

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 19, 2023

Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said to the disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Today's Worship Assistants:

- **Presiding Pastor:** Christine Wenzel, Interim Pastor • **Greeters 8:45:** Ron & Pat Nelson
- **Children's Sermon:** Jenna Trenbeath • **Reader 8:45:** Lois Larson • **Reader 10:45:** Bill Stevens
- **Ushers 8:45:** Eric Holm, Bruce Lindberg, Dale Magee, Julie Magee • **Ushers 10:45:** Chuck Sletten, Jim Stoops, Claire McCoy, Brooks Herrboldt • **Communion Servers 8:45:** Lois Larson, Gary Johnson, Linda Johnson • **Communion Server 10:45:** Lizzie Perry • **AV Team 8:45:** Bill Little, Jennifer Rodgers • **AV Team 10:45:** Dan Walker, Margie Hartmann, Jamie Manzi-Moore
- **Coffee Fellowship:** Michelle Straka, Stalin Ponnusamy

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday, November 20th at 6:00 pm at Carmines Bar & Grille located at 9805 Normandale Blvd in Bloomington. Please contact Jay Hendrickson with any questions.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Today is the **LAST DAY** to purchase your Christmas poinsettia for the holiday season. Please stop in the welcome center and sign up to donate a plant for the church, or purchase one for your home. If you order a poinsettia for your home, they will be available at the church on Sunday December 3rd. Checks can be made payable to CCLC with *poinsettia* noted in the memo line.

BUTTER BRAIDS – FINAL WEEK

All orders and payments are due next Sunday, November 26th. Orders will be available for pickup at church on Wednesday, December 13th. Order forms are in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting our Luther Crest Campers!

OASIS FOR YOUTH STOCKING

Please help us share our blessings with Oasis for Youth by donating the following items: \$20 or \$25 Target gift cards, lip balm, phone chargers, fidgets, candy and popcorn. Our goal is to pack **75 STOCKINGS**. To help ensure that each stocking contains the same items, please sign up online or in the narthex. Stockings will be packed during Fellowship Hour on **Sunday, December 10th**. Thank you for your support!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve service and pie social will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday, November 22nd. Join us for the service and be sure to bring non-perishable food items for VEAP and a pie/ dessert to share afterwards! All loose offering will go VEAP, along with checks designated for VEAP in the memo line.

CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILY "SAVE THE DATES"

- Wed. Nov 22nd and Sun. Nov 26th – No Confirmation or Sunday School
- Sun. Dec 10th – Program dress rehearsal during Sunday School (PreK – 5th grade)
- Fri. Dec 15th at 5:45pm – F3: Christmas cookies & winter games
- Sun. Dec 17th at 10:45am – Children's Christmas Program

CHURCH DECORATING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd. Join us for fun and fellowship as we decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. We will start at 9am and plan to be finished before noon.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING:

- Mavis Ludowese, mother of Michelle Straka
- Elaine Thurston
- Curt Peterson
- Margie Hartmann
- Phyllis & Marvin Kuhlman, parents of Pastor Christine
- Pastor Brad Pearson, friend of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Carrol Stuber, mother of Jenna VanHout
- Dave Teslow
- Sue Wilkie, friend of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Jennie Hendrickson family and baby Ian Ruhberg Hendrickson
- Kathleen Anderson, cousin of Ron & Pat Nelson

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYER FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Dale & Julie Magee, Jamie Manzi-Moore, Dick Matson, Andy & Stacy McGrath and family, Kari McWithey

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH LIVES WITH THE LOVE OF GOD

VEAP is our Four Core service partner for the month of November. VEAP is a basic needs and social services organization whose programs promote access to healthy foods, stable housing, and transportation. Please consider giving financially or volunteering with this organization. To give, place a check in the offering with 'VEAP' in the memo line or give online and pick 'VEAP' in the 'to' field.

This Week At Community of the Cross

Today is November 19, 2023—25th Sunday after Pentecost

	8:45 am	Traditional Service w/Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Celebration Sunday Breakfast
	9:45 am	Sunday School/ Fellowship
	10:45 am	Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion
Mon 11/20	5:00 pm	Monday Night Woman's Book Club
	6:00 pm	Monday Night Men's Fellowship
Tue 11/21	8:45 am	Faithfully Fit
	9:00 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship / MR
	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study
Wed 11/22	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
	6:30 pm	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Pie Social
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11/23 & 24 Office Closed due to Thanksgiving

Next Sunday is November 26th, 2023—26th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Matthew 25:31-46

9:30 am Unity Sunday

GS=Gathering Space MR=Meeting room FH=Fellowship Hall 3-9=Classrooms MO=Main Offices
NX=Narthex NY=Nursery SA=Sanctuary YR=Youth Room

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