

Sunday 9/20: Fellowship Chairman Louie Mielke has shared that coffee hour will resume, with the council's approval. Please join us tomorrow as we observe social distancing while enjoying coffee .

Monday 9/21: Food Truck Delivery 9:30am.

Tuesday 9/22: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

KDA meeting at the Methodist Church, 7pm.

Wednesday 9/23: Confirmation class with rehearsal for Sunday, 6pm.

Thursday 9/24: Wittenberg Pastor's Fellowship, here at FLC, 10am.

Saturday 9/26: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

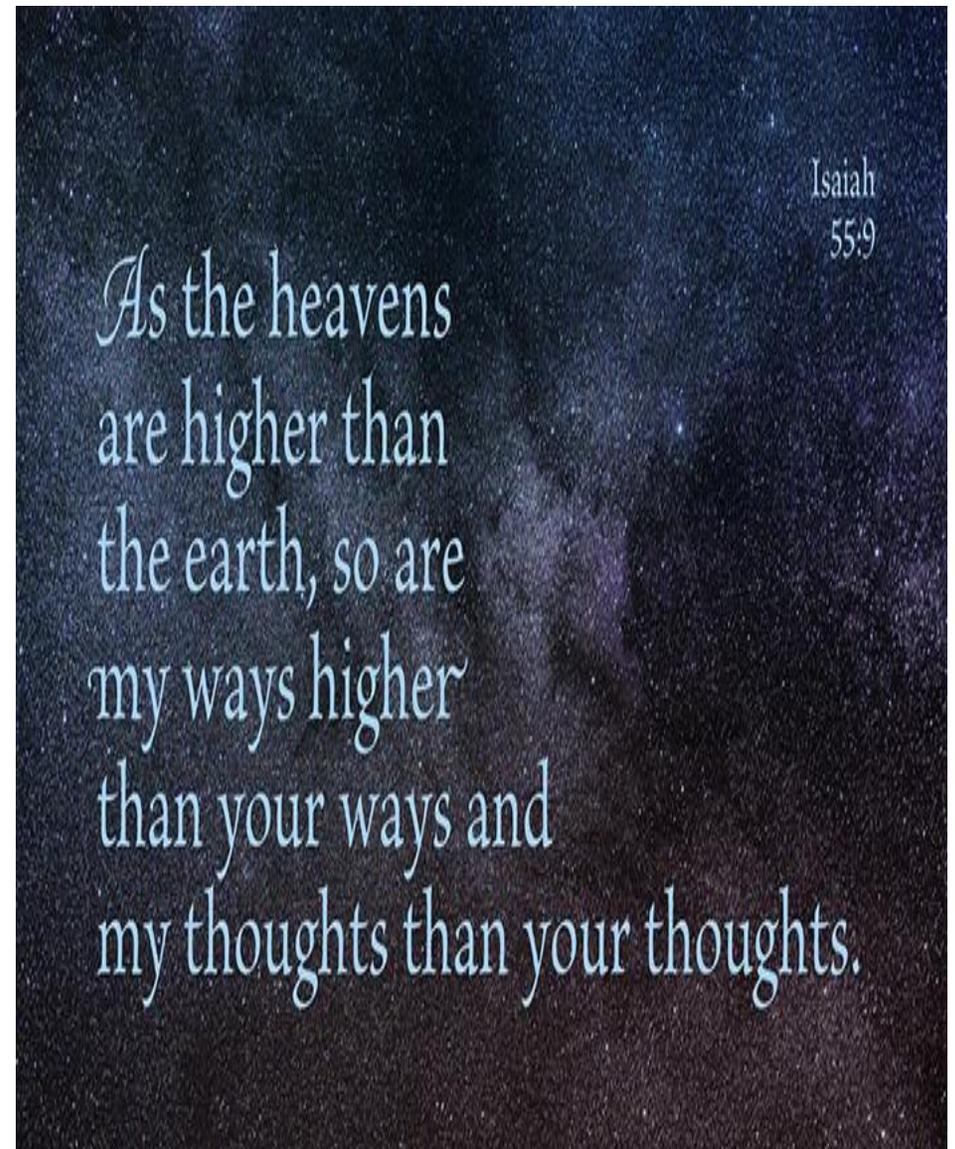
Sunday 9/27: Confirmation Day! Communion Service, 9am.

Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Celebration in Franklin Park, 2-4pm.

See information on bulletin board and inside this bulletin.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Burt Andrews II is now under the care of hospice. He has been battling cancer. Pray for all the Andrews family. This is Burt Andrews III's father.
- Elsie Sanford was experiencing physical distress and is now home from her stay at St. Anthony Hospital.
- Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother is in hospice care.
- Doug Elmore had knee replacement surgery and is recovering.
- Leanne Valasek's hernia surgery has been postponed.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky reports healing progress and is grateful for everyone's prayers.
- Connie Schauer continues radiation treatments.
- 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.
- Wildfires in the Western states.
- 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.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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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: “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

HYMNALS

If you have used a hymnal from the pew rack today, please leave it on the seat at the end of the service. If you have signed out a hymnal, please continue to bring it with you weekly.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

At tomorrow morning’s service, Dan Pahnke will be installed as a Church Council member and will be the Director of Congregational Life - Stewardship. Jo Boehmer will be installed as the Council President.



QUILTS, AFGHANS, AND LAP ROBES

There will be 90 quilts, afghans and lap robes shared with area nursing homes, and homeless shelters. You will only see two of the quilts as the rest are boxed and ready for delivery.

THE GREATER KIRKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATION

Next 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.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

SERMON: “GOD’S MYSTERIOUS WAYS” – 1st Reading

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BLESSING OF QUILTS

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.



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: “For All the Faithful Women” vv. 1, 4 & 5

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