May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 and 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 Godgiven 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

- + 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.
- + Though we love having children be a part of our worshipping community, we know that you may wish to have your child in the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery.
- + 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

PRELUDE: Variations on Down Ampney (J. Bender)

WELCOME

GATHERING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Alleluia!

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Alleluia!

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Alleluia!

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

GATHERING SONG: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



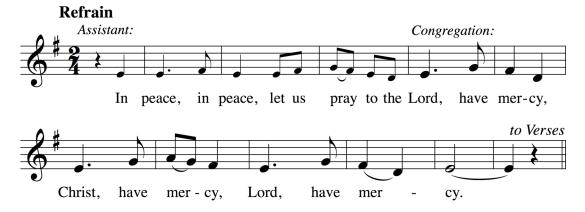
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



GREETING

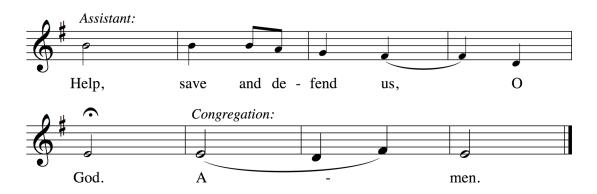
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Now the Feast and Celebration



PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray.

Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. Amen.

ANTHEM: 8:30 - Let Us Love One Another (Arnold B. Sherman)

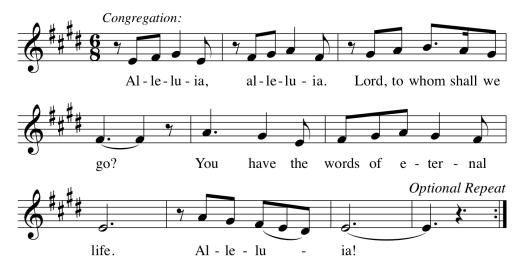
Violin, Alexia Payne

11:00 - The Gift of Love (Hopson)

WORD

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

WELCOMING THE WORD



THE WORD: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove

mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

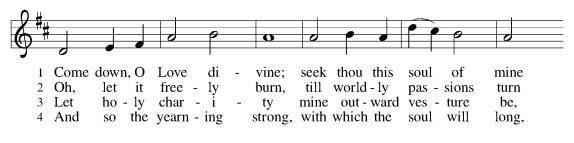
⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

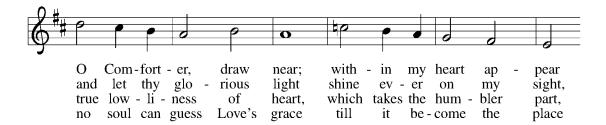
Word of God, word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)









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

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems. Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit. Deliver your healing and peace to all in need, especially Gordon. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed. Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

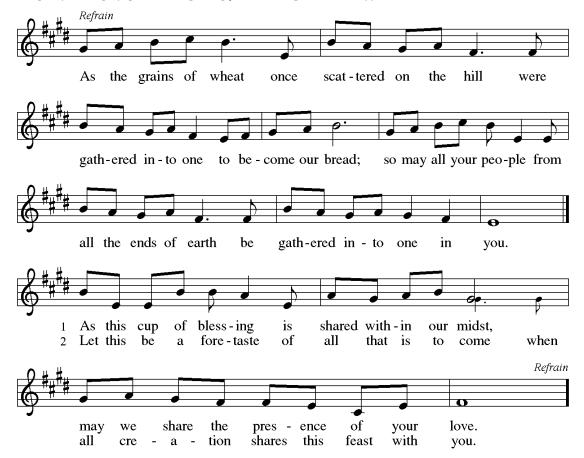
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Come Down, O Love Divine (R. Hobby)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: As the Grains of Wheat

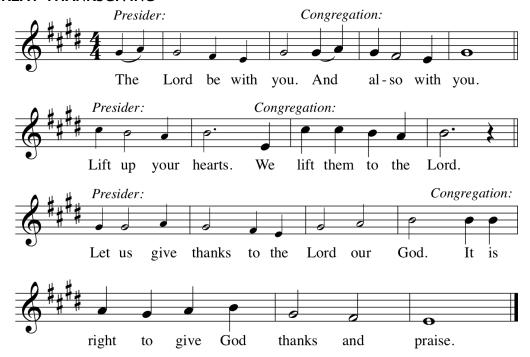


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

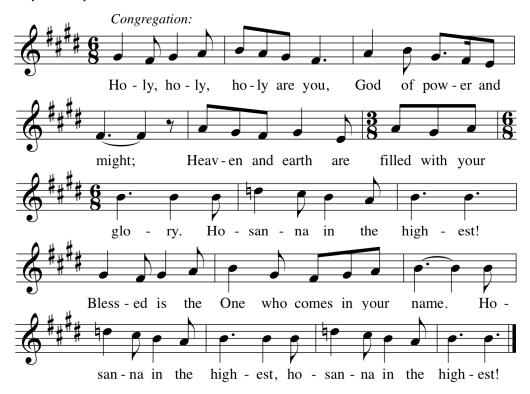
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

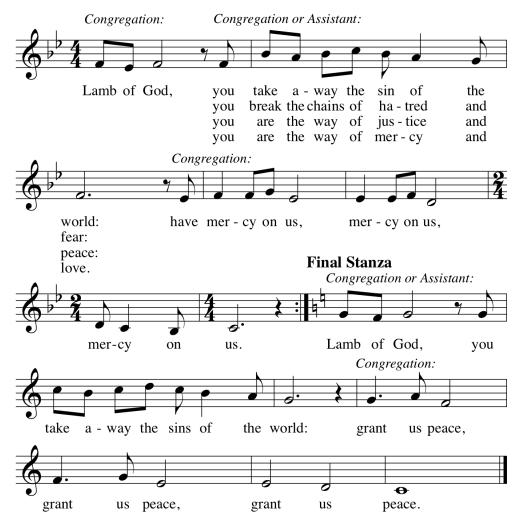
The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

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 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 yellow pew card.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come to the Table (ELW 481) sing twice Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (ELW 721) Where True Charity and Love Abide (ELW 642)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT BLESSING

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)



DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Variations on Down Ampney (J. Bender)

Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wood 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 out. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

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 the bread, the wine and 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.

