

Sunday 11/22: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Tuesday 11/24: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Worship & Music to Decorate, 9:30am

Thursday 11/26: Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday 11/28: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 11/29: Worship Service, 9am.



### **NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

There will be no combined Thanksgiving Eve service with the Methodist Church this year.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

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

- Burt Andrews II, Burt Andrews III's father died November 13. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Burt II's passing.
- Louie Mielke has an appointment with a pulmonary doctor soon.
- Our congregation for patience and God's leading as we walk through the Pastoral call process.
- Pastor Phil Gronbach as our interim Pastor. May God bless his continued ministry to our congregation.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All those who are confined to a room due to this pandemic, especially Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- 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 of the natural disasters that are occurring right now, wildfires, and the hurricanes.

CHRIST   
THE KING

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# First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

Saturday, November 21, 2020

(with scripture readings for the eve of Christ the King Sunday)

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW, green hymnal    WOV, navy hymnal



## 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:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vv. 1-4

**LBW 170**

## 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. 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:

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

‘TIS THE SEASON FOR SHOEBOX GIFTS

This past week was National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, so our 71 boxes are on their way.

Once the shoebox gifts reach their distribution countries, more volunteers are distributing them through the network of churches. Volunteer teachers lead the Greatest Journey classes, which the Lord has used to bring more than 11 million children to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the children around the world, THANK YOU for packing gifts for Operation Christmas Child.



## SOCKS BOX

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

## NALC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please see the small Narthex bulletin board for the latest update. The Call Committee met on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the details of the upcoming Congregational Workshops.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3, 5:30-9:30pm and Saturday, December 12, 12-4pm. We will be looking at our congregational life as a whole. Some of the questions will be:

How has our ministry been going?

What is our current reality? Be honest about our strengths and growth areas.

What is God calling us to be/to do as a congregation with regard to our ministry?

We want everyone's input.

This process is not going to be a quick process. When Pastor Rasmussen was called, we had an interim Pastor for almost 18 months.

The NALC has shared that the average call process takes about 9 months.

On the Narthex bulletin board is a Call Committee Checklist.

Please be in prayer for the call committee, and the Pastor that God is preparing for our call.

into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

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

**PSALM 95: 1-7a** (Read responsively by half verse)

p. 260-261

**SECOND READING:**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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**GOSPEL:**

**MATTHEW 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

**SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

**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:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”      **LBW 328**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Jack Sunderlage 11/26/99

Josh Sunderlage 11/26/99

**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

James & Sara Haag 11/22/02

Jim & Carolyn Suhr 11/26/1971

**Next Week’s Readings:**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

