Theological Reflection (JWG part 5)

Assignment: Write (narrate) about a recent event/experience that was *meaningful* for you. Often times this may have elicited strong feelings within you. If the event/experience is *too raw* right now, this may *not be* a good event/experience to begin with, so keep that in mind. Likewise, if the event/experience was merely mundane, then pick something else to describe. You will be invited to share your work with another trusted member of your group, so choose something you would be willing to share in this capacity. Begin the narration by outlining the event/experience and then going and writing in more detail. Keep in mind the points below for "narrate". After narrating, then moving on to analyzing, when you are directed to do so. See the points below under "analyze".

Narrate

- Just the facts
- Who, what, where, when, how?
- Are you able to share with others?

Analyze

- Why were these people involved?
- Why did these events unfold as they did?
- Why did it happen at this time?
- Why did one thing cause another to happen?

Theological Reflection (JWG part 6)

Take a look at your narration and analysis (from Journey with God part 5) and then proceed to look for meaning. In the margins, or elsewhere, jot down your reflections about what you believe God "is" doing. Draw your insights from scripture, the worship liturgy, Lutheran tradition and doctrine to inform your insights. Next, proceed to asking, "What does God want to do?" Like before, jot down your reflections.

Meaning

- What is God doing? What does God want to do?
    - Scripture
    - Worship
    - Tradition
    - Doctrine

After completing the meaning portion, proceed to enactment. Try to answer these four points with a few succinct sentences.

Enactment

- What (if any) obstacles are in the way for following, what you believe, God wants to do?
- What might be your plan for following God's direction? How will you be supported?
- How does this plan and or insight, contribute to your faith?
- How does it contribute to your prayer life?