

REMEMBER THE SABBATH



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LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.



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 or 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.

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: "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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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

Work in us a perpetual reverence and love for you, O Lord, for we know that those who come to love your ways are never disappointed in the path on which you are guide. Grant this, 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

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²{Moses said to the Israelites,} “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1-10 (read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to

God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-28

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "REMEMBER THE SABBATH"

SONG: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
THE CLOSING RESPONSE

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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.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

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THE BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Mary Loomis 6/1

Emmaline Haag 6/2/23

Vernon Johnson 6/2

Doug Springborn 6/2



FOURTH OF JULY FLOAT

The theme this year is "**Freedom to Soar.**"

If you would like to lead or help prepare the float, please let Richard Wilson or Dianna Wittwer know. The 4th will be here before we know it.

PULPIT SUPPLY UPDATE



Pastor Bob Castro has accepted to provide pulpit supply for us for most of 2024.

Saturday services will be led by Pastors and lay assistants.

If you are open to assisting with the services by being a lay assistant (leading the service), or a lay reader (sharing the printed readings and prayers), please let Richard Wilson or Dianna know.

PARSONAGE NEEDS

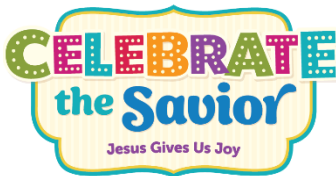
The kick-off date to jump headfirst into the parsonage is **June 2**, shortly after service/fellowship. This will be open to all who would like to walk through the parsonage and aid in areas they think need to be addressed.

We are looking for helpers, (see Narthex bulletin board) or if you choose to share a monetary donation, please make the envelope for "Parsonage" when giving.

HELP is needed soon so sign-up or let Susan Wilson know that you are willing to help.

There may be some painting that is needed, and carpeting stretched.

We are planning on having Pastor Bob Castro stay in the parsonage on June 15-16.



VBS UPDATE:

VBS will be June 17th – 20th from 9:00am – 11:30am. There are registration forms and a grocery list of snack items that are needed. There

will be a VBS program on Thursday, June 20th at 6pm. The church's cornerstone will also be replaced at this time.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In February of this year the Kirkland Food Pantry served a record number of neighbors who needed help providing food for their families. There were 121 household visits to the pantry that month. With the increased price of groceries, the need for food assistance is large. We often serve over 30 households a week. If you know anyone in need of assistance, the Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

The food we offer comes from several sources. We are a Federal Emergency Food Program (EFP) site. That means we receive food free from the USDA that can be distributed to people who meet certain income requirements. We are also able to purchase food through the Northern Illinois Food Bank at very discounted prices. Currently we are receiving locally produced food through a USDA grant being administered by DeKalb County Community Gardens. During the summer we get produce from Walnut Grove Vocational Farm. Local food collection drives supplement those sources. Recently, the Food Bank has had trouble sourcing some items or some items are not even offered. Please see the list below and if you are able, pick up an item or two for the food pantry. The items needed are:

- Canned tuna
- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Diapers, size 5

The Food Pantry is extremely grateful to the Kirkland community for their support. Both churches, the Lions Club, and other individuals help ensure that we can continue this mission. Donations are always appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to the church with a memo designating the Food Pantry. Also, if you have an abundance of produce from your garden this summer, consider donating it to the Food Pantry.

And finally, volunteers are what keep the Food Pantry running! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the Food Pantry, talk to James Haag.

Sunday 6/2: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Tuesday 6/4: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distr., 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/6: Food Truck Delivery

Saturday 6/8: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/9: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Celebration of Life for David Sanderson, son of Joanie Sanderson, will be on Saturday, June 15 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Genoa Veteran’s Home in Genoa, IL.

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

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Joanie Sanderson	Richard Krabbe
Matt Johnson	James Klus
Emmaline Haag	Bill Byers
Nathan Wrobel	

- 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.
- Our church and its activities, especially our upcoming VBS.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- 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:

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35