

First Lutheran Church
Kirkland IL

Heaven

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A Preaching Series

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*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

LBW - green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

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*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" **WOV 671**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have

judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.”

And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 16:23-33

²³{Jesus said to his disciples,} “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because

you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Sermon: **“HEAVEN”**

*Hymn of the Day: What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	<u>LBW 439</u>
*Apostles' Creed	P. 65
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Heavenly Father, you call us to walk with Jesus in this life of faith. Help us to trust in your abiding mercy and constant care as we seek to do your will in the world. Guide us to walk to the places you would have us go, that your name would be praised and all people would come to know you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all good gifts, we praise your name and thank you for the good gifts you give us each day. In this Easter season, we especially thank you for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. May we live each and every day focused on your love and will for your people. In times of trial, help us to see your lovingkindness, trusting that you who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom, be with all students and teachers who are finishing up classes for the year. Be with all those who are graduating and moving on to whatever is next in their lives. Instill

in each of them a deep understanding of your call on their lives,
that they may serve you in all they do.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the source of all peace for our lives. Grant us
your healing power when we are sick and your peace in all
circumstances. [We pray especially for ...]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Lessons for Next Week

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6 [7-11] 12-20;

John 17:20-26

PRAISE GOD! St. John's Lutheran Church, Danforth, IL will be
installing their new **Pastor Philip Sandi** on Sunday, May 23rd at 3pm.
See the bulletin for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nathan Ross**, who graduated from the
University of Iowa on May 14th. He plans to enlist in the army. His
parents are Shawn & Shannon (Johnson) Ross, grandparents are
Vernon & Jane Johnson.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Alexander Stoll
Lucas Boyer

5/24/15
5/24/12

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Roger & Sandy Gustafson

5/26/01

FLOWER CHART UPDATE

The flower chart dates, and information has been updated. The altar flowers are to honor or remember a special person. You may use any florist of your choosing, however we, at First Lutheran are blessed to have Pastor Vongdeuane Sengone (Deuane) who loves to arrange live flowers. Please contact her for cost and arrangement options, her number is (716) 804-3988.



FELLOWSHIP TREATS SIGN- UP

There is a sign- up sheet on the kitchen door for those who would like to offer to bring or make a treat for fellowship time after Sunday church service. You may sign-up once or multiple times. This would also give Louie a break. Thank you!

PIANIST:

Praise God, Nancy Plote, Herb & Dolores Plote's daughter-in-law will be playing the piano at Saturday services. If you were considering helping and could be our substitute, please let Pastor Tom or Judy Lacefield know.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

If you are available to help with anything listed, let Jo Boehmer or Dianna Wittwer know. Volunteers are needed and GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Worship & Music
 - Team Leader
 - Team Member
 - Special Music (vocal or instrumental)

- Lay Reader
- Usher / Sat Host

Youth Sponsor

Plan Activities

Help as needed

Provide Food

- Property
 - Team Leader
 - Team Member
 - Tradesmen

- Clothes Closet + Food Pantry

- Stewardship

150th
Anniversary
Committee

July 4th
Float
TEAM

- Fellowship

- Bible Study Leaders

- VBS + Sunday School Teachers/Helpers

Help Wanted:



Substitute Piano player
for occasional
Sat. and/or Sun. worship.

Volunteer
Coordinator

Sunday 5/22: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Last day of Sunday School.

Monday 5/23: Clothes Closet Open 12-1:30pm. One week early due to Memorial Day next Monday. Honor those who died for us.

Tuesday 5/24: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 5/26: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship – here, 10am.

Saturday 5/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/28: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Chuck Schindler has had surgery, he is well and is home.
- Wanda Smith, Elda Bruning's sister, has a spot on her lung and just recently had a stroke.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Charmaine Massey for physical therapy to help strengthen her lungs.
- Madeline Bramm who had a brain bleed in December.
- Justin Mielke to have clear answers about his health.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block and Rachel Ash.
- 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, George Vodden and many others.
- 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.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.