September 7, 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 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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- + Please register each person on a communion card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher before Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymnbook.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. Please ask an usher for directions.
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Serving Us In Worship Today

Greeter	Paul Desilet
Ushers	Dan Bormann Karey Coble
Acolyte	Madeline Berg
Lector	Marlis Pehling
Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Camera Tech	David Osborne
Communion Assistants	David Berg Christy Freriks Dan Hendricks
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary in D (J. Stanley)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)



- 1 God, who stretched the span gled heav ens in fi nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven tured worlds un dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho ri zon beck ons, may it chal-lenge us a new



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space: known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space; chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do. fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

GREETING

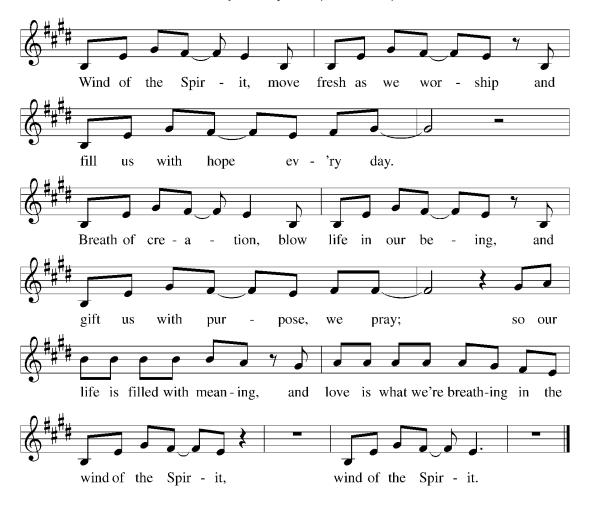
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Grand designer of all things, the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Wind of the Spirit (W&P 157)



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² [Jesus] has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

Word of God, word of life.

ANTHEM: Blessed Assurance (Arr. D. Funderburk)
Alexia Payne, Violin, Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

SECOND READING: Genesis 1:1--2:1-4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

 $^{^6}$ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated

the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And

God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Crashing Waters at Creation (ELW 455)



- 1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion, or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
- 2 Part ing wa ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans-ing wa ter once at Jor dan closed a round the one fore told,
- 4 Liv ing wa ter, nev er end ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death. wash - ing off the chains of bond-age— chan-nel to a life made new. o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints, we lift up this day Walt Stoll and Fergus Prestbye. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen. PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

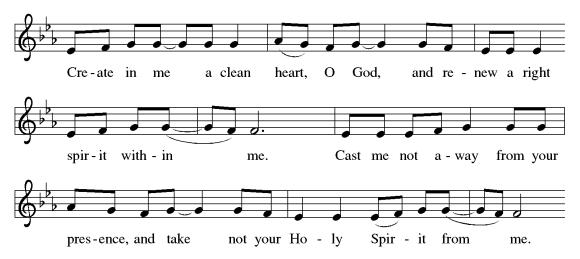
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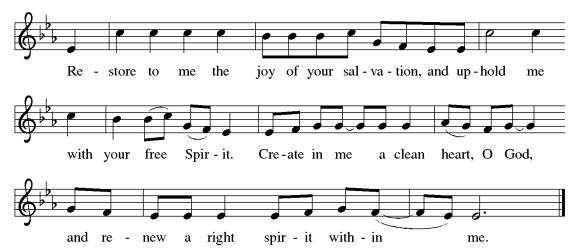
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: The offerin of flowers is given to the glory of God by Ann & Dan Bormann in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary today.

OFFERTORY: I Come with Joy (R.T. Adams)

OFFERING SONG: Create In Me A Clean Heart





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the 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 given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option that is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

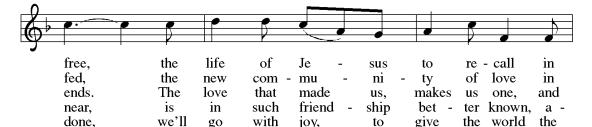
COMMUNION HYMNS: Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)



I Come with Joy (ELW 482)



