

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 1/17: Join us in Fellowship Hall for cake and coffee to celebrate Lisa Coyle's birthday.

Monday 1/18: No Food Truck delivery due to ML King Day. There will be a delivery next Monday 1/25 at 9:30am.

Tuesday 1/19: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/21: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship – here at 10am.
Confirmation Class, 5pm.

Saturday 1/23: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

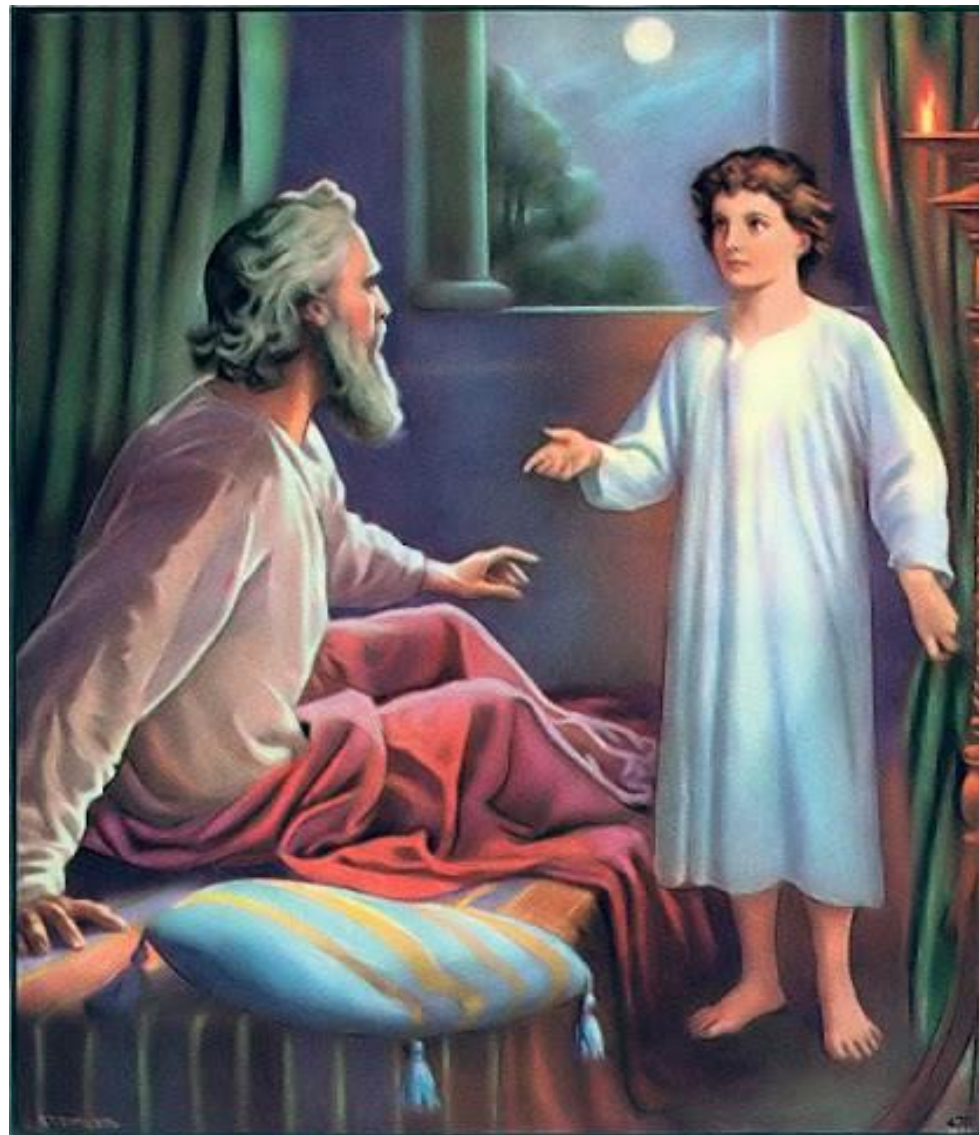
Sunday 1/24: Worship Service, 9am.



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- Cindy Stevens had open heart surgery on January 4th. She is at St. Anthony hospital. Her address is: PO Box 118 Kirkland, IL 60146-0118.
- Amanda Wrobel for a clear diagnosis.
- Lisa Coyle's cardiac procedure has been postponed.
- Patience for our congregation as we wait for responses to our Church Call profile.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they are led to our church.
- 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: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- 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.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- 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*

*Saturday, January 16, 2021
With readings for the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany*

First Lutheran Church- Putting Christ First

Saturday, February 15, 2020

(with scripture readings for the Second Sunday after Epiphany)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mount Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word. AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" v.1

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

C If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your power over nature, cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!", we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized, though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our congregational profile and video are on the NALC website! If you would like to look, go to www.theNALC.org Then go to the tab “Ministry Discernment” and then “Call Process”. You will see the Congregational Vacancy List, click on Illinois. We have a lot to offer the next Pastor.

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 – PRAY AND PRAY SOME MORE!

- * Pray that our congregational profile and a video of the church and parsonage will be submitted without problems to the NALC. **{ANSWERED}**
- * Pray that our profile & video will be on the NALC website shortly after they receive it. **{ANSWERED}**
- * 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.
- * Thank God for Pastor Phil Gronbach filling in as our interim Pastor.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

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

PSALM 139:1-9 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

SERMON: "SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT HEARS."

SONG: "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" v.2-3

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

P Isaiah said of old, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news."

C People of God, today this prophecy has been fulfilled in your hearing.

C Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Sunday, 1/10: 31

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Attendance Saturday, 1/9: 26

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Chris Mothkovich 1/16

James Haag 1/16

Lisa Coyle 1/17

John Roser 1/19

Charlotte Haag 1/19/2018

Lucas Sunderlage 1/20/06

Keegan Marshall 1/21/2010

James Klus 1/24

Next Week's Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 [32-35]; Mark 1:14-20



ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLET IS READY!!

The Annual booklet is in the narthex. Please take one home to look over prior to the Annual meeting. The meeting will be on Sunday, January 31st, immediately after Sunday worship. Please plan on staying for the meeting or coming to church for the meeting.