

Saturday 12/26: NO Worship Service

Sunday 12/27: Worship Service, 9am.

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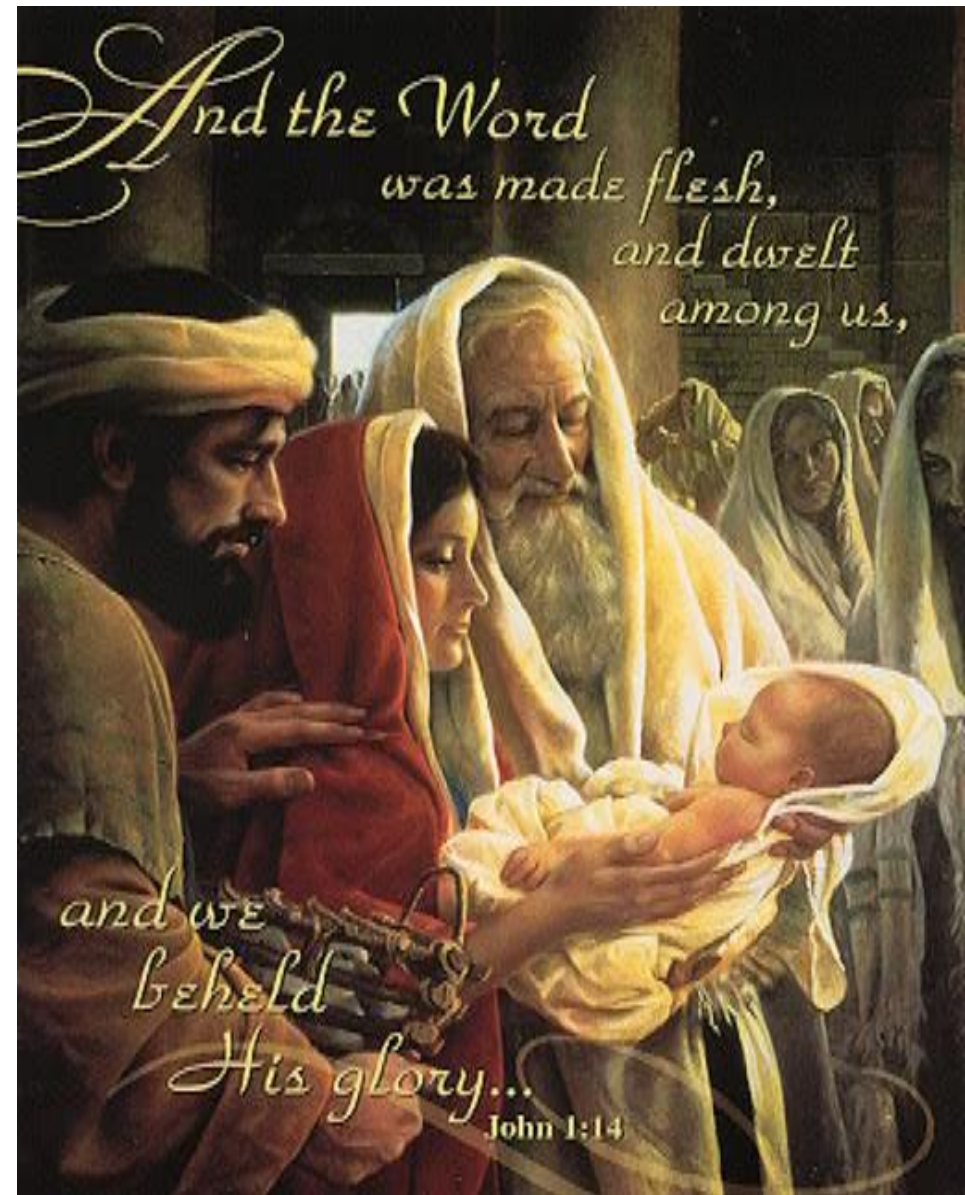
Ben Blobaum and Amy Shemberger will be married on December 29th here at FLC. Pastor Rasmussen will conduct the ceremony and Nancy will be playing the organ.

Laura (Lacefield) Cook and David Block will be married on December 31st here at First Lutheran. Pastor Gronbach will conduct the ceremony.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- For the two couples who will be married here this next week: Ben Blobaum & Amy Shemberger and David Block & Laura Cook. May God richly bless their marriages.
- Lisa Coyle will have a cardiac procedure done in January.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Ashley Wrobel will be having more tests. Pray for a clear diagnosis.
- Jo Boehmer's niece, Jackie had pancreatic cancer surgery recently. She will begin chemotherapy after Christmas.
- Our congregation's patience as we wait for God's leading for a new Pastor.
- Pray for our next Pastor that their heart will be stirred to come to FLC.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: 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.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*

*Friday, December 25, 2020
The Nativity of Our Lord*



First Lutheran Church -

Putting Christ First

Merry Christmas! We welcome you to First Lutheran Church for our Christmas Day Celebration Communion Service!