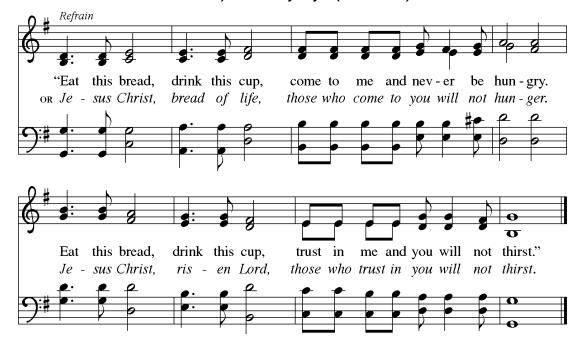
- for giv en, loved, and with joy, child of God, come a to find, with Chris - tians far and near 2 come as all are
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di vi sion
- 4 The Spir it of the ris en Christ, un seen, but ev er
- 5 To geth er met, to geth er bound by all that God has





laid down love for me, in love laid down for me. Christ's com-mu - nion bread. bread. Christ's com - mu - nion friends. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are a - live live a - mong here, a - mong here. us us that makes the love that makes love us one, us one.

Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

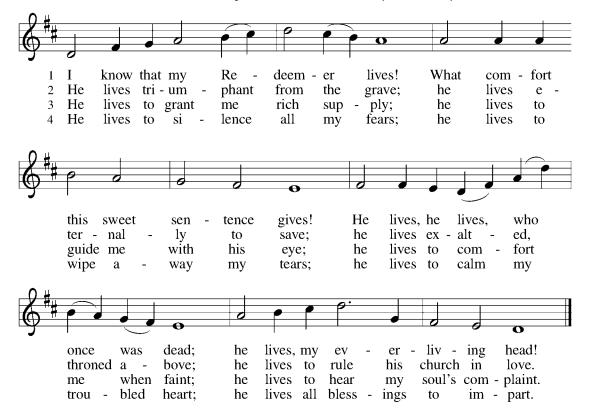
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (ELW 619)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Duke Street (D. Cherwien)

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, September 7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday! Welcome Back from Summer! 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

Monday, September 8

10:00 am Widows Support Group

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Preschool Parent Night

Tuesday, September 9

Preschool Conferences

9:30 am Lectionary w/ Pastor Berg 3:30 pm Membership Committee 4:15 pm Library Committee

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee

6:30 pm Youth Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool Begins

4:00 pm Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 11

9:00 am 3 year Old Preschool Begins

4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

9:30 am Quilters

Friday, September 12 Church Office Closed!

6:00 pm Jill Nichols Ordination at St. Andrews Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:30 am Christian Education for all ages!

September 14, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Creation

Weekly Financial Report

August 31, 2025 Attendance in Person: 99 Online: 16
August 31, 2025 General Offerings: \$5,307 Capital Improvement: \$874

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for the family of long time member, Walt Stoll in his death on August 31; and prayers of sympathy for FLC's former Christian Education Director, Rev. Jane Prestbye in the death of her husband, Fergus on September 3.

We pray for Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sue & Lee (Beth Bowers' cousins), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Susan Cook (member), Alexis (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Trevor (Nora Strothman's friend), Norma (Kristin Smith's friend), Mary Hatlen (member), Steve (Mark Hatlen's cousin), Jessica Hockstedler (member), John (Susan Berg's brother), Nancy McGee (member), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (frequent visitor), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Brandis (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Rylan (Kristin Smith's cousin), Marin (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), Roy (Kristin Smith's cousin), Deborah (Vicki Shanks' cousin), Fern (Surya Skjonsby's friend), August (Karey Coble's friend).

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

Tom Agnew (member), Castulo (Tricia Alcaraz' friend), Laura (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), Lupe (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), Carolyn Becker (member), Susan Berg (member), Dick Boyce (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), John (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), Kai (Jennifer Cleaves' son), Richard (Susan & Ross Cook's brother), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Nancy Davis (member), Karen (Paula Glandon's sister), John Godek (member), Teresa (friend of the Bakers) Zach (Trevor Coble's friend), Jim (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), Karen Johnson (member), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee's friend), Gina (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Koneiczka (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), Doug (Justin LaFord's father), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Chris Martin (member), Gordy Phelps (member), Judy Richards (member), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Dennis (Dave Shogren's brother), Mona Shogren (member), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), Alan (Siebert family friend), Kayden (Karey Coble's nephew), Harriett (Roger Steinke's friend), Kathy Telford-Luiz (member), Ron Tuck (member), Paul (Baker family friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Sherrill & Larry Baker (members), Audrey Fisher (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Walt Stoll (member), Roger Wolter (member).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Jake Peoples (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: Christopher Whipple (Carolyn 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:

