

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 1/24: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Monday 1/25: Food Truck delivery, 9:30am.

Clothes Closet will be open from 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 1/26: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/28: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship – here at 10am.

Confirmation Class, 5pm.

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

Sunday 1/31: Worship Service, 9am. Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately after worship. Please join us.



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

- Cindy Stevens had open heart surgery on January 4th. She is now home. Her address is: PO Box 118 Kirkland, IL 60146-0118.
- Mike Buchheit, Peggy Wince's brother is healing from a heart procedure.
- Patience for our congregation as we wait for responses to our Church Call profile.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they are praying for God's leading 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.



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*Saturday, January 23, 2021
With Readings for the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mt. 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: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"

vv.1 & 4

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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!

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 NALC financials are posted on the bulletin board, as they were not available at the time of printing. 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.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Statements are ready and on the table in the narthex. If you do not see yours, please see Dianna.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nothing new, we are waiting patiently for Pastors to send or email their pastor profile. Please be praying fervently.

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

vv. 2 & 3 **WOV 734**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Offering Counters: Mary Loomis & Donna Koehnke

Attendance Last Sunday, 1/17: 22

Attendance Saturday, 1/16: 14

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Michelle Anderberg 1/25

Wade Sunderlage 1/26

Alice Hintzsche 1/28

Bob Coyle 1/31

Keith Krabbe 1/31

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 62 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord C Thanks be to God

SERMON PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

SONG: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” v. 1

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Father of Light and Mercy, we pray for your guidance, wisdom, and strength to continue to follow you even when we feel defeated or unworthy. May we be effective witnesses of your truth, so that we may be a living presence of the love of Jesus Christ in this world. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that we may also be a light that leads your people to you, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for the youth of the world. That they may come to know you and trust in your hope and love. May knowing you give them the courage to discern their journey in life and to feel your presence along side them every step of the way. We pray that you captivate their hearts, so they know their worth and that they are truly loved. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. [especially for ...] May they know and come to understand that when they hurt, you hurt with them. You are a gracious and tender God who promises us so much more than this earthly life; You promise us an eternal life with you. Let us always remember the past and embrace our future with you. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are sick, fighting an illness, or struggling with a recent diagnosis. [especially for ...] We pray for their comfort and your healing mercy; give them strength that they may also reach out in prayer according to their needs. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

Based on the Song of Simeon, also known as the “Nunc Dimittis”
(Luke 2:29-32)

- P Lord, now you dismiss your servants in peace.
C Now, Lord, knowing your promises, we can depart in peace; and one day, we can depart this world in peace.
P Our eyes have seen God’s salvation!
C “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!” We have seen Christ, with the eyes of faith.
P He has prepared His salvation in the sight of every people.
C By a star, God led Gentiles from the east to His infant son. His salvation is for all people – not just for some.
P God’s Son is the light of the world, revealing Him to all nations.
C May we too be the light of the world, as Christ has called us.
P He is the glory of God’s people Israel.
C We thank God for His chosen people, and for His Messiah, Jesus Christ. And we thank Him for making us, and all who believe in Jesus, His chosen people!
P Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;