



I know
who you are
—the Holy
One of God.

Mark 1:24

*First Lutheran Church
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First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First

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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: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

vv.1-2

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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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — ¹⁶just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not

commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

²¹{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

SERMON PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

SONG: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” v.3

STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Wise and Good Father, help us to acknowledge you as the source of all wisdom and not to lean on our own understanding. We praise your holy name for giving us the freedom to come to you through prayer in all matters and at all times. Your word is faithful and trustworthy, so let us be guided by your steadfast ways in all we do. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, you provide for all our needs of both body and soul. Create in us a grateful heart to receive all that you provide and to praise you through meaningful worship together. Teach us to be more Christ-like in all we do that we may continue to build up your church for the sake of the world. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord, you are a wise and generous God. We pray for the wisdom of our elected leaders in our community, state, and country. We ask for your guidance and continued presence with them as they make decisions concerning your people. We also pray for the well-being of our leaders and that they would be of sound mind and body so they could do their important work. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father God, you are the source of all comfort. We pray for all those who are mourning, in pain, or struggling with trials [especially ...]. May they gain strength in the knowledge of your promise of eternal life, and know your abiding presence in the here and now. 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;
- C** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Sunday, 1/24: 26

Attendance Saturday, 1/23: 16

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Bob Coyle 1/31

Keith Krabbe 1/31

Carolyn Suhr 2/2

Isabella Haag 2/2/2019

Josie Brykowski 2/3

Jim Sheehan 2/4

Elaine Mitchell 2/6

Anna Gideon 2/7/2003

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Harold & Alice Hintzsche 2/1/1959

Ray & Connie Schauer 2/6/2014

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Statements were mailed out this week. Any questions, please ask Dianna Wittwer or call or text (815)378-6654 or email secretary@kirklandflc.org.



ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW!!

Please come back to church on Sunday between 9:45 – 10 a.m. to attend the Annual meeting which will be immediately after our worship service has ended.

There are a few annual report booklets in the narthex if you would like one. The NALC financials are posted on the bulletin board, as they were not available at the time of printing.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nothing new, we are waiting patiently for Pastors to send or email their pastoral profile.

The church profile and video went onto the NALC website on, or around January 1, 2021. The NALC has shared that the average time of the call process is 9 months. This time may be a little longer since the Co-vid 19 virus has changed our lives.

Please be praying fervently.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 1/31: Join us immediately after the service for the Annual Meeting.

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

Thursday 2/4: Food Truck Delivery, 8am. Confirmation Class, 5pm.

Saturday 2/6: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/7: Communion Service, 9am.



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

- Brayden Boyer had an endoscopy on Monday, January 25th. Pray for results to be shared quickly and for a clear diagnosis and future plan of action.
- Patience for our congregation as we wait for responses to our Church Call profile.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they listen to God's leading.
- 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.