

Today 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.



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, November 8, 2020
Twenty- Third Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest and Stewardship*

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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.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – Navy Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” **LBW 253**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70 (*read responsively by whole verse*) P. 247

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: **PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

Hymn of the Day: “Let Justice Flow like Streams” **WOV 763**

*Apostles' Creed P. 65

Call Committee Update

Mission Moments

Offering

We lay our completed pledge materials before the altar.

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 75

*Prayers of the Church P. 75

*Lord's Prayer P. 76

*Closing Hymn: “Praise and Thanksgiving” **LBW 409**

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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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, IL. to First Lutheran Church.

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.

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

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.

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.”