

First Lutheran Church
Kirkland, IL

Christ's Coming

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A Preaching Series

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*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh 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 WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” **LBW 369**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father’s promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Children’s Sermon

First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the apostles whom Jesus had chosen} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle

and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood. ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Psalm 133 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” ¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things

for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel John 17:20-26

²⁰{Jesus said,} “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Sermon: **“CHRIST'S COMING”**

*Hymn of the Day: “Shall We Gather at the River”

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*Apostles' Creed

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Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Prayers of the Church

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Holy Father, you tell us to ask for what we need in Jesus' name, and you will answer. Let us be prayer warriors for the sake of the church and

the world, that we would devote ourselves to a regular time of prayer and devotion. Help us to hear your wisdom in our lives and to faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ in all we do. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all creation, gather your people together from the four corners of the earth to be one in Christ, just as you and the son and the Spirit are one. Help us to set aside things that create divisions in the Body of Christ such as jealousy, anxiety, privilege, and false teaching. Pour out your healing Spirit on your holy Bride, that all who believe would live together in faith and mutual care. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy One, guide and protect our military service personnel as they serve our country and keep us free from tyranny. Keep them safe from harm and bring them home safely when their mission has been completed. Watch over families while their loved ones are away from home. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the healer of all our ills. Bring us to the newness of life you have promised us through Jesus Christ. Put an end to disease, chaos, and catastrophes that plague human life. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Bind Us Together"

WOV 748

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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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!!

Jeff Anderberg 5/28	Kendra Steinhorst 5/28
Sophie Koehnke 5/28/06	Lorene Roser 5/29
Alicebeth Wittwer 5/30	Mary Loomis 6/1
Vernon Johnson 6/2	Doug Springborn 6/2

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Rick & Joyce Schmidt 5/28/83
Mike & Marti Valasek 5/29/76

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.

Sunday 5/29: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Monday 5/30: Memorial Day! Remember those who died for us.

Tuesday 5/31: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/2: Food Truck Delivery, 8am.

Lydia Circle Bible Study, 1pm. All women are invited.

Saturday 6/4: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/5: Communion Service, 9am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WATCH BULLETINS AND WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

1. June 5: VBS Planning meeting after worship. If you're able to help, please come and join us in making this year's VBS a huge success.
2. June 18: Church family picnic at Franklin Township Park at 4pm. The picnic will be in place of the Saturday evening service.
3. July 4: FLC will once again have a float in the parade. We'll need members to both ride and walk, and lots of candy donations to hand out.
4. July 11-14: Vacation Bible School, Theme "Rainforest Explorers".

If you are able to help in **anyway** with these 3 events, please let Jo Boehmer know.



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!

PARISH CONCERNS

With Sincere sympathy,

Charles Jones, Wanda Bernhardt's brother passed away Tuesday.
May the promise of God's resurrection bring comfort.

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

- Harold Hintzsche had back surgery, is home and praying for returned strength.
- 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.

Lessons for Next Week

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31