

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday 9/12: Fellowship Chairman Louie Mielke has shared that coffee hour will resume, with the council's approval. Please observe social distancing as you enjoy coffee and cinnamon rolls today. Newsletter Items due!
- Tuesday 9/15: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.
- Wednesday 9/16: Newsletter Folding, 9am.; Confirmation class, 6pm.; Clothes Closet seasonal clothing changeover.
- Thursday 9/17: Clothes Closet seasonal clothing changeover.
- Saturday 9/19: In-Church Communion Service with blessing of quilts, 5:30pm.
- Sunday 9/20: In-Church Communion Service with blessing of quilts, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn the passing of Marlene Feign, Cindy Stevens' mother and Rex Ritter, Jo Boehmer's brother-in-law.
- Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother is in hospice care.
- 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 reports excellent progress after his 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 Ina Koehler, 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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Sammy Rasmussen 9/15/2012 Marvin Bernhardt 9/16
Richie Joos 9/17 Norma Benson 9/18 Randy Nelson 9/19
Miranda Nelson 9/20 Sarah Rehn 9/20

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

LBW, green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" **LBW 377**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon (*Sunday School begins after this.*)

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:1-12 (*read responsively by whole verse*) P. 264

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Pulpit Hymn

Sermon: **"FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE"** – Gospel

*Hymn of the Day: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" **LBW 307**

*Apostles' Creed P. 65

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 75

*Prayers of the Church P. 75

*Lord's Prayer P. 76

Closing Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" **LBW 233**

(Please stand for the 6th verse.)

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷"Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-12 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

The Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Celebration

On Sunday, September 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Park Shelter House, **Pastor Carl and Nancy Rasmussen** will be honored for their 30 years of service to Kirkland. John and Jean Royalty will also be honored, with the Fred Manni award. Please see the poster on the narthex bulletin board.

SYMPATHY CARDS

If you have extra sympathy cards, please bring them to the church. There is a basket in the narthex for you to place them in. Jane Johnson graciously sends out cards for First Lutheran Church. Thank you.