



*who have washed their robes,
and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb*

Revelation 7:14

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

*Saturday, November 6, 2021
Eve of All Saints' Sunday*

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(with scripture readings for All Saints' Sunday)

LBW – green hymnal

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



We remember the following departed loved ones who were members of First Lutheran or in whose funerals Pastor Gronbach participated since last All Saints' Day:

Carole Buhl	(11/23/1933-5/9/2021)
Marie Balch	(1/3/1930 – 5/24/2021)
Wymore Wascher	(9/4/1940 – 6/11/2021)
Margaret Johnson	(11/25/1939- 9/1/2021)

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” vv. 1, 2 &6 **LBW 320**

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. 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

Beloved God, in Christ you have drawn all your people into one, holy communion. Grant that as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are strengthened for lives of faithful service to you so that the world will know your blessed presence. Bring us all at the last to the feast which has no end where all will be one; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 4:1, 8b-11, 5:6, 8-14

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

5:6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb.... 5:8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from [□] every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you

have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving^[d] our God, and they will reign on earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sermon: "FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS"

SONG: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We sing with praise, Lord Jesus, for the love you showed us in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins. You alone bring us the joy and hope of eternal salvation. Walk with us each day as we continue to sing your praise.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for all who have lived and died believing in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for the memories we share of loved ones. Those memories are such precious gifts from your most gracious hand. Give us grace to trust your Word and your promise of eternal life together with those who have gone before us. Let us be encouraged by the witness of their lives of faith.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

O God, ruler of heaven and earth, strengthen all who serve in public offices. Give them knowledge of the importance of their roles as public servants. Guide all who participate in the political process and help us to exercise our privilege to vote, that we may do so with the nature of your reign as our standard for good leaders.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you prepare a place for us even in the presence of our last enemy, death itself. We thank you for leading safely home all those who listened to your voice in this earthly life [especially ...]. Keep us close to your side and lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you and all the redeemed, and feast at your heavenly table forever.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "For All Your Saints, O Lord" vv.1,2 &5 **LBW 176**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Landon Chastain 11/7/13

Ken Benson 11/8

Kylee Heck 11/8/02

Riley Wrobel 11/10/09

Roger Bauer 11/11

Donna J Koehnke 11/13

Tim Wittwer 11/14

ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Sunday Pastor Phil Gronbach will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Please join us for a cake and coffee reception after service.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please plan to meet with our potential new Pastor on Wednesday, November 17th at noon for a light lunch or at 6pm for Craft (Operation Christmas Child) and a potluck. RSVP to Dianna the time and how many will be attending.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 21st right after service for the purpose of:

1. Ratification of the amendment of the NALC Constitution
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call, God willing

Kirkland Food Pantry Prepares for Holiday Season

We are requesting donations

For Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes Please Help

Your contribution will give a needy neighbor something to be thankful for during the upcoming holiday season. The Kirkland Food Pantry's annual holiday assistance program includes the purchase and distribution of dinners that will feed a family of 8.

This year the families have a choice of a turkey (12-15 lb.) or a turkey breast (4-8lb.) Meal box.

The cost of the turkey meal box is \$18.00, and the turkey breast meal box is \$15.00.

Help us to reach even more families by giving what you can. Donations can be made in care of either the First Lutheran or the First United Methodist Church.

Please write "Food Pantry" in memo line or write the check directly to Kirkland Food Pantry.

Sunday 11/7: Join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service for a cake & coffee reception to celebrate Pastor Phil's 50 years to the ministry.

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

Thursday 11/11: W&T Meeting, 9:30am.

Confirmation Class via zoom, 5:30pm. Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 11/13: Worship Service with pledges to the altar, 5:30pm.

Sunday 11/14: Worship Service with pledges to the altar and Sunday School to follow, 9am. Cherub Choir to sing.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Jessica LaChance, niece of Paul Buzzell has died after suffering a severe stroke. Pray for Jessica's husband and 3 children.
- Carolyn Suhr had emergency colon surgery. She is at St. Anthony hospital.
- Norma Benson is at Van Matre in Rockford to gain strength in her arms and legs.
- Nancy Bakanas for relief of tremendous back pain. She has a fractured vertebrae.
- Trudy Loomis has moved temporarily to Peggy & Gary's. She is having in-home rehab therapy.
- Walter Mercado is getting stronger every day.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Justin Mielke for answers to his recent health problems.
- 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, especially Peggy Veach, her son Chris and grandson, Briggs.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- 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, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.