

January 21, 2018
Third Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 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

Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor K. Berg	Ushers	Lloyd Condra & Randall Wampler
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Pat Daane & Tom Payne
Piano	June Condra	Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Greeter	Stephanie Almeida
Percussion	Eric Daane	Lector	Jan Anderson
Ensemble	Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson & Johannes Skjonsby	Acolyte	Sarah Holmes

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Come Let Us Use The Grace Divine (English Melody)

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG



Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

OPENING DIALOGUE: *from Psalm 62*

For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

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.

**Patient God, your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice.
Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach
us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Sing a New Song to the Lord*



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|---------|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sing | a new song to the Lord, | He | to whom won - ders be - |
| 2. Now | to the ends of the earth | See | his sal - va - tion is |
| 3. Sing | a new song and re - joice, | Pub - | lish his prais - es a - |
| 4. Join | with the hills and the sea | Thun - | ders of praise to pro - |



long!	Re - joice	in his	tri - umph	and tell	of his
shown;	And still	he	re - mem - bers	his	mer - cy
broad!	Let voic - es	in	cho - rus,	with	trum - pet
long!	In judg - ment	and	jus - tice	he	comes
					to the



power,	O	sing	to the	Lord	a new	song!
truth,	Un -	chang -	ing in	love	to his	own.
horn,	Re -	sound	for the	joy	of the	Lord!
earth,	O	sing	to the	Lord	a new	song!

ANTHEM: *Holy God, Holy and Glorious (S. Briehl/R. Farlee)*

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE WORD: John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Word of God.

Word of life.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* (ELW 736) Red Hymnal

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for Self-reflection.

Loving God,
we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not
spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt
those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than
others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around,
and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have
messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires
of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are
forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us
offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim
the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has
come near, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For clean water and air, for fertile lands, so that all creatures and people
have enough food, nourishing drink, and breathable air, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and
international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in
authority work for the well-being of all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need, especially Charlene, Karen, Ashlyn, Bob, Joan, Tina and Adam, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for those who have died, especially Lois, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (*It is flu season, let us offer our words of peace with each other with a bow or a wave or the ever popular elbow bump!*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

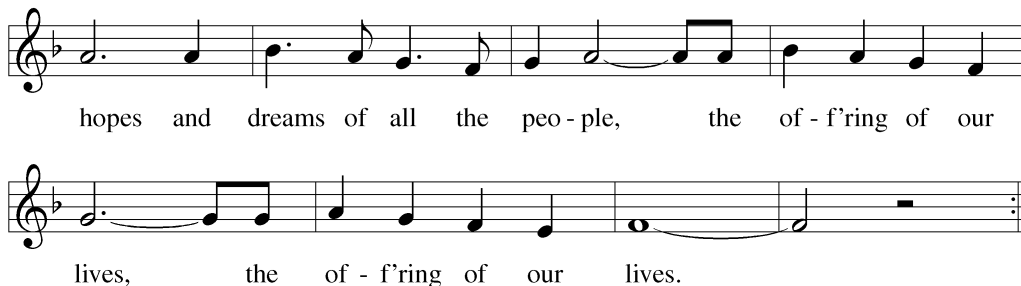
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: *My Shepherd Will Supply All My Need (Southern Harmony)*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: *Come, Bring Them to the Table*





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

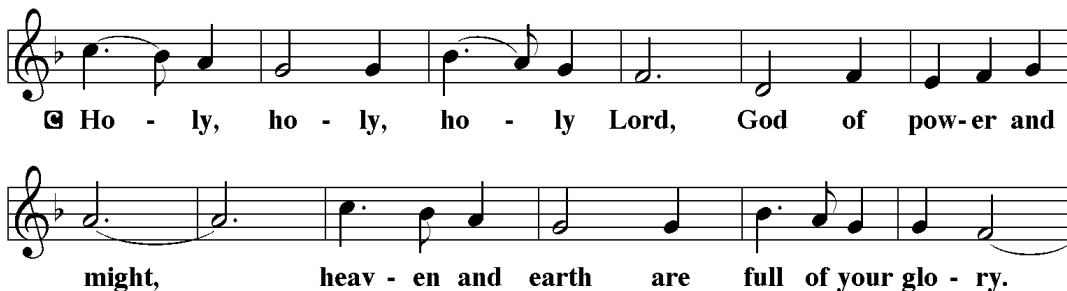
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

