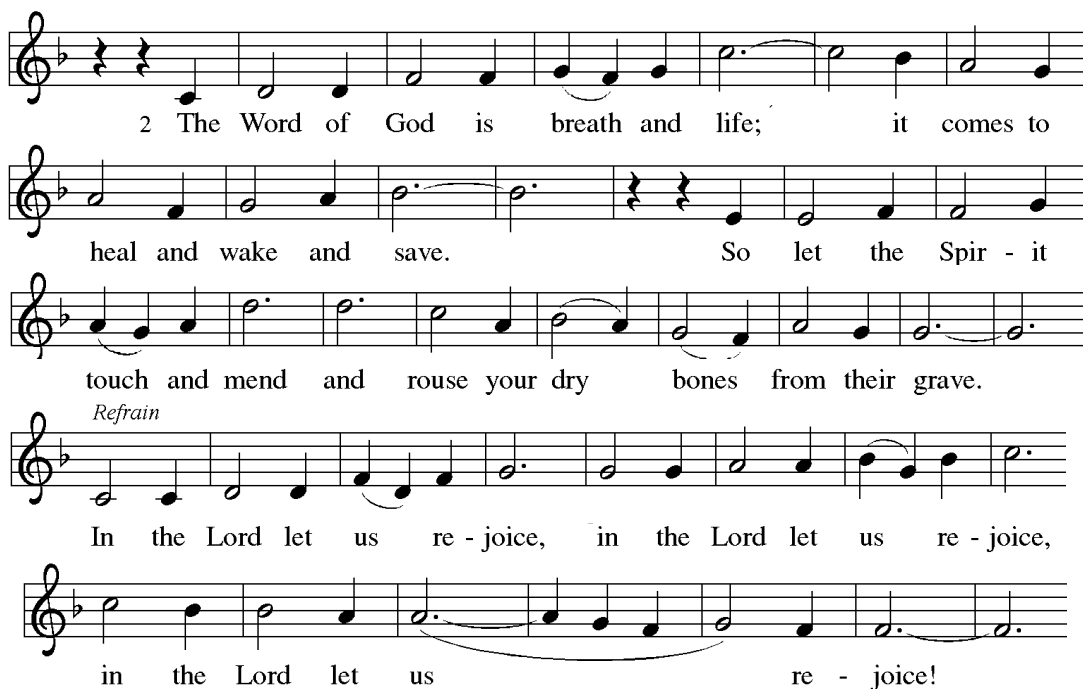
Let us pray.

God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

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

## WELCOMING THE WORD: *The Word of God Is Source and Seed*



## THE WORD: HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand,

where his power lay hidden.

Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind.

He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble.

The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways

the everlasting hills sank low.

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;

though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food;

though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,

and makes me tread upon the heights.

Word of God,

**word of life.**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM:** *There's a Voice in the Wilderness (A. Organ)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** *Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)*



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## **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**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arboretums. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick, especially Vickie. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and creation care programs. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence for self-reflection.*

To you, O God,  
we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins  
to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love.  
Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth,  
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.  
Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus;  
you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your  
heads! The reign of God is near.

**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: Savior of the Nations, Come (Anon)**

**OFFERING: Drawn to the Light (ELW 593)**

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the  
 light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a  
 sight to be drawn to the light of God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering 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, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

As this meal is brought to those who can be with us today, may this bread and wine be a sign for them hope and healing.

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**

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION:** *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread 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.*

**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 (W&P 83)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! (ELW 246)*

*Wait for the Lord (ELW 262)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

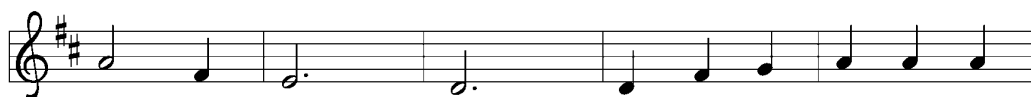
## BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

# SENDING SONG: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: *Savior of the Nations, Come; Var. 4* (J. Walther)

**December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent**

**Esther 4:1-7**

**Esther - A Time Such as This**

**Weekly Financial Report**

November 25 2018

Attendance:185

**General Offerings: \$6,832 Mortgage Fund: \$340**

**Amount needed per Sunday:**

**General Offerings: \$9,907**

**Mortgage Fund: \$1,098**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

3:00 PM

**ADVENT CONCERT**

PLEASE JOIN US!

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## INFORMATION For the Week!

### Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am           Worship  
9:45 am           Education Hour  
10:00 am          Ensemble Rehearsal  
11:00 am          Worship

### Monday, December 3

10:00 am          Friends Supporting Friends—*Planning meeting*

### Tuesday, December 4

9:15 am           Preschool Chapel  
9:30 am           Lectionary  
11:00 am          Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm           Property Committee  
7:00 pm           IT Committee  
                      Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 5

10:00             Deborah Circle  
11:00 am          Worship Team Meeting  
12:30 pm          Preschool Chapel  
1:00 pm           Fellowship Committee  
7:00 pm           Parish Team Meeting

### Thursday, December 6

9:00 am           Quilters  
9:15 am           Preschool Chapel  
6:00 pm           Chime Choir  
7:00 pm           Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 7

Church Office Closed

### Saturday, December 8

### Sunday, December 9 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am           Worship  
9:45 am           Education Hour  
10:00 am          Ensemble Rehearsal  
11:00 am          Worship  
3:00 pm           Advent Festival—*All are welcome to enjoy beautiful music  
and a Sweets & Savory reception following the concert!*

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **Our Ministry Partners:**

**Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief**

### **Those living with cancer:**

**Audrey** (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), **Juanita** (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Barbara** (Clint Bastin's mother), **Joyce** (David Osborne's aunt), **Patricia** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **Linda** (Paul Ehe's mother), **Cami Grillo** (member), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Susan** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Pam** (Melanie Veazey's cousin), **Marvin** (Renee Markert's father), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Pam** (Marlis Pehling's niece), **Don** (Doug Peterson's brother), **Teresa** (Michelle Tuck's friend), **Roger** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Tim** (Neil McGee's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Rick Ulvin** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend) & **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law).

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

**Jeff Almeida** (Stephanie Almeida's husband), **Paul Anderson** (member), **Barb** (Stacie & Mike Souriall's friend), **Clare Jackman** (member), **Judy** (Judy Richard's friend), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Sherri Gordon** (member), **Howard** (Carl & Joan Christian's son), **Ingrid** (Pastor Berg's friend), **Jackie** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's friend), **Sarah** (Cathy Edwards' grand daughter), **George** (Geri Crawford's friend), **Elodie Ragan** (member), **Roberto** (Beth Phelps brother-in-law), **Ryan** (Cathy Edwards' grandson), **Sadako** (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Swede** (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother) & **Vickie** (Cathy Edwards' friend)

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

**Margie Bannister** (member), **Phyllis Enger** (member), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Fran Tazuma** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother), **Tom** (Dawn Bastin's father) & **Phyllis Watters** (member).

### **Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:**

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

### **Those Serving Our Country:**

**AIR FORCE:** **Tyler Ripley** (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

**ARMY:** **Shaun Cunningham** (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), **Asis Montalvo** (Adjorlolo family friend), **Ben Souriall** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

**MARINES:** **James Bacon** (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

**NAVY:** **Karl Krueger** (Karin Ulvin's husband), **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter), **Kyle Warner** (Karen and Paul Gabrielsen's grandson) & **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.*

## **SERMON NOTES**

**What caught my attention:**

**What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?**

**I think the title of the sermon should be:**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.