



 **First Lutheran Church**
BOTHELL
WELCOMES YOU TO
January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLC), 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 FLC 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 FLC, 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 name each person in attendance , and if they will be taking communion, on the card provided in the pew rack. Place card in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.
- + 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 nursery or the “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. Please ask an usher for directions.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless—Password: MartyLuther

Serving Us in Worship Today

Piano	June Condra
Flute	Cheryl Miller
Drums	Joe Siebert
Greeter	Marilyn Iverson
Ushers	Tom Agnew Dan Bormann
Acolyte	Jett Krema
Lector	Tom Larsen
Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Camera Tech	Jeff Kosman
Communion Assistants	Tamara McIntyre Tom Payne Jean Peterson
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges
Bus Driver	Carsten Thode

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *The Gift Of Love* (Hal Hopson)

WELCOME

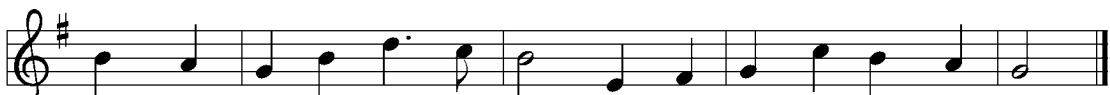
GATHERING SONG: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

GREETING

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

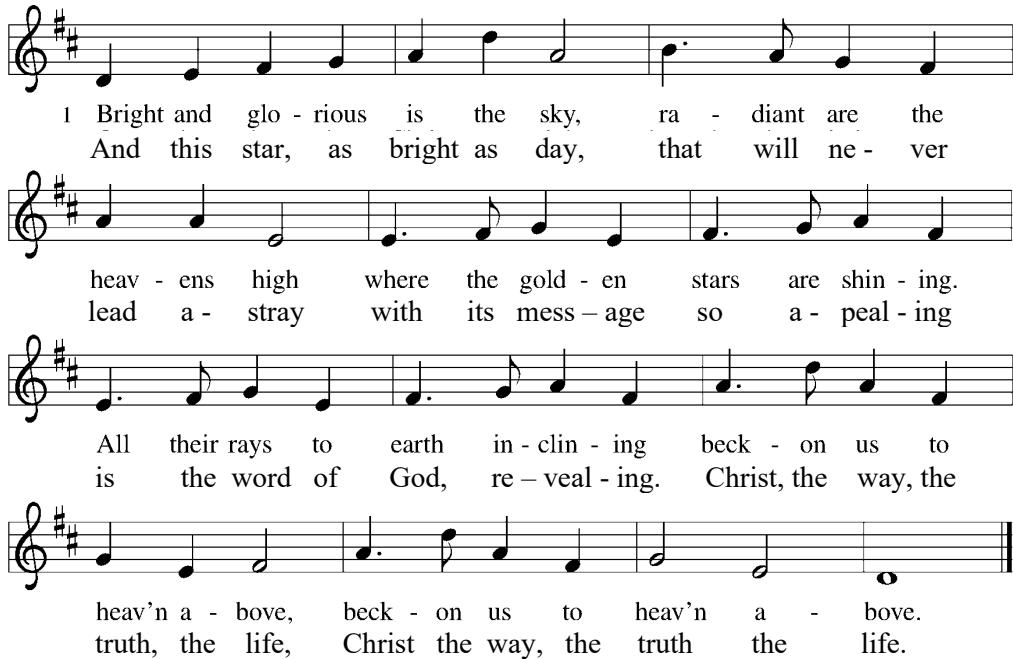
And also with you.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (ELW 301)



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
And this star, as bright as day, that will ne - ver

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
lead a - stray with its mess - age so a - peal - ing

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
is the word of God, re - veal - ing. Christ, the way, the

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
truth, the life, Christ the way, the truth the life.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 57:14-21*

¹⁴ It shall be said,
“Build up, build up, prepare the way;
remove every obstruction from my people’s way.”

¹⁵ For thus says the high and lofty one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶ For I will not continually accuse,
nor will I always be angry,
for then the spirits would grow faint before me,
even the souls that I have made.

¹⁷ Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry;

I struck them; I hid and was angry,
but they kept turning back to their own ways.

¹⁸ I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will lead them and repay them with comfort,
¹⁹ creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the LORD,
and I will heal them.

²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea
that cannot keep still;
its waters toss up mire and mud.

²¹ There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.

Word of God,
word of life.

ANTHEM: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning (Spiritual)*

THE WORD: John 2:13-25

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables.

¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”

²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After 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.

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

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants
your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Refrain

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

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters like the floods affecting our neighbors here in the Northwest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence for self-examination.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

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: *Home Away From Home (Phil Coulter)*

OFFERING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, 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.

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, 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 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.

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

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 to the Table (ELW 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

We Who Once Were Dead (ELW 495)



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver-flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
strength to fight; death is all a-round us. Je - sus, be our light.
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign.

Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to
2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once for -



see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a



weary world: the promised day of justice comes.
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.



