

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dianne Wendt

OPENING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#631

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LESSONS

R The First Reading is from: First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

PSALM 71:1-6

Read Responsively

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

R The Second Reading is from: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Dianne

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter
Luke 4:21-30

REFLECTIONS ON LOVE

Pastor Dianne Wendt

HYMN OF THE DAY “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

#644

APOSTLE’S CREED

(stand)

P Let us confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

P Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted and those who mourn. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. Bring healing and relief to those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus. Bless those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts....

(As we remember those for whom we pray now, a single candle on the altar will be lit, in lieu of us congregating at the back table to light individual candles...)

P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C Amen.

COMMUNION – After the Words of Institution, we will use our own bread and wine/juice when we are directed below.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us.
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Join together at God's table. There is a place for each of you and enough for all.

P Body of Christ given for you.

P Blood of Christ shed for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

OFFERING – *Please mail your offerings to the Church, or drop into the mail slot in the door outside of the Pastor's Office on the 45th St. side.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us from your table, nourished with this heavenly food, and prepared to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "What Feast of Love" #487

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

DISMISSAL

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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WE LEAVE TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD!

READER: Tami Stoddard

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, Feb 6th
Immediately Following Service. **IMPORTANT** for 2022 issues.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER REQUESTS UP TO DATE
LET KEVIN KNOW OF ANY CHANGES, ESPECIALLY PRAYERS ANSWERED

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS

Judy Kaylor

Dick Ransom who had to have a transfusion and Deanna Ransom who is having complications from her heart procedure.

Dee Stone and family on the passing of husband, Jack last March.

Pastor Lloyd Hanson and Family on the death of Donna Hanson from liver cancer on December 24th.

Gerri Scheuer on the death of her son, Steve.

Congratulations to Whitney and Chris deKerguelen on the birth of a baby boy on October 27th, Dean Michael Paul deKerguelen.

Grandparents, Craig & Candy Paul.

Peter and Merete Glick are proud grandparents of a baby boy.

Oaken Erik was born 11/20 under an oak tree, under the stars. Baby, mom, and the entire family are doing well.

Michelle Palmer, mother of Ken Brown's grandson, Ian, who was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer, which is incurable.

Roni Nagle, the Brown's daughter-in-law, and her son Eryk whose mother, Wava, passed away on January 15. Their dog, Lucia, was put to sleep the same weekend.

Pastor Dee, her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Avra, on the birth of twins, Theo and Hazel on Sept. 4th. Both babies are home.

Nina Paaskesen, sister-in-law of Merete Glick, who passed away August 27th. Prayers for comfort for her adult children, Anders, Christian and Lise, and the rest of Merete's family.

Jackie Walters who is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in her knee and shoulder but does not want surgery. Also, Hans, Jackie's husband who has Parkinson's. And her friends, Carol Funk who is having emergency surgery for a blood clot on the brain, and Dwayne Donahue who had a stroke.

Chuck Hines thanks you for your prayers as he is doing well after the liver cancer procedure. We continue support after losing his wife, Ruth Ann in Dec. 2020.

Joanne Anger, homebound member of Cross.

Julie Andrews whose brother Conrad Becker, passed away. And to Pat Becker, his wife, their son Raymond, and the rest of their family.

Julie Nemes' friend Elizabeth Moitoza who is grieving the death of her husband in December. Also, friend Jerry Eason who has had spinal fusion surgery and had hip replacement surgeries last year.

Health care workers, including Laura, Jessica, James, Angela, Jenny, Kennedy, Chantel, Alisa, Seychelle, Merete, and others.

Grocery workers, including Whitney, Chris, Brittany, Robin, and others.

Those affected by COVID-19, especially those with depression, anxiety, or stress while coping during these times of staying at home.

Bruno Deter, former member and his family on the death of Audrey Deter, his wife, who was an integral part of Cross for years.

Our various ministries locally, including St. John's, WIND, Sac Food Bank. And Navajo Mission at Rock Point, AZ, especially impacted by COVID-19. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND MONETARY SUPPORT TO CROSS, ESPECIALLY FOR ROCK POINT NAVAJO MISSION.**

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