

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 9/8: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 9/9: Worship & Music Team meeting, 9:30am.

NO Confirmation class.

Thursday 9/10: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 9/12: In-Church Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/13: In-Church Worship Service at 9am. Newsletter items due.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Wanda Bernhardt 9/7

Anna Wince 9/9

Lois Swan 9/11

Louie Mielke 9/12

Dolores Plote 9/13

James Haberstick 9/13

ANNIVERSARIES!!!

Mike & Dawn Percudani 9/9/88

Adam & Elizabeth Ruff 9/11/15

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to William & Jamie (Hall) Wittwer who were married Saturday. William is the son of Tim & Dianna Wittwer.

PARISH CONCERNS

- All those who are in hospice care:
 - Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother;
 - Marlene Feign, Cindy Stevens' mother;
 - and Rex Ritter, Jo Boehmer's brother-in-law
- Doug Elmore had knee replacement surgery and is recovering.
- Mike & Marti Valasek's daughter Leanne is anticipating hernia surgery. She will meet with the surgeon on September 11.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky continued healing from major neck surgery.
- Connie Schauer began radiation treatments on Monday, August 31.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Fires in California and Colorado.

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*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*

*Saturday September 6, 2020
(With Readings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost)*

First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

Saturday, September 5, 2020

(with scripture readings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost)

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” WOV 649

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P The Gospel of our Lord C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “OUT OF THE MOUTHS...” - Gospel

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts! C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Second Reading: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-4, 10-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.