A wooden cross stands in a field at sunset. The cross is made of two thick, rectangular wooden beams. The background is a soft, blurred landscape with a warm, golden light from the setting sun on the right side, creating a gradient from dark to light. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its vertical beam extending from the bottom to the top. The horizontal beam is centered vertically. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Character of a Disciple: Discipline

A Sunday  
Lenten Series  
2022

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

*Saturday, March 12, 2022*  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

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**(with scripture readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

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

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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

**C** O Loving God, you gave your only Son to die for us, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus, our Lord, you humbled yourself, and became obedient unto death - even the death of the cross;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** O Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth, and remind us of everything Jesus has taught us. AMEN!

**OPENING SONG:** "When Peace, like a River"

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## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

**C** O Lord, we have often given in to temptation. We have often been weak under pressure, and because of fear or flattery, we have disobeyed you. We ask you of your great mercy, to forgive us, to make us whole, to draw us near to you, and to strengthen us for the next time we are tempted.

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

**P** Our savior is able to sympathize with our weakness, for He too was tempted by the devil. In the wilderness, Satan encouraged Jesus to use his power for himself, instead of for others. And when He was dying, some tempted Him to come down off the cross. Had He given in, we would have been lost! But He prayed, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." And thus strengthened, He gave himself into death for our sins. In His name, I declare to you that Jesus Christ has made full satisfaction for all your sins. Your guilt is removed. You are clean and pure, and standing in the presence of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 26:8-15

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

**P** The Word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**PSALM 4** (Read responsively by whole verse)

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### SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of

whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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

## **SERMON:**

### **"CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE: DISCIPLINE"**

**SONG:** "Take My Life, that I May Be"

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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Your Word, O Lord, is a word of new life. May we be transformed by the good news of your saving work in the death and resurrection of Jesus so that we no longer live as enemies of the cross. Transform us into those whose daily lives mirror your love made known in Christ. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Majestic God, you call your people to daily repentance. Keep our ears open to your word of mercy. By your grace chip away at our hardened hearts, that we might live obediently and faithfully towards you. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of peace, in the midst of trouble in our lives and in your world, when violence and fear seem overwhelming, teach us to find our hope in you and declare with the confidence of the psalmist, "I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord make me lie down in safety." *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Nurturing God, draw us into the embrace of your love and grace. Grant us your mercy and teach us to be your merciful presence to all your children. Show us how to accept your love with humility and draw others into your divine embrace. [We pray particularly for ...] *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **OFFERING**

### **CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING**

(Based on Psalm 51, prayed by King David, when Nathan confronted him with his sin)

**L** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**L** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**L** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

**CLOSING SONG:** "This Is My Father's World"

**LBW 554**

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, 3/6: 46

## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE**

You will need to have a Facebook account to be able to access our page. Go to “First Lutheran Church Kirkland IL”

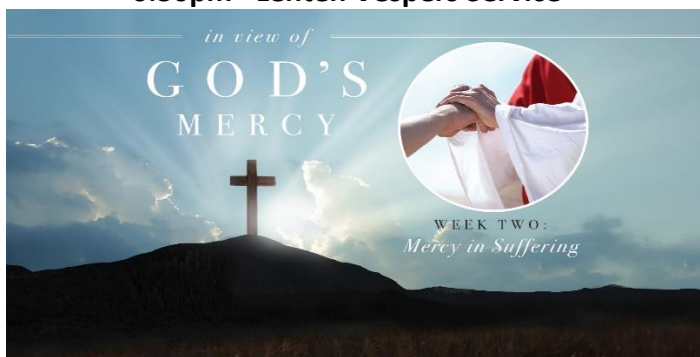
We encourage you to “like” and “follow” this page to get notifications and announcement. There is also a link on our website ([www.kirklandflc.org](http://www.kirklandflc.org)). Thank you, pastor Tom and Jo Boehmer who will be the administrators of the Facebook page.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday through April 6.

**5:45pm – Lenten Dinner**

**6:30pm –Lenten Vespers Service**



This year's mid-week Lenten theme will be **God's Mercy**

3/16 Mercy in Suffering

3/23 Mercy in Betrayal

3/30 Mercy in Relationships

4/6 Mercy in Service

### **LENTEN DINNER**

Date	Hosts	(meal served)
3/16	Church Council	Chili
3/23	Sunday School	Sloppy Joe's
3/30	Wittwer's	Italian Beef
4/6	Men	Pork Chops

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.



## PERSONAL CARE KITS

Thank you to all who brought items and helped assemble the kits.

### Where Did Our Quilts and Kits Go?

1/1/2015 – 3/10/2022

	Date Shipped	Notes
Personal Care Kit	12/7/2015	Georgia
Personal Care Kit	4/27/2017	Peru
Personal Care Kit	7/31/2017	Burkina Faso
Personal Care Kit	9/20/2018	
Personal Care Kit	3/21/2018	Tanzania
Personal Care Kit	11/23/2018	Mauritania
Personal Care Kit	2/22/2019	Dominica
Personal Care Kit	9/17/2019	Tanzania
New School Kit	2/28/2018	
New School Kit	2/19/2019	Nicaragua
New School Kit	5/14/2019	Lebanon
New School Kit	2/28/2020	Honduras
New School Kit	6/25/2020	Lebanon

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Russ Lacefield 3/12

Dale Steinhorst 3/13

Blais Chastain 3/13/2003

Brayden Boyer 3/15/15

Herb Plote 3/14

Melissa Mech 3/17

### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Demetrius & Rachel Ash 3/14/2010

Gary & Peggy Steinhorst 3/24/1990

Today 3/13: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Newsletter Items are due today.

Tuesday 3/15: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/16: Folding newsletter, 9am.

Clothes Closet Changeover (Wed & Thurs.), 9:30am.

Lenten Dinner, 5:45pm.

Lenten Vespers Service, 6:30pm: "Mercy in Suffering".

Thursday 3/17: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm

Saturday 3/19: Communion Service with Blessing of Personal Care kits, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/20: Communion Service with Blessing of Personal Care kits, and Sunday School after Children's Sermon 9am.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

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

- Justin Mielke to have positive answers to all the tests he is having recently.
- Sally Coyle, Bob's mom is home after heart surgery on 3/1.
- Lisa Coyle will be having an atrial ablation on March 21st.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer and Laura Block.
- 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.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- 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.