

## **Community of the Cross Lutheran Church**

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**Ministers: Every Member**

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

#### **Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

#### **Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

### Today's Worship Assistants:

- Greeters - Norma Monson and Judy Johnson
- Ushers—Ron Nelson, Rick Knight, Eric Holm, Bruce Lindberg, Dale & Julie Magee, Chuck Sletten
- Reader – Scott Swanson • Children's Sermon - Terry Peterson

### CHURCH DECORATING

Please join us for fun and fellowship on **Saturday, December 4th** as we decorate the sanctuary, narthex and fellowship area for the Advent/Christmas season. We will start at 9am and plan to be finished before noon. Coffee, cider and a light breakfast will be available.

### BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

CCLC is sending 12 high schoolers to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in July. Please support them in this “once in a lifetime” mountaintop experience by purchasing delicious Butter Braids as Christmas gifts or treats to enjoy and share with loved ones over the holidays. Please make your payment at the same time as you place your order by filling out the form in the Welcome Center by Wednesday, December 1. Your Butter Braids will be available for pick up at church on Wednesday, December 15th.

### LITTLE RINGERS SIGNUPS

All children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to participate at two upcoming worship services at CCLC! December 12 at the beginning of the 10:30am Contemporary Service and December 24, Christmas Eve Festival Worship at 4:00 pm. For more details, please see the weekly email. Contact Jamie at [music@cclcmn.org](mailto:music@cclcmn.org) or 952-239-6730 or via the sign up genius on the weekly email.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Please join us on Sunday December 19 at the 8:45am worship, as the Chancel Choir and Jubilation Ringers perform “Shine The Light Of Your Love“. Then stay and watch our children in their Christmas Program at the 10:30 worship. These programs will surely help to prepare your hearts and minds for the Christmas Season!

### THANK YOU, LOIS!

Lois Larson will be retiring from her official Parish Nurse position as of the end of the year, but will continue volunteering her time as leader for the Women's Bible Study, Faithfully Fit, Prayer Chain and Blood Drive. Please express your appreciation for her nearly 12 years of service to our church!

### OASIS FOR YOUTH “DONATE AND DO” CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We want to fill 50 Christmas stockings for the kids at Oasis for Youth! Each stocking will contain a \$20 Target gift card, hot chocolate, popcorn, stocking stuffers, and a special picture from our Sunday School kids. You can “Donate” by putting gift cards or checks into the offering at church by December 12th (please note “Oasis Stockings” in the memo line). You can “Do” by volunteering to purchase stocking stuffers or by joining us for F3 on Friday, December 17th. Please contact Jenna at [childrensministry@cclcmn.org](mailto:childrensministry@cclcmn.org) to volunteer or with any questions.

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## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### FOR HEALTH/WELLBEING:

- **Ruth Behrens, friend of Rita Docter and former CCLC member**
- **Trevor Randall, cousin of Natalie Boehne**
- **Lloyd Knight, brother of Rick Knight**
- Joleen Hover
- Violet Madison, cousin of Ann Flood
- Maria Clara, cousin of Lindsey Anderson
- Rose West
- Amanda Noonkester, friend of Gary & Linda Johnson
- Bea Carlson, friend of Larry & Jane Hansen
- Claudia Winkler
- Larry Hansen
- Heidi Hendrickson
- Sue and Chuck Metsala
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Ryan Van Riper

### IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYER FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Zaira & Jeff Blackburn, Brad & Shannon Bodick, Ben & Amy Boeding, Natalie Boehne, Eric & Jenna Burfeind

### IN COMFORT AND SYMPATHY

- For Carla Steinbach-Huther and family upon the death of her mother, Carole Steinbach

### \*\*\*A RETURN TO NORMAL—BEGINNING IN ADVENT\*\*

Beginning in Advent, we will resume traditional Communion Distribution during Sunday morning worship services. Individual cups will still be available for those who prefer to commune in their seats. Those who would prefer to come forward to commune will wear masks in line, lower them briefly to consume the bread and wine, and then replace their masks while returning to their seats.

## 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.

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## **This Week At Community of the Cross**

### **Today is November 28, 2021—First Sunday of Advent**

	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Unity Worship</b> No Faith Education/Fellowship
Tues 11/30	9:00 am	Men's Coffee/MR
	9:00 am	Faithfully Fit
	10:15 am	Bible Study/GS
	1:00 pm	Parish Nurse Office Hours/MO
Wed 12/1	6:30 pm	Confirmation/FH/MR/GS
	6:30 pm	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal/SA
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/SA
Thur 12/2	7:00 pm	Theology On Tap—Northstar Tavern

### **Next Sunday - December 5, 2021**

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4,1 Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship w/HC</b>
9:40 am	3YJ Rehearsal/SA
9:40 am	Adult Forum 5. Lord's Prayer-Jim Nestingen (DVD)/MR
9:45 am	Faith Education
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship</b>