



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

Sunday, July 17, 2022

First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

Sunday, July 17, 2022

(with scripture readings for the 6th Sunday of Pentecost)

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



*Holy
Communion*

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 and water, 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.

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

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Amazing Grace”

LBW 448

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (*Romans 8:5-6,26*)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit,

since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! *(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ^{10a}The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:7-14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

p. 227

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:21-29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been

proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: REV. VONGDEUANE

SONG: "Beautiful Savior"

LBW 518

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

LBW p.84

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, create in your church faithful stewards of the divine mystery which you have revealed in Jesus. Through his body on earth draw all people to Christ that they might be reconciled to you and know the peace that comes only through faith in the redeeming work of the cross.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord God, just as you brought down the walls of Jericho, we pray that you would break down the barriers that prohibit us from reaching out

in love to all God's children. Move us beyond economic, racial, and class distinctions in our service to those in need. Give us a true evangelical spirit, to reach out in love to all people.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Healing and sanctifying Spirit, we pray for your work to be done in all who suffer from emotional or physical illness. Bless the healing hands that you have called and sent to care for your people. Grant your comfort and peace to all who need your healing touch. [We pray particularly for ...].

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts! **C** We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LBW p.91

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

THE BENEDICTION

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WOV 771

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Thank you Rev. Vongdeuane for providing pulpit supply while Pastor Tom is in Thailand for ministry meetings.

Church Office: (815) 522-3886

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

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

Pianist: Nancy Plote

Hosts: Dan & Janelle Pahnke

Attendance Last Saturday, 7/9: 10

Website: www.kirklandflc.org

pastor@kirklandflc.org

secretary@kirklandflc.org

Offering Counters: Renee Krabbe & Lisa Coyle

Attendance last Sunday, 7/10: 32

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Constant Brisart 7/16

Mike Valasek 7/18

Betty Paulsen 7/21 "93"

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Joshua & Marcynda Atkinson 7/19/14



"TRUE FREEDOM IN CHRIST"

Thank you to all who gave candy for the parade, for those who came to decorate the float, for those who rode or walked, (more

like ran) with the float and to Bob & Lisa Coyle for the use of the trailer and driving through the parade.

If you didn't get a chance to help this year, we plan to have one next year.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS had an average of 16 children each day. Thank you to all the parents, the many volunteers and to all who brought snack items. It was a fun-filled 4 days.

MISSION CONVOCATION 2022

Join us virtually to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC.

Friday, August 5, 5-8pm. Cost \$25 (voting delegates), \$0 (visitors)

It is easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, we invite congregational members to join in on the Visitor's Livestream, through our Facebook page. Watch your bulletins for further details.



SCHOOL KITS:

It's almost time for school to begin so we invite you to fill one or more school backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. School supplies will soon be available at sale prices. After July 9th school bags made by Jean Bauer and Donna Koehnke will be on the coat rack with a list enclosed or close by. Sign out one or more and return by **Sunday, August 14th**. If you wish to donate some items, a box will be provided and added together to make up the school kit. With Thrivent funds "our team" will fill at least 60 backpacks and will also box all the kits together for distribution to needy students.

LWR requests only these specific items in each school kit:

(4) 70 sheet spiral notebooks

(5) pencils #2 (not sharpened & secured with a rubber band)

(5) ball-point pens, blue or black (no gel ink & secured with a rubber band)

(1) box of 24 crayons

(1) pencil sharpener

(1) 2 ½" eraser

(1) pair of blunt scissors

(1) ruler (metric and inches)

Sunday 7/17: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Newsletter Items due.

Monday 7/18: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 7/19: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 7/20: Newsletter Folding, 9am.

Saturday 7/23: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/24: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Pauline Cultra's daughter, Nola Addante passed away from cancer. Nola's funeral will be at Steward United Methodist Church, 507 Main St, Steward, IL on Friday, July 22, 2022. May the promise of God's resurrection bring Nola's family peace.

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

- George Vodden, fell a few weeks ago. Pray for steadiness.
- Pastor Tom's travels to Thailand for ministry meetings.
- Roger Gustafson, Sandy (Koehnke) Gustafson's husband had a heart attack. He has a long way to go. He is at Swedish American Hospital.
- Ashley Mielke had surgery and is doing well.
- Nancy Bakanas had knee surgery. She has refractured her back in the recent fall.
- Ron Peabody is now at Bethany Health Care to build up his strength.
- Jill Vodden is home after hip surgery.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and
- Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block, Rachel Ash and Traci Yeaton.
- 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.
- 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.
- Creston & Oregon Churches as they pray about becoming a two-point parish.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.