

January 28, 2018
Fourth 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	Tom Larsen & Rob McCaw
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Tricia Alcaraz & Tamara McIntyre
Piano	June Condra	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Violin	Alexia Payne	Greeter	Emily Curcio
Percussion	Trent DeVerter	Lector	Randall Wampler
Ensemble	Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Curtis Koger, Doug Peterson. Gordy Phelps & Johannes Skjonsby	Acolyte	Alex Freriks

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *He Shall Feed His Flock (Handel)*

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: *Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines*



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: Psalm 111

Hallelujah! With my whole heart I praise the Lord among the just.

Great are God's works, a delight to explore.

In splendor, in majesty, God's justice will stand.

Who can forget God's wonders!

A God, merciful and kind who nourished the faithful, upheld the covenant,
and revealed mighty deeds.

**Faithful, just, and true are all God's decrees; each law in its place, valid
for ever.**

The Lord redeems the faithful, decrees a lasting covenant.

Holy and awesome God's name!

Fear of the Lord is wisdom's crown, wise are those who live by it.

Praise the Lord for ever!

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Oh, Sing to the Lord* (ELW 822)



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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.

Birthing God, you gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit.
Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *As the Deer*



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;

you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

ANTHEM: Wind of the Spirit (Hanson/Murakami)

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 3:1-21

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Word of God.

Word of Life!

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Lloyd Condra

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God Loved the World* (ELW 323)



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

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 those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God,
and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up
prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the works of God revealed in and through creation, for an end to pollution
and unjust use of natural resources, and for good weather this season, let us
pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For peace and justice throughout the world, for political leaders at all levels,
and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as
they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit especially, Peter, Bob and Joan that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those in our congregation celebrating special events, for those missing from our worship today, and for friends and family both near and far, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who witnessed your love in their lives and in this world, that through them our own faith will grow stronger, 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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

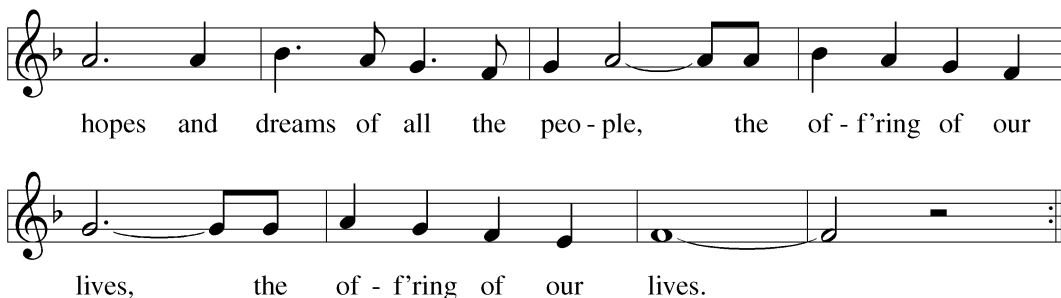
OFFERTORY: Aria (Giordani)

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

All

Come, bring them to the ta - ble—

bring the gifts of bread and wine, the



OFFERTORY 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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

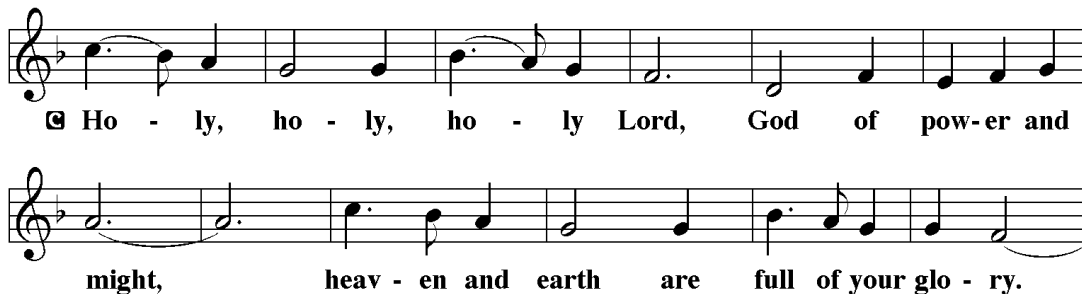
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

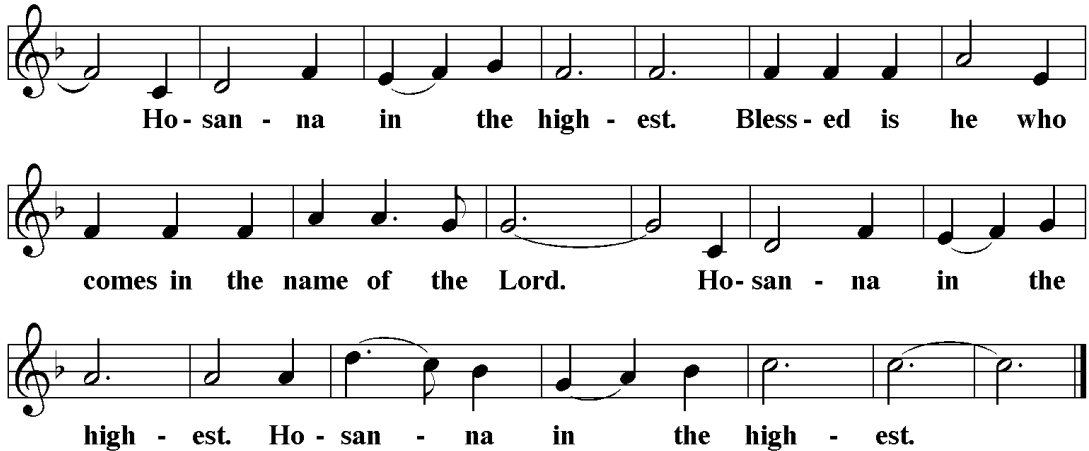
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 ... 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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.

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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

CLOSING HYMN: *Step by Step* (W&P 132)

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

you. O God, you are my God, and

I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn -

- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

John 4:1-42

Woman at the Well

January 21, 2018

Attendance: 191

1/14/18 General Offerings: \$9,748 Mortgage Fund: \$595

1/21/18 General Offerings: \$8,403 Mortgage Fund: \$1,115

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.

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** (Russel'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), **Peter Barnard** (Pastor Berg's friend), **Cathy Edwards** (member), **Nancy Graumlich** (member), **Charlene Maxfield** (member), **Elodie Ragan** (member), **Sharel Sheldrake** (member) & **Connie Wolter** (member).

Special Prayers: **Joan Davis** (Curcio family friend), **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 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

Monday, January 29

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

9:15 am Preschool Chapel
10:00 am Living Truth Fellowship
11:00 am Worship Team Meeting
12:30 am Preschool Chapel

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am Altar Guild
 Garden Guild

Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Worship - Cub and Boy Scout Sunday!
9:45 am Education Hour
 Living Truth Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
 Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
12:30 pm Living Truth Lunch

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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.