Refrain
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

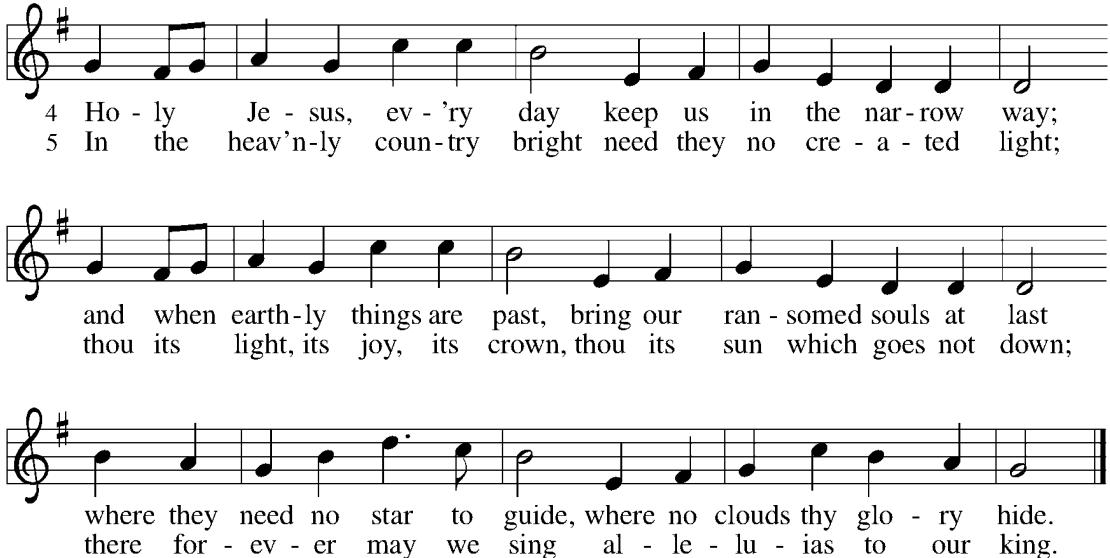
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)



4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev -'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Dix* (D. Dahl)

January 25, 2026 Third Sunday after Epiphany
Numbers 21:4-9 John 3:1-21 Nicodemus

Weekly Financial Report for January 11, 2026

Attendance in Person: 162 General Offerings: \$23,725.69	Online: 20 Capital Improvement: \$1,682
General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,770	

Adult Sunday School

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JANUARY 11 - JOHN 6:16-71 - BREAD OF LIFE
JANUARY 18 - JOHN 7:1-52 - THE FESTIVAL OF BOOTHES
JANUARY 25 - ANNUAL MEETING

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LUTHERANISM 101

WHY ARE WE LUTHERAN?

January 11 and 18th
4-6 pm - Dinner provided!

INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:45 am Youth Pizza Lunch at Spartas!
4:00 pm Journey Class - Lutheranism 101 - Dinner will be served! Please join us!

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office and Preschool Closed

Tuesday, January 20

9:00 am Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary Group
6:00 pm Fellowship Committee
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, January 21

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Rebecca Circle
3:15 pm Membership Committee

Thursday, January 22

9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am FLC Quilters
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Creation Care Meeting

Friday, January 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:30 am FLC Annual Meeting - all voting members are encouraged to attend!

IN OUR PRAYERS

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), **Jen & Dave** (Baker family friend), **Sue & Lee** (Beth Bowers' cousins), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Alexis** (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), **Tryvge Enger** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Terry** (Paula Glandon's nephew), **Norma** (Kristin Smith's friend), **Mary Hatlen** (member), **Steve** (Mark Hatlen's cousin), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Jeanne** (Justin LaFord's mother), **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), **Brandis** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Jo** (Lucy Kay and David Osborne's friend), **Marin** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Deborah** (Vicki Shanks' cousin), **Fern** (Surya Skjonsby's friend), **Joe** (Barb Thieme's brother), **August** (Karey Coble's friend), **Melanie Veazey** (member).

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

Lupe (Jose Alcaraz' aunt), **Sylvia** (Alcaraz family member), **Dawn Bastin** (member), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Dick Boyce** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **John** (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), **Richard** (Ross Cook's brother), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Nancy Davis** (member), **John Godek** (member), **Teresa** (friend of the Bakers) **Zach** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Jennifer** (Dan Hendricks' niece), **Jim** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **Liz** (Marlis Pehling's friend), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Phillip** (Karen Johnson's brother), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Kathy Koneczka** (member), **Richard Koneczka** (Kathy Koneczka's husband), **Doug** (Justin LaFord's father), **Ollie Polonsky** (member), **Darrell** (Vickie Shanks' nephew), **Dennis** (Dave Shogren's brother), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Alan** (Siebert family friend), **Jennifer** (Irene Cloud's friend), **Kayden** (Karey Coble's nephew), **Harriett** (Roger Steinke's friend), **Kathy Telford-Luiz** (member), **Ron Tuck** (member), **Jackie Williams** (Donna Benfield's brother), **Paul** (Baker family friend), **Molly** (Haley Neff-LaFord's friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Diane** (Rene & Rob Baker's friend), **Sherrill & Larry Baker** (members), **Audrey Fisher** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **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)

COAST GUARD: **Gage McIntyre** (Tamara McIntyre's son)

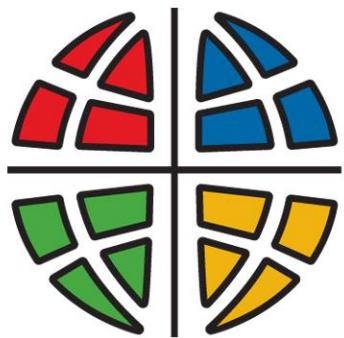
We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

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 shou



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