

Today 10/18: Please observe social distancing as you enjoy coffee after worship.

Monday 10/19: Food truck delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 10/20: Kirkland Chamber of Commerce meeting, 9am;
Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday & Friday 10/22-23: Pastor will be attending an online meeting of the NALC Executive Council.

Saturday 10/24: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/25: Reformation Communion Service with Pastor & Nancy Rasmussen's Farewell Celebration, 9am. Please wear RED.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Logan Marshall, son of Erik Marshall and Jennifer (Ryan) Block was killed in a car accident. His private funeral service was held here on Thursday. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Logan's passing.
- Pray for Pastor & Nancy as we celebrate the remaining time they will be with our congregation for worship.
- Pastor Phil Gronbach as he begins a new journey as our interim Pastor on November 1. May God bless his continued ministry to our congregation.
- 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.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.
- All those who are affected by the natural disasters.

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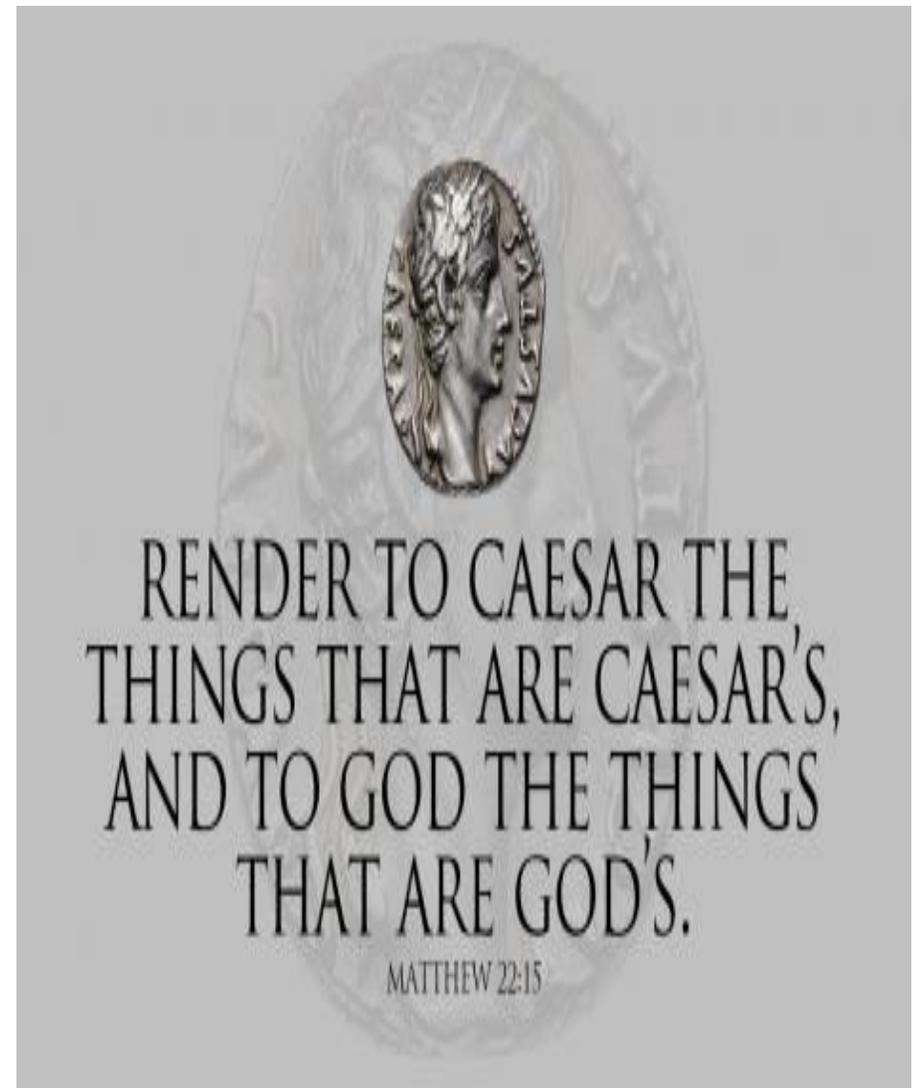
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Opening Hymn: "Take My Life, that I May Be" **LBW 406**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*This Is the Feast (C-All; I-Women; II-Men) P. 60

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading 1 Chronicles 29:5b-6,14-18

Psalms 96:1-9 (*responsively by half verse*) P. 261

Second Reading Acts 2:41-47

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon: **"OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY:
CAUGHT AND TAUGHT"**

*Hymn of the Day: "As Saints of Old" **LBW 404**
(To the tune of Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

*Nicene Creed P. 64

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*Sharing of Peace

Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful P. 66

*Offertory Prayer P. 67

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Communion Distribution

Closing Hymn: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" **LBW 410**

*Thank the Lord P. 72

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

* Postlude

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We rejoice as God welcomed **Emma Anne Faivre**, daughter of Karl & Sarah Faivre, into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism yesterday. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Emma**, her family, and her baptismal sponsors, Kevin & Liz Faivre! Emma is the granddaughter of Mike & Sue Sester.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on November 1. The agenda will be:

- Election of Call Committee
- Ratification of amendments to the NALC Constitution

Please see the Narthex bulletin board for more details.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Nova Quigley 10/20 Heath Norris 10/21

John Karolus 10/22 Chris Boyer 10/24

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Rick & Rosalie Warren 10/20/1979

Drew & Sabrina Peterson 10/21/11

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Shoeboxes are ready for you to sign out and fill with "goodies". A bar of soap and washcloth are inside and later a beanie baby and face mask will be added. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 8th. If you would like to donate \$9 to help ship the shoeboxes, please write a check to Samaritan's Purse and give it to Donna Koehnke, Jean Bauer or Dianna Wittwer.

First Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:5b-6,14-18

⁵King David said, "Who then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the LORD?" ⁶Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ¹⁴"But who am I," David said, "and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you."

Psalm 96: 1-9 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading: Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle {Jesus} in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.