



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

*Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Ascension Sunday*

*First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First*  
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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The glasses on the plate are grape juice. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

**LBW** - Green Hymnal      \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

\*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

\*Opening Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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\*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

\*This Is the Feast (C-All; I-Women; II-Men) P. 60

\*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 47 (responsively by whole verse) P. 237

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the

Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

\*The Alleluia

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\*Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then {Jesus} said to {the eleven disciples and those who were with them}, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon: **"JESUS IS KING, JESUS RULES"**

\*Hymn of the Day: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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Holy God, you promised to send your Holy Spirit to us when Jesus ascended into heaven so we would not be left alone. Empower us with your gifts, as you empowered the first disciples. Strengthen our faith, give us hope in the resurrection, and accompany us on our way.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

O God of refuge, you are our rock and stronghold. We trust that you watch out for us and keep us from harm. Give us the insight to know when we are in danger and the wisdom to act on your spiritual prompting. When life spins out of control, continue to protect and preserve your people, especially those who work in dangerous situations.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Triune God, you call us into the world to share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Grant your Spirit to give us the right words we need to say in order to proclaim what you have done for us all through Christ Jesus our Savior.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Loving God, you are the source of all goodness and mercy. Grant your healing to those who are suffering and surround them with your presence. Help those who need to know your comfort and wholeness and give them hope that is centered in you. We pray especially for (insert names) We pray for those whom we name out loud or silently in our hearts (brief silence).

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

\*Sharing of Peace

Offering

\*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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\*Benediction and Threefold Amen  
\*Closing Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
**\*Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**  
\* Postlude

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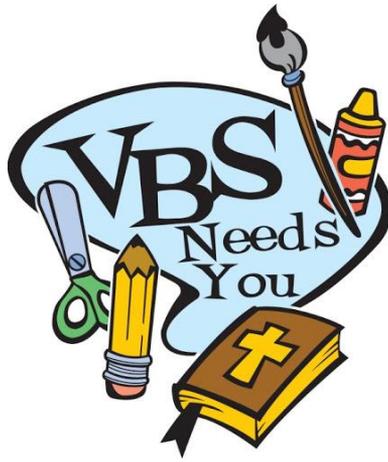
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## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Lenny Peterson 5/16    Judy McMurry 5/19

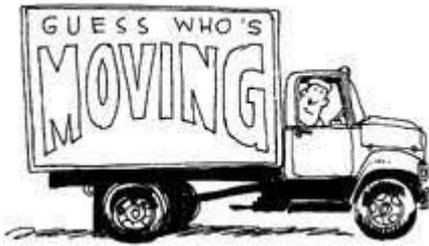
## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Jim & Jan Sheehan 5/15/76



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Would you be willing to chair, co-chair, teach or help with Vacation Bible School? We have the curriculum. Kylee Heck, a soon to be high school graduate, is willing to help with VBS by leading a class of up to 20 students. The dates haven't been set as that would depend on whoever would chair or co-chair. If you are willing to help in any capacity, please let Dianna Wittwer know.



## **PEGGY VEACH**

She will be moving June 7<sup>th</sup> to be near her sons. Peggy has written a poem for her First Lutheran family. Please see her poem displayed in the Narthex on the bulletin table.

Her address will be:

Peggy Veach

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Today 5/16: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Newsletter items due today!

Monday 5/17: Food truck delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 5/18: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 5/19: Newsletter folding, 9am.

Thursday 5/20: Confirmation class, 4pm.

Saturday 5/22: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/23: Worship Service, 9:00am.

## PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Trudy Loomis fell shattering her shoulder and broke her arm. She is in a lot of pain and is at home. She will be consulting with a surgeon on Monday.
- Peggy Veach's son Chris Nightser, is having major dental problems, and has infection once again in his jaw area. On Tuesday he will see a specialist.
- Bob & Lisa Coyle, who are having health problems. Bob broke his kneecap and just recently fell and broke some ribs. Lisa is experiencing a rash for which she will be seeing an allergy specialist.
- Louie Mielke's biopsy showed no cancer. Praise God!
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, will be strong enough for her 8<sup>th</sup> chemo treatment. She is very determined to beat this.
- Pray for God to lead a new Pastor to us.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are looking for a new Pastor.
- 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.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by violent crimes, accidents, and natural disasters.
- 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.