

September 4, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM



 **First Lutheran Church**
BOTHELL

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 place in the offering plate with your offering before 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.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

Assisting With Today’s Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg
Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne
Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds
Children’s Message: Roger Steinke
Piano: June Condra

Greeter	Tamara McIntyre	Sound Tech	Ann Bormann
Ushers	Dave Berg Ryan Stute	Communion Assistants	Marilyn Kay Jeffrey Kosman
Lector	Jeff Almeida	Camera Tech	Roger Wolter
Acolyte	Jackie Fairbanks	Pew Angel	

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine, English Melody*
Cheryl Miller, Flute; June Condra, Piano

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on Coast Salish, Duwamish and Stillaguamish land. The peoples who lived on this land long before the settlers, loved, birthed, built, educated, and thrived here. We wish to live more fully into the healing of this land.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As many have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Blessing, Honor, and Glory* (ELW 433)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves. Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a series of notes with corresponding guitar chords written above. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Staff 1: Chords: C, Am⁷, G/B, C, F/A, G/B. Lyrics: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

Staff 2: Chords: C, G/B, C/E, F, Gsus, G C/E. Lyrics: Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

Staff 3: Chords: F, Am⁷, G, Em⁷, C/E, F, Am, G, C²/E. Lyrics: Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

Staff 4: Chords: F², Am⁷, G, Em⁷, C/E, F, Dm⁷, Gsus, G. Lyrics: Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

Staff 5: Chords: Gsus, G, C, Am⁷, G/B, C, F/A, G/B. Lyrics: God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

Staff 6: Chords: C, F/A, G/B, C/E, F, G, C/E, F, C. Lyrics: Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of 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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *O God, We Call* (ACS 1075)

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

deep in - side we yearn for you.

ANTHEM: *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Conrad Kocher Cheryl Miller, flute; June Condra, piano

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 84

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

⁹Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

WELCOMING THE WORD: *Hallelujah* (ACS 1088)



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

THE WORD: Hebrews 12:1-14

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children –

"My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;
⁶for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,
and chastises every child whom he accepts."

⁷Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? ⁸If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. ⁹Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. ¹¹Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

¹⁴Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

APOSTLES' CREED

- I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those suffering from the effects of global warming - the severe heat wave in China, flooding in Pakistan, the loss of land in the Philippines; we urge you, O God, to unhardened the hearts of those in power to change their ways from greed over planet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: *The offering of flowers is given to the glory of God by Ann & Dan Bormann in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary on September 7th.*

OFFERTORY: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading, Keith Kolander*

OFFERING SONG: *For Such a Time as This (ACS 1003)*

Optional descant

Could it be for such a time as this?

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

Could it be for such a time as this?

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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, 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

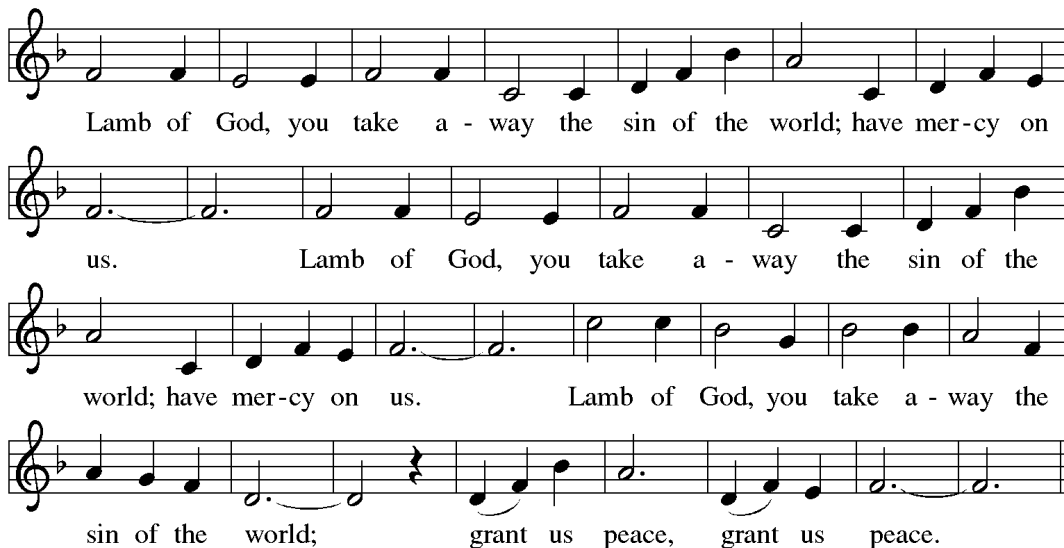
In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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.*

LAMB OF GOD (ELW 195)



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:

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



- let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING: *God Be with You* (W&P 50)



2 God be with you. God be with you. When you trav - el far a -
 3 God be with you. God be with you. And wher - ev - er you may



way, in your dai - ly work and play, God be with you.
 go, as the spir - it winds will blow, God be with you.

SENDING SONG: *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of three staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of each line.

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of one staff of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

Musical notation for the continuation of the Verses, consisting of one staff of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats.

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

Musical notation for the D.C. section, consisting of one staff of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The notation includes a double bar line and the marking 'D.C.' above the staff.

dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Worship

Monday, September 5

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 am Lectionary
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
6:00 pm Preschool Parent Night
Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm IT/Communications Meeting
Social Ministries Committee

Wednesday, September 7

Thursday, September 8

9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 10

9:00 am Rally Day Clean up

Sunday, September 11

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Church Picnic in the parking lot—All are Welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Mark (Dick Boyce' son), Jocelyn Carberry (Kristin and Ken Smith's friend), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's friend), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), Evelyn (Marilyn Iverson's friend), Bonita (Kathy Chester's friend), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (Del Benson's friend), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother).

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

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Tom Agnew (member), Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Jay Arndtson (member), Kurt (Stephanie Almeida's father), Jenny Ashford (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's daughter), Judy (Judy Richards' friend), Rene Baker (member), Donna Benfield (member), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Rose (Ho Brown's sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Kevin Kastning (member), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Andy (Vicki Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Sandy Sailand (member), Tracy (Linda Siebert's friend), Mona Shogren (member).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Mavis Carlson (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane & Roy King (members), Greta Nelson (member), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

ARMY:

MARINES: Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

NAVY: Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & 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

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Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32 :7-14

Weekly Financial Report

August 28, 2022 Attendance: in person: 94 Zoom: 28

August 28, 2022 General Offerings: \$6015 Capital Improvement: \$415

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,939



Sunday

September 11

Worship at 8:30 & 11 am

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Church Picnic at Noon

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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.