



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
Kirkland, IL - Est. 1873*

*Sunday, July 25, 2021  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Hymnals: LBW – green hymnal WOV – Blue Hymnal  
BC – Borning Cry

\*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- \*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- \*Sharing of Peace
- \*Opening Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” **LBW 474**
- \*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- \*Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- \*Prayer of the Day P. 82
- Children’s Sermon

First Reading

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature

of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 136:1-9 (read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

\*Alleluia

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\*Gospel:

**Mark 6:45-56**

<sup>45</sup>Immediately {Jesus} made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had

crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

## Sermon: "GOD AMONG US"

*Hymn of the Day: "Here Comes Jesus"	<b>BC 454</b>
*Apostle's Creed	P. 85
*Offering	
*Create in Me A Clean Heart	P. 96
*Prayers of the Church	P. 97

Heavenly Father, we know that you discipline those you love and guide us sinners in doing what is right. Take away our selfish desires so we might live according to your divine will. Open our ears to hear you speaking to us, so we would repent from seeking our own ways, and turn to you for mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Timeless God, you are Lord over time and have provided your people with times for work and for play, for toil and for rest. Be with those who are taking vacations so they may find respite and delight in the change of routine, pleasure in their loved one's company, and safety in their travels.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

God of peace may your gentle reign of justice and peace prevail around the world. Bring peace to the places that are torn apart by war and violence. Make the walls of hatred that divide homes, communities, and nations crumble under your powerful love and righteousness.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy Spirit, guide our church to the Pastor you have in mind for us. Help us to let You be in charge and guide us with your Word and the study of Scripture. Give us patience and trust in your wisdom. We also ask you to be at work in the thoughts and heart of the pastor you have in mind to draw that pastor to serve this congregation. Make us a mission congregation who will work with a new pastor to reach out to our town and with the love of Christ. Make us instruments of your saving work.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

O God, keep us ever mindful of those around us who are grieving or despairing as they deal with tragedies and difficulties in life. Shower the hurting with your abundant grace and love. Show us ways in which we might shine the light of your presence into their darkness. [We pray especially for ... .]

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

\*Lord's Prayer

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\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Closing Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**WOV 731**

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**\*Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*Postlude

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Last Sunday, 7/18: 30

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### **Next Week's Readings:**

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145:10-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will start after Labor Day. Please let Pastor Phil Gronbach or church secretary Dianna Wittwer, know that your child, children, or grandchildren may be interested in Confirmation class. This is a two-year program. The program begins when the child usually will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school backpacks are hanging on the coat rack with a sign out sheet. Please pick up a list of the needed supplies when you select one school bag or more and GO shopping! It is important to have all the items and no other amounts. Enjoy looking for sales at Dollar Tree and Walmart and maybe other stores if you watch. Your filled bag should be returned by **August 18** or sooner if completed and you sign it back on the list.

A box is available for some supplies if you only wish to donate a few items and that will help us. Thrivent is supplying a credit card to purchase what is needed for maybe 60 backpacks!

Our thanks to Jean and Donna for sewing ALL the kits. Roger also helped to put the roping in Jean's.!

Many thanks for everyone who fills some backpacks for needy students for Lutheran World Relief.



**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Elsie Sanford 7/25  
Joyce Schmidt 7/26  
Ben Blobaum 7/28

Marissa Hernandez 7/25/06  
Angela Nelson 7/28  
Ryan Anderberg 7/30/14



**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Mark & Josie Brykowski 7/28/07

Sunday 7/25: Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall after worship.

Monday 7/26: Clothes Closet Open, 12:00 -1:30pm

Tuesday 7/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Saturday 7/31: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/1: Communion Service, 9:00am.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

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

- Praise God! Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece had a PET scan recently and they have found no cancer.
- Onie Luepkes is now home.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- Jason Gorski, Dan Pahnke's nephew who is fighting cancer again.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams including Lorraine Steinhorst.
- 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.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are waiting for new Pastors, let us all be patient for the right one that You Lord, are sending.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Pray for China and all those affected by the flooding.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.