

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dee Emmert

PRELUDE

Betty Karamatova

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. As we gather for worship, remind us that our allegiance is to you rather than to any earthly authority. Created by you, let us live in your image. Created for you, let us act for your glory. Redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LESSONS

(mute)

R The First Reading is from: Isaiah 45:1-7

R The Second Reading is from: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 22:15-22

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Pastor Dee Emmert

APOSTLE'S CREED

(unmute)

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

P With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant, Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Give us discerning hearts and logical minds when we consider the ballots coming before us. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Show them your never-ending mercy and compassion. We ask that you bless those on our prayer list and those we name before you now aloud or in our hearts....

Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Give juries, elected officials, school boards, and citizens common sense and a spirit of compromise. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of our rescuing welcome for all. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms, all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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BLESSING

P Dearest God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you in the way of truth and life.

C Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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WE LEAVE TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD!

We welcome the members of Atonement Lutheran Church who have chosen to join us today and in the coming weeks as is needed.

READER: Lucy Taylor

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

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS

The Call Committee who are looking for a new Pastor

Judy Kaylor

Sally Tait

Jack and Dee Stone

Dick Ransom and Deanna Ransom

Trudy Fox

Chuck Hines, who is undergoing more tests to decide if he can have surgery and/or chemo for liver cancer.

Tami Stoddard's cousin, Elizabeth, who has a growth removed from her head, and it was not cancer.

Jackie Walters who is still not doing well after colon surgery. Also, Hans, Jackie's husband who has Parkinson's. And their friend Dwayne Donahue who had a stroke.

Pat Becker, sister-in-law of Julie Andrews who fell and broke her femur, 3 ribs, and punctured a lung. And Conrad Becker, Julie's brother who has been diagnosed with a lung condition affecting his bronchial airways, and who also had a mild stroke.

Lucy Taylor, Atonement, who had hip surgery on Sept. 9 and is recuperating.

Lauren (sister of Krista White, the former choir director/musician at Atonement) is a pilot who is firespotting.

Pastor Holly, who is recovering from knee surgery on September 16th.

Julie Nemes' friend Jeanne Knowles whose broken foot is healing, she's now in foot boot; her husband, Jeff is home rehabbing with outside assistance to regain strength and learn how to walk again; fur baby Izzie is stable and doing well. Also, Julie's friend Akira who is in the "battle of her life" with an addiction and is currently receiving treatment and counseling.

Those affected by COVID-19, Tami's niece Netty and her fiancé Kyei and Carmen, friend of Whitney Paul. Thanks to God, for Thomas, Lisa Mulz's brother, who has recovered.

Jacob Vance, nephew of Pastor Jayne Thompson, in Davis Burn Unit following a motorcycle accident.

Carri Vickers, friend of Janey, on the murder of her son.

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

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

Audrey Deter, with several health issues.

Ken Miklos, Pastor Dee's ex-husband who passed away from cancer.

Julie Nemes, who is recovering very well from knee surgery, and Lexy her fur baby who is in remission from a gastro disease.

Debbie Murphy, Janey's cousin who has 2 progressive retinal diseases.

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.** We have had to cancel Fundraisers this year.

Janey Ranlett's friend David, who was shot. He is in recovery.

Janey's friends, Jennifer, Gary, parents and Kathy and Ed, grandparents on the birth and sudden death of baby, Aiden Kai Edward Austin Roper

SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD PRESENTS: GATHERING IN PRAYER AROUND OUR NATIONAL ELECTIONS

These livestream gatherings will be:

Sunday, November 1 - 6:00 pm PST

Thursday, November 5 - 6:00 pm PST

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