

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Sept. 20, 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 Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgement, and train us to embody the generosity of 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

R The Second Reading is from: Philippians 1:21-30

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 20:1-16

## 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 Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities – nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with understanding and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime, and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and livelihood to those seeking work. Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give to us generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all in need. Help us to see the needs of others and to respond as you would, for we are your example of love in our world. 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.**

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy, through 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 "On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW#537 LBW#260

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: Tami Stoddard

## 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 cancerous growth on her head and will be having it removed.

Jackie Walters who is 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. Julie, Laura and Jim will be with Conrad, her brother, for a couple weeks during Pat's recovery/rehab.

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 16<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Nemes' friend Jeanne Knowles who had surgery for ankle broken in 3 spots. At the time of her surgery, her husband, Jeff, was having emergency aorta surgery. He is now in rehab trying to learn how to walk again. And their fur baby Izzie, who has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Those affected by COVID-19, Tami's niece Netty and her fiancé Kyei and Carmen, friend of Whitney Paul. Sharon Brownell's father friend of Kevin Brown who died last week. 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 has been diagnosed with cancer.

Julie Nemes, who is recovering from knee surgery, and Lexy her fur baby who was in emergency for a possible gastro disease.

Julie Andrews, Laura Christensen, and Dan Andrews on the death of husband and father, Fred Andrews.

Kristina Stark, former member, on the death of her mother, Valerie.

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.

Nicole Fossum, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

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

Blake Verner, "second dad" to James White who has been diagnosed with dementia.

Cheryl Thompson, friend of Kevin and her sisters who is in hospice for kidney disease.

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