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Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor Kristian Berg

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Organ/Piano	Lucy Kay Osborne	Lucy Kay Osborne
Music Leader	Sarah Moran	Richard Edmonds
Lector	Chris Burns	Tom Larsen
Acolyte	Benjamin & Levi Schnarre	Katie Mass
Ushers	Mark Neitzel & Dave Richards	Jose Alcaraz
Communion Assistants	Donna Hillard, Ruth Neitzel & Jacky Schnarre	Kathy Konieczka & Julie Mass
Sound Tech	Roger Wolter	Andrew Phelps
Greeter	David Berg	Kathy Konieczka
Flute		Cheryl Miller
Guitar		Connie Wolter
Percussion		Joe Siebert

11:00 Ensemble: Kelsey Benfiield, Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Gordy Phelps, Donella Robbins, Robyn Rydzack & Johannes Skjonsby

May 8, 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 Death Swallowed in Life

Weekly Financial Report

April 24, 2016 Attendance: 195

General Offerings: \$8,643 Mortgage Fund: \$777

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038 **Mortgage Fund:** \$1,098

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Salt House, Morogoro Diocese and Bishop Mameo, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

Those living with cancer:

Allistaire Anderson (Paul Anderson's great-niece), Carol Angello (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Janet Berg (Pastor and Susan Berg's sister-in-law), Lynn Crutcher (Busch family friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Pam Davis (Phelps family friend), Craig Decker (Judy & Dave Richards' friend), Maggie Dygert (Lageson family friend), Pih Foo (Lisa and Brad Hamilton's friend), Jan Gregersen (Nicole Thomas' friend),), Cami Grillo (member), Phyllis Hoefer (Marlis Pehling's friend), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Mark Iverson (Marilyn Iverson's stepson), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Edna Kastning (member), Lee Larson (Beth Phelps' cousin), Judy Loudenback (Susan Berg's friend), Marcella (Benson family friend), Roy McMullen (Cathy Tanner's friend), Pete Nettles (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Nancy Olsen (Ruth Neitzel's friend), Stu Ramstad (Beth Phelps' cousin), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Jay Stoddard (Ray Thomas' brother-in -law), Chris Sullivan (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend) and Darlene Zrust (Andrea Faubion's mother)

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

Ryan Agnew (Chris Martin & Tom Agnew's son), Max Agnew (Chris Martin & Tom Agnew's grandson), Diane Berg (member), Paul Berg (Pastor Berg's brother), Casey (Val Cole's friend), Joey Contreras (Pastor Berg's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Darline (Paula Glandon's mother), Cathy Edwards (member), Ethan Lee (Ian Anderson's friend), Geurlane Lewis (Ida Beth Morgan's niece), Marvin (Cathy Edwards' cousin), Jan Murphy (Sally Adams' sister), Ollie Polonsky (regular visitor), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Pat Schjelland (member), Roberto Tacchi (Beth Phelps' brother-in-law) and Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Jean and Walter Appleseth (Sally Adams' mother & father), Ruth Boyd (member), Perdy Carlson (member), Claire (Sue Ebert's mother), Phyllis Enger (member), Mavis Hatlen (Mark Hatlen's mother), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Virgina & Erik Olson (members), Arlene Smathers (Mona Shogren's mother), Joyce Sullivan (member), Fran Tazuma (member), Helen Young (member) and Roger Zimmerman (Connie Wolter's brother)

<u>Special Prayers:</u> Bob, David, Sarah, Zach and Julie Berg, and family (members)

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

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and those nations battling Boko Haram.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (grandson of Winnie Carman)

ARMY: Christopher Fjeld (Richard & Judy Edmonds' grandson) and Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend), Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son) and Luke Yandell (Annie McCracken's grandson)

NAVY: Tress Goodwin (Tom Larsen's cousin), Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's friend), Toby Pickens (Jean Pickens' grandson), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Christian Education Hour—Sunday school by age; confirmation for grades 7—9; high

school class for grades 10—12; 2 adult education offerings.

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Living Truth Worship

2:00 pm Growing God's Garden—Youth leadership event at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland

7:00 pm Chime Choir

Monday, May 2

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

10:00 am Friends Supporting Friends—Widows support group planning meeting at church

Tuesday, May 3

9:30 am Lectionary—Join Pastor Berg in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are

welcome!

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 Building & Property Committee

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 am Deborah Circle—Meet in the Landing at church. All women are welcome!

9:15 am Preschool Chapel 12:15 pm Preschool Chapel

Thursday, May 5

9:00 am Quilters

9:15 am Preschool Chapel 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel 6:00 pm Music Team Meeting 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, May 6

Saturday, May 7

9:00 am Altar Guild

Garden Guild

10:00 am Cub Scouts Helping Hand Day

Sunday, May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

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SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:
My favorite quote:
Main message:
At First Lutheran God calls us to:
CARE for one another in community,
GROW in faith and discipleship,
SERVE the needs of a broken world; and in all we do,

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{PROCLAIM}}$ the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

