

Today 11/29: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Monday 11/30: Clothes Closet Open, 12-1:30pm

Tuesday 12/1: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 12/3: Food Truck Delivery, 8am; Confirmation Class, 4pm;
Congregational Workshop, 5:30-9:30pm. All are invited!

Saturday 12/5: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 12/6: Communion, 9am.



PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Family of Carol Roach, who died on Monday from cancer. She was Russ and Judy Lacefield's neighbor. May God's promise of the resurrection comfort all who mourn the loss of Carol Roach.
- Vernon & Jane Johnson haven't been feeling well and Jane has pneumonia. Their address is: 5781 Old State Rd. Kirkland, IL 60146-8817.
- 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.
- 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.



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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.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C Dear heavenly Father, you comforted your people with the promise that you would send us a savior;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Come Lord Jesus, the Son of God! Come in power and glory and victory!
Come quickly, and save your people;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Come upon us, O Spirit of power and might. Breathe on us your life-giving breath, that we may watch and wait for Christ's return. Amen

SONG: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" vv. 1 & 3

LBW 31

WE CONFESS

P With the words of Isaiah and the Psalms, we confess our sins and our grief, and we hear the comfort of the Lord.

C All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field: the grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

Isaiah 40

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Psalms 137

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever! Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God! Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her punishment is over, that her guilt is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. Behold, the Lord is coming to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please see the Narthex bulletin board with the next steps to the call process.

This will not be a fast process. The NALC has shared that the average time of a call is 8 months and 3 weeks.

Once

As soon as the Congregational Profile is received by the NALC, the congregation will be added to the Congregational Vacancy list to be published on the NALC website.

Our profile will be submitted mid to late December, we will then WAIT and PRAY.

The profile will be sent to all pastors in the NALC available for call. In addition, all pastors in the NALC will receive an email with the list of congregational vacancies.

The Call Committee will be emailed pastoral profiles of those interested in being called to their congregation.

Please see the bulletin board for the next steps.

We ask that everyone pray for patience for the congregation, and for the call committee. We pray that God will lead the Pastor of His choosing to our congregation and that we will be the warm and welcoming congregation that the Pastor will be looking for.



CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PART OF CHOOSING OUR NEW PASTOR?

Everyone in the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend two workshops as we prepare for the next pastor. The NALC strongly suggests that we have 20-25 people at the workshops for a good representation of our membership. The dates of the workshops are:

Thursday, December 3, 5:30-9:30pm

And

Saturday, December 12, 12:00 – 4:00pm

We will be discussing questions from the NALC about our congregation. These answers will help us complete our church profile. If you are unable to attend, please fill out the questions and submit them to the church office via email secretary@kirklandflc.org or by placing them in the offering plate or give them to a call committee member. We want your input. Please have your responses back to the church by Saturday, December 12th.

known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴{Jesus said,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

STATEMENT OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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LORD'S PRAYER

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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The Song of Mary, when she visited her cousin Elizabeth after the angel Gabriel had appeared to her - traditionally called “The Magnificat”)

P And Mary said,

C “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

P for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

C Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

P He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

C He has shown strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

P He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

C He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

P He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

C according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham, and to his descendants forever.”

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. AMEN

CLOSING SONG: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

vv. 1 & 4 **LBW 25**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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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.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Poinsettias for our Christmas Memorial Garden are ready to order. Only 20 plants are available, **please order early**. They are \$9.00 each and order forms are in the narthex.