

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.

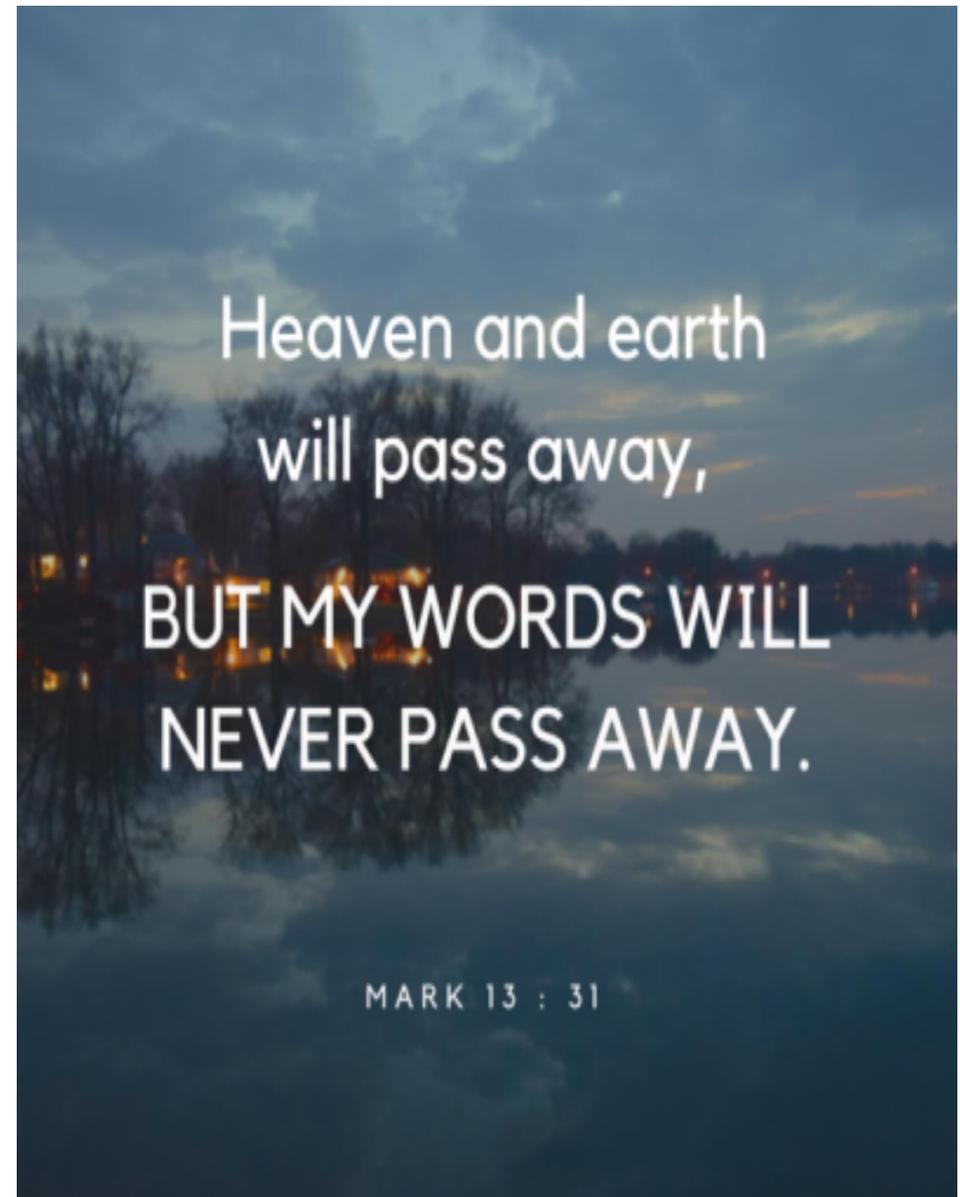
Sunday 12/6: Communion, 9am.



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.



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent*

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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

LBW - green hymnal **WOW** – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession p. 98

*Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn: “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” vv. 1 & 3 **LBW 31**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie p. 99

*Glory to God in the Highest p. 100

*Prayer of the Day

Children’s Sermon

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 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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

*Alleluia Verse

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*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.”

Sermon: **PASTOR PHIL**

*Hymn of the Day: "My Lord, What a Morning"

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Apostles' Creed

Offering

Call Committee Update

*Create in Me a Clean Heart

*Prayers of the Church

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*The Lord's Prayer

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*Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" vv. 1 & 4

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Postlude

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!



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 them back to the church by December 12th.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Laura Cook 12/1

Sue Sester 12/2

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Larry & Judy McMurray 12/1/1981

Jim & Debi Hetland 12/3/77

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8