



**Celebrating
150 Years
of Faith
1873-2023**

Oct. 29, 2023



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

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Sunday, October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday & Anniversary Celebration

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Blue Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress” – Luther/Smith Organ/Piano Duet

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of the Peace

*Processional Hymn:

 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LBW 229

 Cherub Choir: “I Am the Church”

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*This Is the Feast (C-All; I-Women; II-Men) P. 60

*Prayer of the Day

 First Reading

 I Peter 2:6-9

 Psalm 46 (read responsively by half verse)

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 Hymn: “Built on a Rock” (vv. 1-3)

LBW 365

 Second Reading

 Romans 3:19-28

*Hymn: “Built on a Rock” (vv. 4-5)

LBW 365

*Gospel

 John 8:31-36

Sermon:

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo, Bishop of the NALC

*Hymn of the Day: “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” **LBW 239**

*Nicene Creed P. 64

*Prayers of the Church

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 Offering – Choir Anthems: “And Can It Be” by Campbell

 “Children of the Heavenly Father” by Berg/Sjolund

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving

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*Words of Institution

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*The Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Communion will be distributed in a continuous way. The inner glasses are grape juice and water. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing. Once you have received Communion, you may return to your seat.

Communion Hymns: "What Feast of Love"

WOV 701

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LBW 230

*Post Communion Prayer

*Post Communion Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LBW 221

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

*Closing Recessional Hymn: "O Christ the Same"

WOV 778

Instructions from Connie Worden

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

Postlude: "Hallelujah Chorus" – Handel/Smith Organ/Piano Duet

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Organist/Choir Accompanist: Nancy Rasmussen

Choir Director: Pastor Carl Rasmussen

Trumpet: Peter Rasmussen

Prelude and Postlude by: Pastor and Mrs. Carl Rasmussen

Children's Choir Directors: Sara Haag and Sue Peterson

Acolyte: Lucas Boyer & Abraham Thorstad

Cross Bearer: Keith Krabbe

Banner Bearer: Tadd Krabbe

Ushers: Vernon Johnson (Head usher), Keith Krabbe, Doug Springborn,

Tadd Krabbe & Matt Johnson

Offering Counters: Susan Wilson & Angie Springborn

Attendance Last Saturday, 10/22: 10

Last Sunday, 10/23: 29 adults, 11 kids

OFFICIANTS

Presiding Pastor – Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo, D. Min. Bishop of the NALC

Pastor First Lutheran – Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad STS, Th.D.

Liturgist – Rev. Carl L.M. Rasmussen

Reader – Rev. Phil Gronbach STS



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came today to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We invite you to come worship with us in the future - Saturdays at 5:30pm or Sundays at 9am. May you have safe travels home.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Ina Koehler 10/28

Krystal Lico 10/28

Lexus Tompkins 10/30/03

Alexis Haag 10/31

Richard Wilson 10/31

Emma Newberry 11/2/11

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Heath & Taylor Norris 10/28/2017

Sunday 10/29:

Monday 10/30: Clothes Closet Open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 10/31: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Dist., 12-2 pm.

Wednesday 11/1: NO Bible Study on-line.

Thursday 11/2: Food Truck Delivery, 8am. Lydia Circle, 1pm.



Saturday 11/4: All Saint's Communion Service, 5:30pm. Daylight Savings Ends – Turn Clocks Back 1 hour!

Sunday 11/5: All Saint's Communion Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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

- All those who are traveling for today's event.

- The unrest in the Middle East.

- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Chuck Schindler

Ina Koehler,

James Klus,

David Sanderson

Jim Hetland

Susan & Jim Colgan,

Mark Bernhardt

Nancy Bakanas

George Vodden

Dale Johnson

Riley Wrobel

and many others we name in our hearts.

- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.