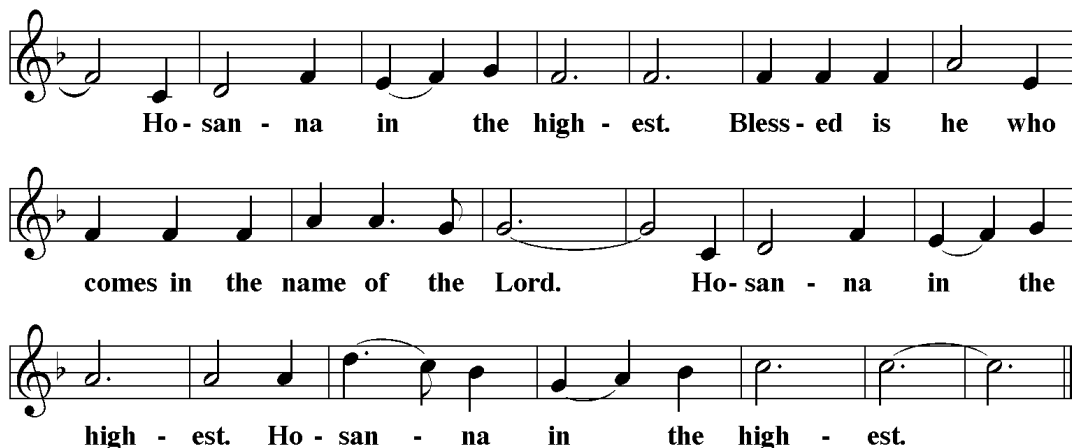
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Bless our Eucharistic Ministers who bring this food to our church family who cannot be here. May their presence be a sign of your love.

Through Christ 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

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come.
 Be filled with light and life.

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.*

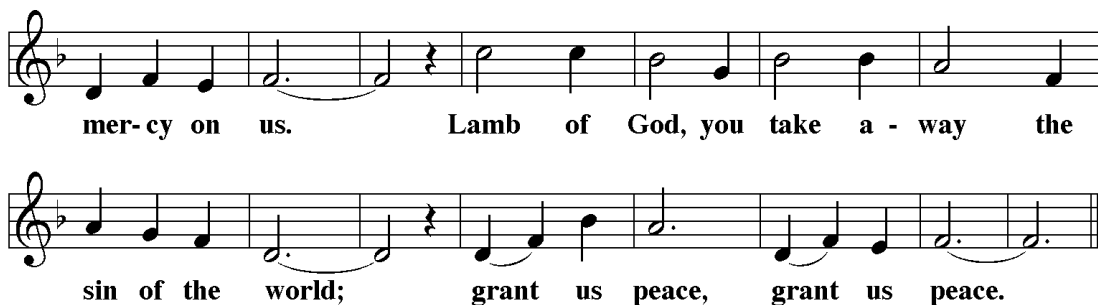
LAMB OF GOD



☛ 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



COMMUNION HYMNS:

I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

Holy God, Holy and Glorious (ELW 637)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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January 28, 2018 10:00 am Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus

January 7 & 14, 2018 Attendance: 266/ 162

General Offerings:\$ Mortgage Fund: \$

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

E-Giving Offering cards are available
for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically.
To give now, scan the code to the right.



What is the “Offering?”

“Offerings” in the church service is understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord’s Supper. Offerings have grown to include the goods and the money we give to the Church to assist in its mission and to provide for the assistance of the needy. The act of bringing our gifts of money to the altar helps keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God’s redeeming love to all people.

Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wooden boxes on the altar. These boxes are our communion kits for our Eucharistic Ministry Team. This team is made up of members of the congregation who take Holy Communion to our shut-ins, those in the hospital and others upon request. They go out two by two, just as Jesus sent his disciples. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

IN OUR PRAYERS.

*Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Samuel Edward Lichtenstein to Lisa and Craig Lichtenstein!
Prayers of sympathy for Karen and Ray Thomas and family in the death of Karen's mother, Lois.*

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), **Bill Beasley** (Russell's brother-in-law); **Barbara Bastin** (Clint Bastin's mother), **Debbie Bell** (Renee Markert's cousin), **Terry Chausee** (Cathy Edwards' son-in-law), **Neal Beachinor** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Larry & Marcie Clure** (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friend), **Kim Coleman** (Kris Lindereth's friend), **Joyce Daily** (David Osborne's aunt), **Janice Davidson** (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), **Bob Davis** (Curcio family friend), **Patricia Dwonch** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **Mikee Epply** (Elodie Ragan's friend), **Mason Gordon** (Curcio Family friend), **Cami Grillo** (member), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Darryl Lageson** (member), **Tom McMaster** (Dawn Bastin's father), **Mark Nesse** (Darci Desilet's stepfather), **Susan Oja** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Pam** (Melanie Veazey's cousin), **Kenneth Rapp** (Loretta Rapp's son), **Marvin Richter** (Renee Markert's father), **Richard Robilard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Robin** (Sherrill and Larry Baker's acquaintance), **Audrey Sheffler** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Jen Shirley** (Curcio family friend), **Sylvia Stevens** (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), **Sue** (Paula Glandon's friend), **Mary Beth Torgerson** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Roger Tuck** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Kip Van Alstine** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Joanne Wejak** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) **Danna White** (Cathy Tanner's friend), and **Michael Wilson** (Vicki Kastning's friend).

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

John Anderson (former member), **Rita Cadieux** (Jackie Gosanko's sister), **Cathy Edwards** (member), **Nancy Graumlich** (member), **Frances Hallen** (Justin LaFord's grandma), **Charlene Maxfield** (member), **Otilia Mihaela** (Kristin Smith's friend), **Elodie Ragan** (member), **Sharel Sheldrake** (member), **Sigrid Thode** (Carsten Thode's mother), **Gloria Wichert** (Jackie Gosanko's sister), & **Connie Wolter** (member).

Special Prayers: **Joan Davis** (Curcio family friend), **Henry Groeneveld** (Greta Nelson's cousin), **Tina and Adam Resch** (Laurie Berg's daughter & son-in-law) and the **Sindelar family** (preschool family)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Margie Bannister (member), **Perdy Carlson** (member), **Phyllis Enger** (member), **Ardyce Johnson** (member), **Arlene O'Neill** (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), **Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Eleanor Simonsen** (Lisa Graumlich's mother-in-law), **Joyce Sullivan** (member), **Fran Tazuma** (member), **Sigrid & Manfred Thode** (Carsten Thode's parents), & **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)
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)

***We are honored to be able to pray for your family members and close 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.***

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour - **2018 Budget Presentation for Adult Education**
Living Truth Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
12:30 pm Living Truth Lunch
5:00 pm Journey Class—**Supporting our Muslim Neighbors. Dinner will be served. All are welcome!**

Monday, January 22, 2018

Pastor Berg's Sabbath
11:00 Friends Supporting Friends—**Movie Time in the youth room.**

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 am Lessonary — **Meet in the library with Pastor Berg, to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!**
11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

9:15 am Preschool Chapel
10:00 am Library Work Party
Living Truth Fellowship
11:00 am Worship Team Meeting
12:30 am Preschool Chapel
4:30 pm Art in Worship Guild

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Quilters
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 26

6:30 pm Preschool Story Night
7:00 pm Living Truth Bible Study

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education Hour
Living Truth Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
12:30 pm **First Lutheran Church Annual Meeting and Lunch**
Living Truth Lunch

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.