

Sunday 11/1: Join us immediately after the service for the congregational meeting. There will be a meeting of the call committee and alternates in the fellowship hall immediately after the congregational meeting has concluded. Please practice social distancing.

Tuesday 11/3: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30pm; distr., 12-2pm. Don't forget to vote.

Thursday 11/5: Food Truck Delivery, 8am; Confirmation Class, 4pm.

Sat. 11/7: Stewardship Worship Service, 5:30pm with pledges to the Altar.

Sunday 11/8: Stewardship Worship Service, 9am with pledges to the Altar.



PARISH CONCERNS:

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:

- Marilyn Roser, mother of John Roser and Mary Loomis died on Friday, October 23. Pastor Rasmussen performed a private family burial service on Wednesday. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Marilyn'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.
- Pastor Dennis Meyer as he travels to and from FLC monthly.
- Amanda Wrobel has recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS).
- Ashley Mielke had esophageal surgery on Tuesday, October 20.
- Jim Sheehan is home from Swedish American hospital and is healing from the swelling in his back.
- Nancy Bakanas and all others at Bethany Health Care center. There have 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.



SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD
WHO SITS ON THE THRONE,
AND TO THE LAMB!

REVELATION 7:10

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Saturday, October 31, 2020
EVE of ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY*

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(with scripture readings for All Saints' Sunday)

LBW – green hymnal WOV – Navy hymnal

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



OPENING: A liturgy based on the first letter of John

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P The Word that was in the beginning, the Word that we heard, the Word that we saw with our eyes, the Word that we touched with our hands...this Word, the Word of Life, was revealed, and we testify to it and want to tell you about the everlasting life that it contains. This is the Word that we proclaim to you, that God is light and in that light there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

C If we confess our sins, God, who is always faithful and just, will forgive our sins and will wash away our sin and unfaithfulness.
(pause for silent confession)

P I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. I am writing to you, parents, because you know the one who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you children, because you know the one who created you.

SONG: "For All the Saints" vv. 1-3

LBW 174

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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

PSALM 149

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

SERMON: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" – 1ST Reading

SONG "For All the Saints" vv. 4-8

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PRAYERS

P Little children, don't love in word only but in everyday actions.

C If our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence before God, and we will receive whatever we ask.

REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

As part of our All Saints' Service, we remember with a prayer of thanksgiving to God the following departed loved ones who were members of First Lutheran, or in whose funerals or memorial services our pastor participated in since last All Saints' Day:

Ronald Gustav Oakleaf	(11/30/1928 – 1/30/2020)
Carol Ann Westland	(10/12/1930 – 2/17/2020)
June E. Benson	(6/14/1923 – 2/22/2020)
Russell E. Brown	(2/20/1957 – 10/31/2018)
Carolyn E. Peterson	(12/5/1922 – 4/17/2020)
F. William Koehnke	(2/22/1940 – 4/19/2020)
Viola Harrington	(6/20/1927 – 9/27/2020)
Logan Thomas Marshall	(7/6/2001 – 10/9/2020)
Marilyn Jean Roser	(2/4/1925 – 10/23/2020)

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

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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: "Blest Are They"

WOV 764

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 149 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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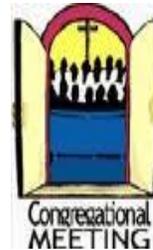
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WELCOME PASTOR DENNIS MEYER!

Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Dennis Meyer for leading us in worship today. He will be here the first weekend of each month. He drives quite a distance to be with us, pray for his safety as he travels.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



There will be a congregational meeting **immediately** after worship **TOMORROW**. The agenda will be:

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

Please see the Office bulletin board for more details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

ONE WEEK REMAINING.....If you still want to fill a box, please take one. This might be the only Christmas gift a needy child will receive. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 8th.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Emma Newberry 11/2/11

Claudia Andrews 11/4/02

McKenzie Mielke 11/5/08

Landon Chastain 11/7/13

Ken Benson 11/8

Kylee Heck 11/8/2002

THANKSGIVING DINNER BOXES

The Food Pantry is preparing for the holiday season and needs your help. Your contribution of \$16.00 will give a needy neighbor something to be thankful for during the upcoming season. A Thanksgiving Dinner Box for a family of eight includes a 12-14 lb. turkey, and vegetable, fruit, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy mix, coffee, and dessert. Donations may be made to Kirkland Food Pantry, write "Thanksgiving box" on the memo line. You may place your gift in the offering plate or send it to the Food Pantry PO Box 287 Kirkland, IL 60146-0287.



SOCKS BOX

The Lydia Circle will begin collecting NEW, WHITE socks for men in need on Nov. 15th. Please bring the socks by December 13th and place them in the "SOCKS BOX" in the Narthex. The socks will then be taken to local shelters.