



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

Sunday, February 20, 2022
The 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First

7th Sunday after the Epiphany – Sunday, February 20, 2022

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

LBW, green hymnal WOV, navy hymnal *Please stand as able.



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 inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" **WOV 783**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day (read in unison with Pastor Tom)

O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ, through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Children attend Sunday School after this.)

First Reading Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and

there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 103:1-13 (read responsively by half verse)

P. 264

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your

drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

*Alleluia

P. 83

*Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷{Jesus said,} "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and

it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Sermon: “A LOVE FLOWING FROM JESUS”

*Hymn of the Day: “What a Friend We have in Jesus” **LBW 439**

*Nicene Creed P. 84

*Prayers of the Church P. 85

Gracious God, you work all things for good for those who love you. Help us to see your guiding hand in our lives, especially in times of trial and struggle. Remind us that it is you who will make a way where there is no way, and you who will turn our despair into hope and joy. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of forgiveness and for your Son, Jesus, who took our sin on himself even though he was sinless. Grant that our hearts and minds would be free from worry and that we would readily embrace the grace you so freely offer. Let us also offer that grace to those who have offended or hurt us. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Holy One, be with those who live alone or are lonely. May they find comfort in your holy Word and in the company of friends, family, and neighbors. Grant them peace in their solitude and purpose in their lives. For those who feel they have no purpose, remind them to cling to you and praise your name, focusing on you rather than themselves. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Abiding Lord, grant your tender mercy on all who grieve the loss of loved ones or who are battling illness or disease. Be with them in their trouble and comfort them with the hope of your never-failing promises for new life. [We pray especially for...] Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

* Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful P. 86

*Offertory Prayer P. 87

*Great Thanksgiving	P. 88
*Words of Institution	P. 90
*Lord's Prayer	P. 91
Lamb of God	P. 92
Communion Distribution	
*Thank the Lord	P. 92
*Benediction	
*Threefold Amen	
Closing Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"	<u>LBW 554</u>
*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!	
* Congregation: Thanks be to God!	
*Postlude	

Church Office: (815) 522-3886

Website: www.kirklandflc.org

Pastor: Tom Thorstad (716) (c) 990-6244

pastor@kirklandflc.org

Secretary: Dianna Wittwer (815)378-6654(c)

secretary@kirklandflc.org

Pianist: Jill Vodden

Coffee Server: Louie Mielke & Dale Johnson

Lay Reader: Lenny Peterson

Acolyte: Reagan Cook

Ushers: Louie Mielke (Head usher), Mary Loomis and Matt Johnson

Offering Counters: Angie Springborn & Ashley Boyer

Attendance Last Saturday 2/12:

Attendance Saturday:2/13:44

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Val Norris 2/20	Gunner Chastain 2/22/2008
Layla Mielke 2/24/2018	Allen Klus 2/25
Wyatt Mielke 2/26/14	Kailey Haberkamp 2/28/2011
Peggy Wince 2/29	

ANNIVERSEARY BLESSINGS!!!

Randal & Angela Nelson 2/20/1993

Steve & June May 2/27/1974



PERSONAL CARE KITS

Personal Care items are being collected until **March 6th**.

We are always in need of BATH TOWELS, dark colors please.

ONE light-weight bath-size towel

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging



THANK YOU!

Please see the bulletin board for the many "Thank you's" we have received; Carpenters Place (socks), Samaritan's Purse, Water Mission, and Lutheran World Relief (from our Special offering envelopes).

In the Carpenter's Place newsletter, you may spot Ben Blobaum as well.

ST. CATHERINE'S FISH FRY

Fish Fry – St. Catherine's of Genoa will be hosting fish fry's on Friday's throughout Lent. See the bulletin board for more information.

Lessons for Next Week

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Today 2/20: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Monday 2/21: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 2/22: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 2/24: Wittenberg Door- Pastor's Fellowship – here, 10am
Confirmation, 5:30pm.

Saturday 2/26: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/27: Worship Service with Sunday School, 9am.



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

- Jim Sheehan is now at Alden Debes to recover from Covid.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer. He is having a rough time with chemotherapy.
- Pastor Tom, and other Pastors who will be traveling to FL for the Pastor's Conference beginning Feb. 15th.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, (Mark Boehmer's girlfriend) and Jamie Wittwer (Tim & Dianna's daughter-in-law).
- 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.
- 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.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.