

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

1st Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dee Emmert

PRELUDE

Peter Glick

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . . .

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSONS

(mute)

R The First Reading is from: Isaiah 64:1-9

R The Second Reading is from: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 13:24-37

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 God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

P We pray for the ministry we share in Christ’s name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. We ask that you bless those on our prayer list and those we bring before you aloud our in our hearts....Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to

you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 “Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus” ELW#254

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

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!

READER: Jody Koch

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

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 had surgery for liver cancer on November 17th, and is home recovering. And for Ruth Ann Hines who continues to receive fluids 3 times a week.

Jackie Walters who had her final colon surgery on November 9th is home recovering. 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.

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, 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.

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.

Tami Stoddard's cousin/brother who has brain cancer surgery.

Julie Williams' friends The Boyd-Rhine Family, Jeremy, Kirsten and 8 year old daughter Irish who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Sharon Solarzano, friend of Kevin Brown who tried to take her life last week. She needs healing of body and mind.

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.

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