

Sunday 11/8: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Tuesday 11/10: Food Pantry set up, 9:30; food dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 11/11: Veterans Day! Thank a Veteran today!

Thursday 11/12: Confirmation Class, 3:30pm. Worship & Music Team meeting, 4:15pm. Council Meeting, 7pm.

Saturday 11/14: Communion Service with pledges before the altar and blessing of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, 5:30pm.

Sunday 11/15: Communion Service with pledges before the altar and blessing of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, 9am. Newsletter items due.



PARISH CONCERNS:

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

- Pastor Phil Gronbach as he begins the new journey as our interim Pastor. May God bless his continued ministry to our congregation.
- Pastor Dennis Meyer as he travels to and from FLC monthly.
- Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt's granddaughter Alix had a kidney removed recently.
- Dave Edmundson, Lenny Peterson's brother-in-law was in a car accident and is now at Wesley Willows for rehabilitation therapy.
- 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.
- 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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*Saturday, November 7, 2020
(With Readings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost)
Harvest and Stewardship*

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

(with scripture readings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

HARVEST AND STEWARDSHIP

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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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)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

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

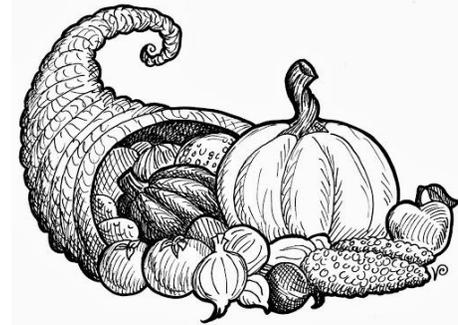
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SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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



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.



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. We are encouraged by the NALC to have 20-25 people at the workshops for a good representation of our membership. The dates of the workshops have not been set, however please watch the website, newsletter, and worship bulletins for more information. If you are interested, please let a call committee member know. The Call Committee members are:

Ashley Boyer
Bob Coyle
Louie Mielke
Janelle Pahnke
Jill Vodden
Dianna Wittwer

Alternates:

Jo Boehmer
Gary Steinhorst
Jan Sheehan

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostle’s Creed
CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE
MISSION MOMENTS
OFFERING

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We lay our completed pledge materials before the altar.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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: “Let Justice Flow like Streams”

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BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH!

Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Phil Gronbach, our interim Pastor. Pray for his safety as he travels to and from Sterling.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, 19as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Psalm 70 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

1{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Ken Benson 11/8 Kylee Heck 11/8/02 Roger Bauer 11/11
Donna J Koehnke 11/13 Tim Wittwer 11/14

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Pat Kamm & Lois Andrews 11/15/2019

Please let Dianna know if your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the bulletin or the newsletter. We want to celebrate with you.



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.