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received communion instruction should come forward with arms crossed upon their chest for a baptismal blessing.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

OPENING HYMN: "When Christmas Morn is Dawning"

LBW 59

THE INVOCATION

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WE CONFESS

P Let us pray.

C Dear God, we spend so much time fearing to draw near to You, indeed running away from You, because we fear your judgment upon us for our sins. We fear this, despite how often you have promised to forgive, for our faith is weak. And so we thank you that when you came to earth, you came as a little baby, an infant! – the least threatening, the least judgmental figure we know. Like the shepherds and the wise men, we are drawn to you, no longer anxious or preoccupied with our sins, but focused only on your infant smile and your loving embrace. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Dear friends: When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph to tell him that Mary would soon bear a child, he said, "She will bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." His name *is* Jesus, and he lives to fulfill the angel's words. In the name of Jesus, who came to save us, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye

The Good Samaritan Fund

GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our Parents, by Richard & Peggy Wince

Our Parents and grandparents, by Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt

Curly Sanford, my husband, by Elsie Sanford

Youth Ministries

GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our son, Tim, and all other family members, by Herb & Dolores Plote

Our Parents and grandparents, by Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt

Curly Sanford, my husband, by Elsie Sanford

My son, Logan Marshall, by Jennifer & Ryan Block

Kirkland Food Pantry

GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Massey, my husband, by Charmaine Massey

Joan Moss, my daughter, by Charmaine Massey

Loved Ones, by Jean & Roger Bauer

Our Parents and grandparents, by Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt

Curly Sanford, my husband, by Elsie Sanford

Choir Music Fund

GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Loved Ones, by Jean & Roger Bauer

Keith's dad, Ken Krabbe, by Keith & Renee Krabbe

Our brothers: Roger Krabbe, Roger Hoffman and Ron Hoffman,

by Keith & Renee Krabbe

Our Parents and grandparents, by Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt

Curly Sanford, my husband, by Elsie Sanford

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

George Vodden, my husband, by Jill Vodden



Christmas Memorial Garden

(remembering and honoring with love and affection our families and loved ones, both past and present)

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Laurice Huey and her family**, by Chuck Huey & family
Our Parents: George & Dorothy Tindall, Russell & Pauline Lacefield, by Russ & Judy Lacefield
Pat Lacefield, Russ's brother, by Russ & Judy Lacefield
Debra Nolf, by Bob & Lisa Coyle
Our Parents, by Richard & Peggy Wince
Loved Ones, by Jean & Roger Bauer
My son, Joel William, by Trudy Loomis
Jim Loomis, by his family
Anne Gronbach, my wife, by Pastor Phil Gronbach
Lillie Gronbach, my stepmom, by Pastor Phil Gronbach
My husband, Ken and my son, Roger, by Loraine Krabbe
Our brother, Braxton, Nana Cook and Uncle Scott, by Reagan and Delaney Cook
My son, Braxton, by Laura Cook
James' parents, Karl & Carol Haag, by James & Sara Haag and Family
Sara's Grandparents: George & Dorothy Tindall and Fred & Marian Manni, by James & Sara Haag and Family
My son, Logan Marshall, by Jennifer & Ryan Block and family
My son, Logan Marshall, by Erik Marshall

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- George Vodden, my husband**, by Jill Vodden

they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

PSALM 2:1-8 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

P The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

SERMON: **PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"
NICENE CREED **LBW 43**
LBW p.84
PRAYERS
OFFERING
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer #33) P. 88-90
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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
POST COMMUNION PRAYER P. 94
BENEDICTION P. 95
THREE-FOLD AMEN
CLOSING HYMN: "Joy to The World"
P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Charles Peterson 12/26 Rick Schmidt 12/27
Natalie Norris 12/27/2019 Malcolm Anderberg 12/29
Amanda Wrobel 12/29 Nathan Watson 12/31



ANNUAL MEETING will be on Sunday, January 31st. **Annual reports are due Sunday, January 3rd**; report booklets will be available Saturday, January 16th. You may email them to Dianna at secretary@kirklandflc.org.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to make a year-end contribution for 2020, please have it into the church office on December 31st by 11am. Thank you.

