

A wooden cross stands in a field at sunset. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, forming a simple cross shape. The background is a soft, blurred landscape with a warm, golden light from the setting sun on the right side, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect. The ground in the foreground is dark and appears to be soil or grass.

Character of a Disciple: Discipline

A Sunday
Lenten Series
2022

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

*Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent*

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

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

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P.98

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: "When Peace, like a River" **LBW 346**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P.99

*Glory to God in the Highest P.100

*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.

Children's Sermon (Sunday School to follow)

First Reading Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸When 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!" ⁹Why 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. ¹⁰When 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. ¹¹Then 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." ¹²Then 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. ¹³Now 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. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only 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.”

Psalm 4

P. 216

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

*Lenten Sentence

P.104

*Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And 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. ³³Nevertheless, 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.’ ³⁴O 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! ³⁵Behold, 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!’”

Sermon:

"CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE: DISCIPLINE"

*Hymn of the Day: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **LBW 99**
Apostles' Creed P.106

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart (Back Hymnal Cover)

*Prayers P.106

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 P.113

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LBW 487**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

Postlude

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Attendance Last Saturday, 3/5: 15

Wednesday Lenten Service, 3/9:30

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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

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). 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

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.