

Philippians 2:13

It is God
who works in you,
both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.

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

*Sunday, October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost*

*(Meet in the Fellowship Hall due to painting of the
Sanctuary.)*

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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. Once it is complete, place it in the offering plate.



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.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- *Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" **LBW 522**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- *This Is the Feast P. 60
- *Prayer of the Day

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. 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.

NO Children's Sermon (No children's sermon on Communion weeks.

Children will immediately follow the Sunday School Leader to Sunday School.)

Commissioning of our newly Confirmed –

Reagan Cook, Keegan Marshall and Brynn Springborn

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares

the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD God; so turn, and live.”

Psalm 25:1-9 (*responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-4,14-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 21:23-27

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Sermon: **"THE AUTHORITY WE NEED"**

*Hymn of the Day: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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Holy Spirit, giver of all spiritual gifts, grant us faith to follow Christ in all we do. Teach us your ways that we may be obedient to your will and open to your leading in our lives.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, your Spirit has called us together as your people in this place. Help us to be of the same mind as Christ Jesus our Lord, willing to empty ourselves for each other, the mission, and most of all for you. Grant us wisdom to work together for the sake of the Gospel and not for our own agendas.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, sovereign Lord, all rulers, powers, and dominions are subject to you. Grant that the leaders of all nations would govern with wisdom, justice, and equity for the good of all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, our joys and sorrows are fully known to you. You grieve with us in our pain and sorrow and rejoice in our times of grace-filled joy. Bring healing to all those who are suffering from physical illness or injury, the pain of broken relationships, the sorrow of shattered hopes, and any kind of loss. [We pray particularly for]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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*Offertory Prayer

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Communion Distribution

*Thank the Lord

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*Post Communion Prayer

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "God Be With You till We Meet Again"

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1. God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again,

Refrain:

Til we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Til we meet, till we meet,
God be with you til we meet again

2. God be with you till we meet again,
Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you,
God be with you till we meet again,

Refrain

3. God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

4. God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threat'ning waves before you,
God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

* Postlude

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Last Sunday, 9/24:40

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Joanne Sanderson 10/2

Dawn Myelle-Watson 10/3

Trudy Loomis 10/6

Tom Hoffman 10/6

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the brothers & sisters of the church. Marge is doing better, and the prayers helped and are greatly appreciated!

Charmaine Massey, Marge & Jim Harger
(Charmaine's brother & sister-in-law)

DISTRICT CONVOCATION

The Annual Great Rivers Mission District convocation is Saturday, October 14, in Flanagan, Illinois. Keynote speaker will be Pastor Brad Hales from Reformation Lutheran Church in Virginia. He is also NALC Church Director for Church Planting/Aging and is a very dynamic speaker and motivator within the NALC. We are looking for another person/delegate to join Pastor Tom at this all-day event. If interested, please talk to the Pastor prior to the October 10 Council Meeting.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Have you RSVP'd for the Anniversary dinner? There is limited seating available. We are getting close to capacity, so call Connie Worden at 815-721-1605 or email the office at secretary@kirklandflc.org by October 1.

CHURCH LIGHTS & HEAT/AIR CONDITIONING

If you notice the lights or the narthex heat/air conditioning on after a service, please feel free to turn them off. Help us to keep costs down.

DESK

A nice heavy desk, both in good shape for anyone to take home. Donations are accepted for the Sunday School program. Please contact Susan Wilson (224) 629-0016.

If nobody wants the items, I will advertise on marketplace, and Vsale. (the computer) and the monies collected will go towards Sunday school.

CHURCH FUN FACTS

October 1982, we purchased the west lot (Allen property) for parking and a picnic area. In the fall of 1983 railroad fill was hauled, and it was made into a parking lot.

(This is the last of the church fun facts. Please thank Connie Worden for all of these fun facts over the past year

BEN BLOBAUM'S ORDINATION

Ben Blobaum's Ordination Invitation is on the narthex bulletin board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 10/1: Join us for coffee after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum, 10:30am.

Tuesday 10/3: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distr., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 10/4: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Thursday 10/5: Food Truck delivery, 8am; Lydia Circle Bible Study, 1pm.

Saturday 10/7: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/8: Worship Service with Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

Lois Swan, who passed away on Sept.18. She turned 90 on 9/11. Her visitation and service will be Sunday, Oct. 1 at Laird Funeral Home, Elgin, IL from 12-2:30pm, with service to follow.

Donna Peterson, who passed away on Tuesday. Her services will be on Tues., October 3rd at Quiram-Olson Funeral Home, Kirkland. Visitation at 10a, Service at 12pm.

May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to the families of Lois and Donna.

- Church painter, TJ Hillmer for safety and efficiency as he works.
- Jim Hetland is dealing with on-going medical problems.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Chuck Schindler, Ina Koehler, James Klus, David Sanderson, Susan & Jim Colgan and Mark Bernhardy.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- All those who are affected by the natural disasters.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46