



TREASURES  
*in*  
HEAVEN

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

*Saturday, October 9, 2021*  
*Readings for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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***(with scripture readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost)***

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

LBW – Green Hymnal    WOV – Blue Hymnal

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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

**C** Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

**All: AMEN!**

**OPENING SONG:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**LBW 370**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6,26)

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! (Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING:****Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins — you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**PSALM 90:12-17** (Read by whole verse)

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**SECOND READING:****Hebrews 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

<sup>17</sup>As {Jesus}was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON: “TREASURE IN HEAVEN”**

**SONG:** “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

**WOV 733**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles’ Creed

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Faithful God, guide your church in the ways of your kingdom. Renew our faithfulness and deepen our trust in you. Help us to overcome division and pride. Strengthen us all so we may be your witness to the ends of the earth. Help others to see us as a reflection of you.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

O God, you have created all things and you continue to sustain us and the world. As autumn begins to turn to winter, may the beauty of your creation and the never-failing cycle of new beginnings keep us mindful of your never-failing promises to your people.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

O Lord God, you have laid claim to us and have set us apart as your own beloved children. Help us not to think too highly of ourselves, or to seek glory by works. Rather, help us to rest our

faith and hope in your grace alone. In all things, let us remain strong in faith, and lead us by your Spirit at work in your Word.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Healing Lord, in you is perfect wholeness. Through the riches of your grace bring healing to all who suffer illness, debilitating pain, grief, or will be undergoing surgery. [Especially we pray for ...]. Grant them your healing and wholeness.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**Operation Christmas Child** – Tracy Heck

## **OFFERING**

## **CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING**

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

**P** In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

**C** And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

**P** And your young men shall see visions!

**C** And your old men shall dream dreams!

**P** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**C** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "Here I Am, Lord"

**WOV 752**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**Attendance Last Saturday,10/2:** 16

**Last Sunday, 10/3: 43**

## **FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 12-2pm.**

The clinic is free to anyone ages 3-64 yrs. No appointment is necessary.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Lucas Perian 10/9/13

Darla McManus 10/9

Kaylee Mielke 10/11/2004

Alexis Mielke 10/11/2004

Jim Loomis 10/11

William Wittwer 10/15

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Brian & Krista Haberkamp 10/11/2003

Ryan & Sarah Keef 10/13/2001

### **BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR INA KOEHLER**

Ina Koehler's birthday will be October 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be "90"!!!

Please send cards to her at: 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr. Unit W116  
DeKalb, IL 60115-4949



Please join us for a baby shower for  
Ben and Amy Blobaum!

The shower will take place on Sunday,  
October 17th immediately following church  
in the fellowship hall. A light brunch will be  
served. Men and women are invited! Please RSVP to Ashley Boyer  
(815) 739-4958 for planning purposes. Help us welcome Baby  
Blobaum! Amy and Ben are registered at Target and Walmart.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Please fill a box or two for a child. You may select the age of the  
child that you would like to buy for. There is a brochure inside  
each box with suggestions and instructions. Please return your  
filled box no later than Sunday, November 14.

## **CRAFT NIGHTS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 – 8:00pm. We will be making t-shirt jump ropes for the Operation Christmas child (OCC) shoeboxes. If you can, bring 5-10 adult old t-shirts. You may not need them all, or maybe another person may need one to make a longer jump rope. They can be stained or even with a few holes. We will be cutting them in strips.

If you don't have 5-10 t-shirts, please come to help cut the t-shirts or braid the ropes. If you have a good sharp pair of sheers for fabric, or a rotary wheel & mat, bring them with you.

There will be more craft nights in the future, each time making a different craft to place in the OCC boxes for next year. The future times & dates will be in the newsletter and will be about an hour for each project.

## **GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION**

There will be a convocation meeting on Saturday, October 30, beginning at 9:30am. There will be a study focused on Discipleship. There will be a lunch, please rsvp to Dianna Wittwer or Jo Boehmer.

The NALC Disaster Response depot is in Rantoul. Most of their supplies were distributed at the recent flood in Gibson City. They are looking for assistance to restock their supplies. Please bring the following new items to the church.

### **FLOOD BUCKETS**

- ONE** 5 gallon bucket with lid
- TWO** large trash bags
- ONE** gallon of bleach
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
- Dust Mask
- Scrub brush
- Rubber Gloves

### **HEALTH KITS**

- ONE** bath towel
- ONE** wash cloth
- TWO** bars of soap in original wrapping
- ONE** tooth brush
- ONE** pack of dental floss
- ONE** tube of toothpaste
- ONE** comb
- ONE** deodorant

Please let Dianna Wittwer or Jo Boehmer that you would like to attend, as a lunch will be served, and an RSVP needs to be made.

Sunday 10/10: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Newsletter items due!

Tuesday 10/12: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.

Thursday 10/14: Confirmation, 5:30pm

Saturday 10/16: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/17: Communion Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

### **PARISH CONCERNS:**

- Nancy Bakanas for healing of a kidney infection.
- Jackie Conner is healing from a compression fracture.
- Trudy Loomis broke her hip, had surgery and is now at Pine Acres, 1212 S 2nd St, DeKalb, IL 60115.
- Walter Mercado, son of Michelle (Wittwer) and Mike Mercado is almost 3 lbs now. Michelle is Tim & Dianna Wittwer's niece.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Justin Mielke will be seeing a cardiologist soon.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum and Abby (Pahnke) Bohn.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- 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.
- Persecuted Christians and other Afghans suffering violence of the Taliban.
- Pray for our church and its activities, as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC District Convocation to be well attended.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.