

Sunday 10/25: Please observe social distancing as you enjoy coffee in the Fellowship hall.

Monday 10/26: Clothes Closet, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 10/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.
KDA meeting at the Methodist Church, 7pm.

Saturday 10/31: All Saints' Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Daylight Savings Time ends; turn clocks back 1 hour before bed.

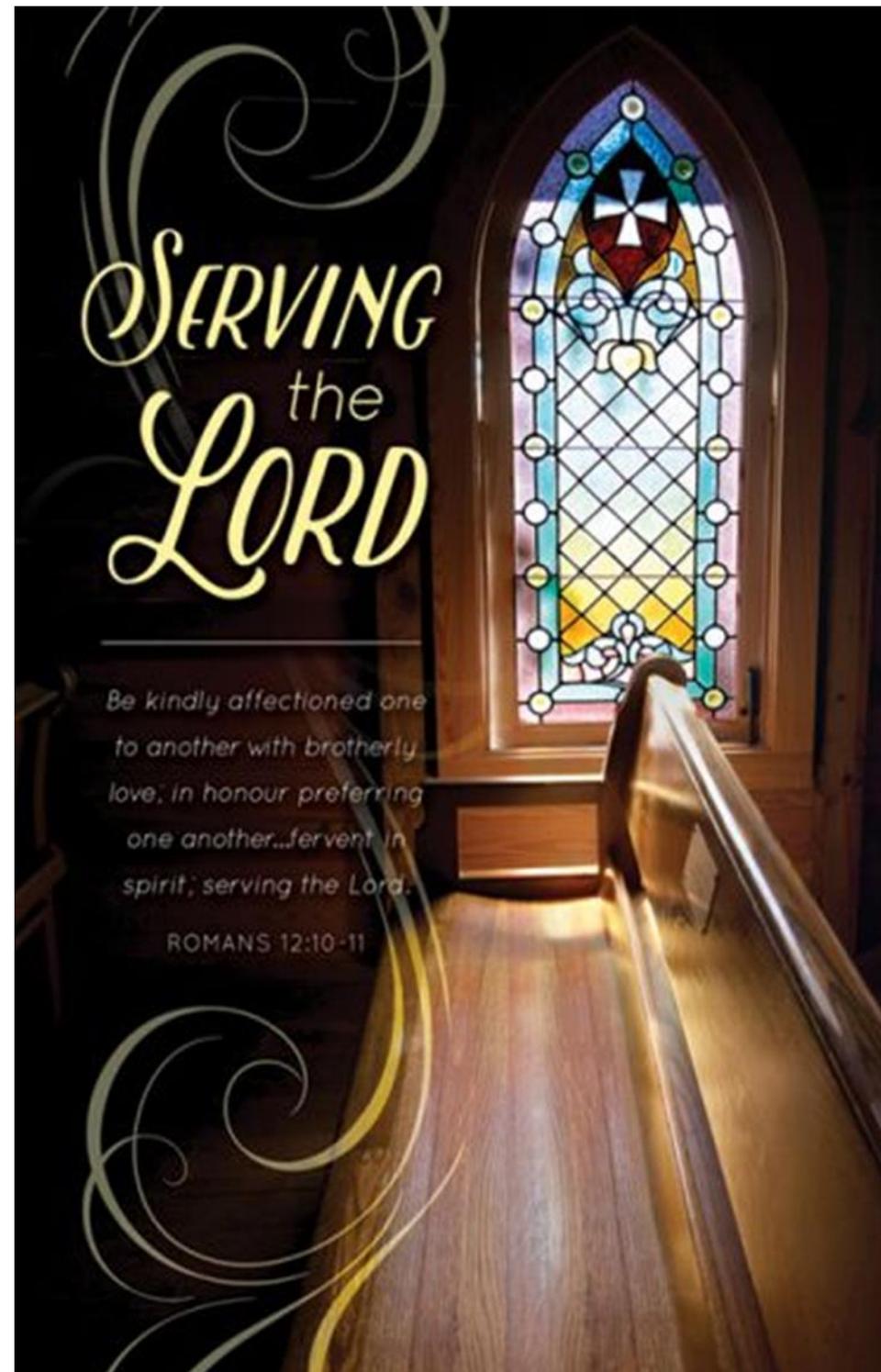
Sunday 11/1: All Saints' Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring died on last Saturday. Pray for his wife Barbara and family. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Bishop Paull Spring's passing.
- Pray for Pastor & Nancy as they begin their retirement together.
- 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.
- Amanda Wrobel has recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS).
- Ashley Mielke had esophageal surgery on Tuesday, October 20.
- Jim Sheehan is at Swedish American hospital with swelling in his back.
- Nancy Bakanas, Marilyn Roser, and all at Bethany Health Care center where there has been two staff members diagnosed with the corona virus.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- 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.
- 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.
- All the animals that God has created.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are still available to sign out and fill with "goodies". 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 Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

Saturday, October 24, 2020

(The Eve of Reformation Sunday, and Pastor & Nancy Rasmussen's Farewell)

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

PRELUDE** "A Mighty Fortress" - Lani Smith

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "A Mighty Fortress" **LBW 229**

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, who dwells in you. 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 Jeremiah 29:11-13a

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

PSALM 46 (Read responsively by whole verse) **LBW p. 236-237**

SECOND READING Acts 20: various verses

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

GOSPEL John 17:6-9, 16-17

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

SERMON: "WORDS OF FAREWELL" - Gospel

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed **LBW p. 85**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER **LBW p.97**

OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

CLOSING SONG: "O Christ the Same" **WOV 778**

BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

***Today's prelude, an organ/piano duet played by Nancy and Pastor, is "A Mighty Fortress". It is in memory of Ken Krabbe. (A choir music memorial gift was given in loving memory of Ken by Loraine Krabbe.)*

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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 Office bulletin board for more details.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Ina Koehler 10/28

Ruthann Joos 10/30

Richard Wince 10/31

Alexis Haag 10/31

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Heath & Taylor Norris 10/28/2017

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13a

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me.

Psalm 46 (Read responsively by whole verse)

pp. 236-237

Second Reading: Acts 20:17-22,25-27,32,36-38

¹⁷ From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸When they came to him, he said to them:

‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. ²²And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.

²⁵ ‘And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.

³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Gospel: John 17:6-9, 16-17

⁶‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Next Week’s Readings:

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12