

12/25: Happy Birthday Jesus! Christmas Morning Communion Service, 9:30 am

Saturday 12/26: NO Worship Service

Sunday 12/27: Worship Service, 9am.

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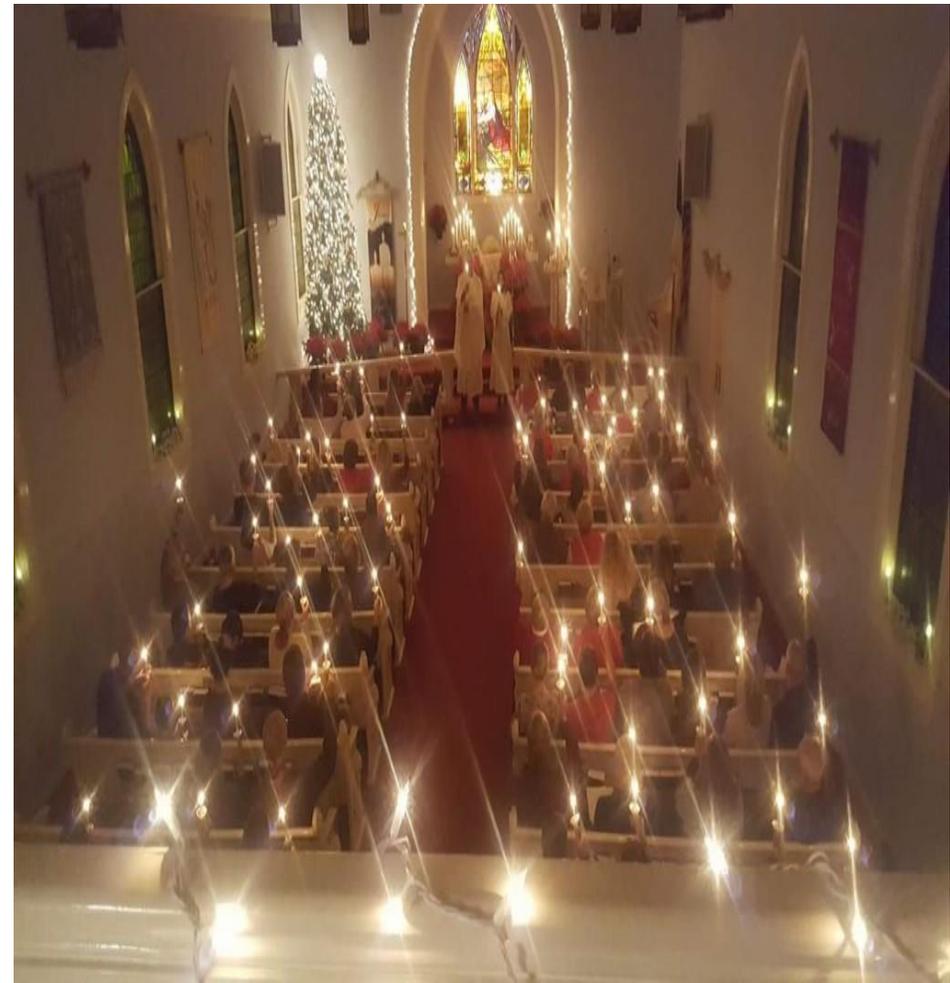
Ben Blobaum and Amy Shemburger will be married on Tuesday, December 29th here at FLC. Pastor Rasmussen will conduct the ceremony and Nancy will be playing the organ.

Laura (Lacefield) Cook and David Block will be married on Thursday, 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 each of their marriage.
- 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.



Christmas 2017 - Patrick Kamm

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

*Thursday, December 24, 2020
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*



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CHRISTMAS EVE – Thursday, December 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to First Lutheran Church for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. We hope you will feel blessed by your participation and invite you to share in the Lord's Supper as we celebrate His birth. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is present may receive communion. Detailed instructions for continuous communion distribution are on the opposite page. LARGE PRINT worship bulletins are available from the ushers.

LBW, green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Order of Service

Prelude

*Hymn: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (vv. 1,2 & 4)

LBW 45

Greeting

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" v 1

LBW 71

*Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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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

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" v 2

LBW 71

*Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

²In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and

all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" v 3

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Sermon: **PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

Hymn: "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" vv. 1-3

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*Nicene' Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

Offering (We give thee but thine own...)

*Offertory Prayer

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*Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer #33)

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*Lord's Prayer

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*Lamb of God

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**Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Continuous Communion:

Proceed to the communion rail when the usher indicates, moving from the center aisle towards the side aisle. Children who have not received communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest for a baptismal blessing.

Communion

Communion Duet: "Mary's Little Boy Child" – Hairston

Sung by Marti Valasek and Judy Lacefield; Accompanied by Jill Vodden

(After receiving communion, you may receive a battery-operated candle. We have a limited number of them. We ask that you take one per family.)

*Post Communion Hymn: "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" vv. 4-6

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(Pastor will be sharing communion in the Fellowship Hall)

* Post Communion Prayer

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* Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

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* The Benediction

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* Threefold Amen

* Hymn: "Joy to the World"

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P Go in Peace, serve the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

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Lay Reader: Laura Cook

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.

YOUR 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS.

If you didn't have envelopes in 2020, but would like some for 2021, speak to Dianna Wittwer. Please Note: Contributions are entered by envelope numbers. Please make sure to use 2020 envelopes for the rest of the year. Envelope numbers have changed for 2021 and are RED in color. Thank you! See Dianna Wittwer with any questions or call me: 815-522-3886 or 815-378-6654.



Plan to join us tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our celebration of Christ's birth with our Christmas Day Communion Service.