

Today 12/27: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Tuesday 12/29: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wedding of Ben Blobaum & Amy Shemberger, 11a.m.

Thursday 12/31: Wedding of David Block & Laura Cook, 5:30pm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Saturday 1/2: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/3: Communion Service, 9am.

Annual Reports due to Dianna via Email, if possible.

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

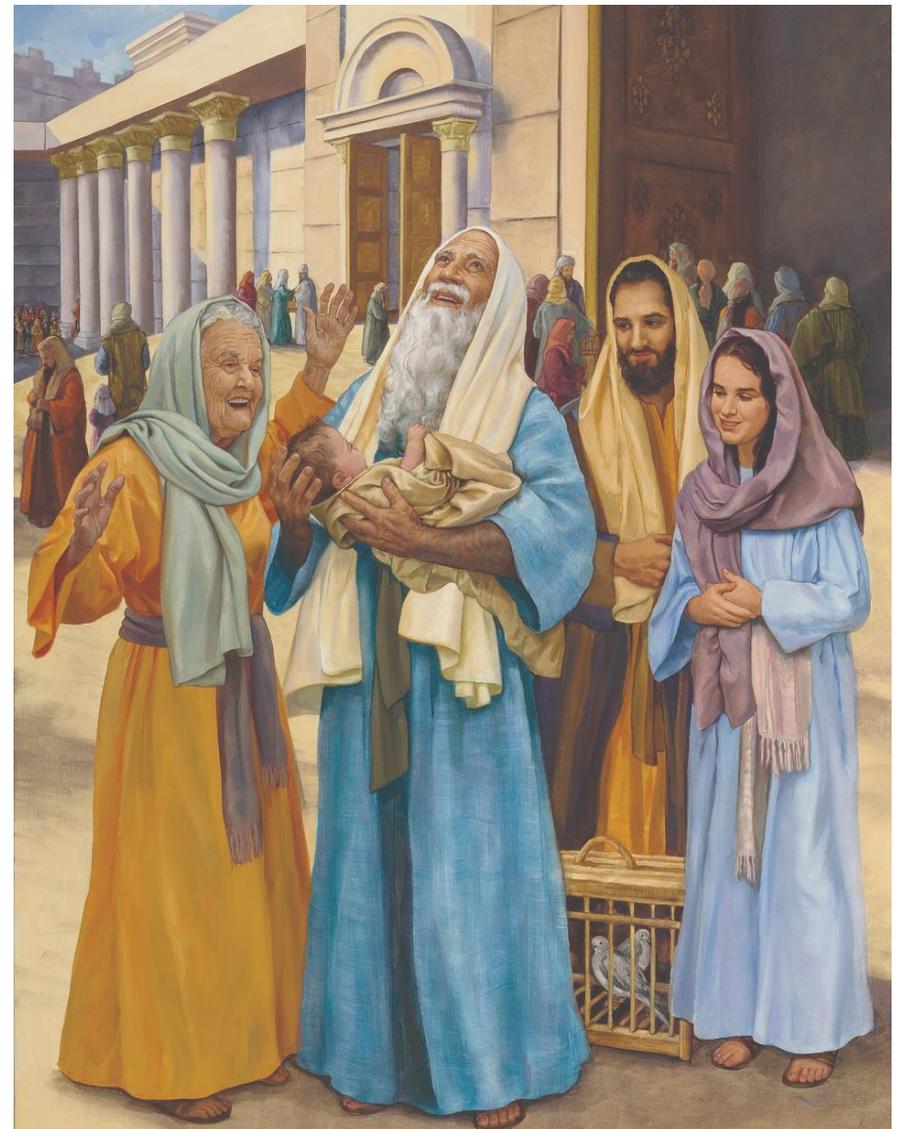
Ben Blobaum and Amy Shemberger will be married on December 29th here at FLC. Pastor Rasmussen will conduct the ceremony and Nancy will be playing the organ.

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 soon.
- 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.



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Feel free to take sermon notes here.

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” **LBW 55**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78

*Glory to God in the Highest P. 80

*Prayer of the Day

Children’s Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

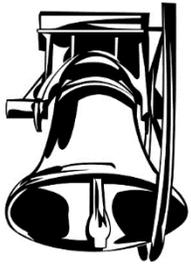
¹For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalms 111 (*responsively by half verse*) P. 270

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Alleluia P. 83



We need bell ringers. Please consider learning to be a bell ringer by staying after worship service on Sunday, January 3rd for a short lesson.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our congregational profile and video should be soon in the email box of the NALC. They will put it on their website and all the NALC pastors will receive a copy. All of the Pastors will be praying for First Lutheran Church and other churches that are looking for a new pastor.

OUR PART - PRAYER!

- * Pray that our congregational profile and a video of the church and parsonage will be submitted without problems to the NALC.
- * Pray that our profile & video will be on the NALC website shortly after they receive it.
- * Pray that we will have interest in our church and that we will be able to begin interviewing soon.
- * Pray that God is preparing the heart of our new pastor.
- * Pray that we will be patient during this process. The average time is almost nine months.
- * Pray for Pastor Phil Gronbach and for his ministry to First Lutheran.
- * Pray to God, Thanking Him that he has provided Pastor Phil Gronbach as our interim Pastor.

***Gospel**

Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

“Song of Simeon” (Luke 2:2-32)

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*Apostles' Creed

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Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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Prayers of the Church

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*Lord’s Prayer

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*Benediction

- *Threefold Amen
- *Closing Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
- *Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- ***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**
- *Postlude

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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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Malcolm Anderberg 12/29	Amanda Wrobel 12/29
Nathan Watson 12/31	Chloe Schindler 1/1
Nathan Wrobel 1/1	Jean Bauer 1/3
Marie Balch 1/3	

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Keith & Renee Krabbe 1/1/2017
 John & Jo Boehmer 1/5/1992

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.

