



Making disciples who make disciples
Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020

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Next Parish Council Meeting

December 16, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Please Note:

Faith Lutheran Church Council has informed us that the heating and cooling system in the Sanctuary will be replaced between Nov. 20 and December 13. This means there will be NO A/C and NO heating available during that time. Please bring a jacket or sweater if you are prone to getting chilled. Thank you!

In Word – Open the Eyes of My Heart

While reading Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, a verse stood out to musician Paul Baloche, and became the impetus for his praise song, *Open the Eyes of My Heart*. Baloche said, "The Apostle Paul was writing a letter to the Ephesians and he says, 'I pray that the eyes of your heart would be enlightened.' That verse stirred in my heart. One morning, while playing during a ministry time at my church, I began to sing that phrase over and over again: 'Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.' The whole song pretty much rolled off my tongue while prayerfully playing my guitar and singing out to Him. It really is a simple song that reflected the sincere prayer of my heart."

He used that verse, Ephesian 1:18, as the foundational lyric over the melody of the U2 song, *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

The heart was considered the center of human emotion in biblical times (and still figuratively today as seen in the shape of boxes of chocolate for Valentine's Day, the statement, "I love you with all my heart," and the description of severe emotional despair as a "broken heart"). So, the eyes of our heart provide emotional sight that helps us love—ourselves, each other, and the world.

This verse is part of the New Testament epistle for this Sunday and is part of the first of three prayers Paul offers in that letter on behalf of the church in Ephesus.

*Because of this I also, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, making mention in my prayers,¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him¹⁸ (the **eyes of your hearts** having been enlightened), so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints,¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty strength²⁰ which he has worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not*

only in this age but also in the coming one,²² and he subjected all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way. — Ephesians 1:15–23 (LEB)

Paul is asking God to give the Ephesian church a spirit of "wisdom and revelation." For a fledgling church growing in a city that featured a huge pagan worship center that was one of the seven Wonders of the Ancient World (Temple of Artemis at Ephesus), clear direction from God and the wisdom to apply it properly in that community would have been critically important.

Likewise, in our own culture today. We need to consistently seek God's revelation to us, instead of trying to convince him to do what we think he should to. And we need wisdom. Knowledge is important, but knowledge poorly applied loses its benefit. A short definition of the differences is that knowledge is an accumulation of information, while wisdom is most productive use of it. The oft-quoted example is that *knowledge* is realizing a tomato is a fruit and *wisdom* is not putting it in a fruit salad (*philosophy* is wondering if that means ketchup is a smoothie).

Our secular culture as well as our Christian culture need God's wisdom. Ours obviously hasn't worked out very well. We need to ask God to open the eyes of our own hearts, because seeing him through our hearts changes how we see the world.

In Christ,
Fr. Austin



Readings for November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46



Those Who Serve Sunday

Altar Guild ~ Sherri Wayman
Ushers ~ Randy & Patty Smith
Lessons ~ Frank Durham
Prayers ~ Sherri Wayman
Chalice ~ Sherri Wayman



Altar Guild has the Church Year Calendars

available for \$5 each. They are available in the foyer. Please leave your payment in the basket. Thank you and God bless you.



K-B Books will be here Sunday!

We all look forward to the annual visit from Kathryn Bunch. Many of you already know that K-B Books carries a large inventory of books and gifts for healing, peace, joy and much more. Kathryn and her books will be here Sunday, Nov. 22. Please come and show your support for her wonderful ministry.



Devotional Books

The new edition of *Our Daily Bread* is available in the Narthex. This issue will cover December – February. If you are unable to come

to church and would like a copy, please let the office know and we will get one to you.

CtR's Advent Devotion will be available at the Wednesday evening Thanksgiving service. As usual, the devotions will be emailed daily. If you prefer a paper copy, or know someone who does not receive email, please let the office know and we will make sure you get one.



Greetings! It is that time of year for poinsettias for the altar on Christmas Eve. A donation of \$15 is suggested for a live poinsettia. After the service, they will be given to shut-ins and residents at Yuma Nursing Care who do not have family or friends visiting. Order forms can be found at the end of this newsletter and in the Narthex on Sunday.



Sunday, November 22

KB Books is here!

11:30a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 24

6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Job

9:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares – CtR Library

1 – 3 p.m. Bible Study at Dorothy Warner's home

Wednesday, November 25

2:00 p.m. Bible Study - Pauline Letters (Romans)

5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Ecumenical Healing Service

Thursday, November 26 ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 29 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

FUTURE DATES to Keep in Mind

Dec. 16 Prayer, Praise & Healing Service, 5:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Join Fr. Austin on a Trip to Israel!

This trip will depart Feb. 22 and return March 1. Brochures and Registration forms for Fr. Austin's trip are available in the Narthex at church, or by contacting the office.



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Dorothy Green, Mary Mansfield, Ann Traverso, Linda Pruden, Denise, Connie, Sue, Scotty Haskell, St. Paul's Church (Payson, AZ), Christopher Randle, Diane Manning, Fr. Austin, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Mickey Greenlund, Zachary, Kathy Watson, Tyler, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

Prayers for the Deanery of AZ

The Rev. Steven and Darci Balog, with their children Nicholas, Jonathan, Ashely, and James, Holy Spirit Anglican Fellowship, Prescott, AZ

Ryan and Noleen Thurman, with their children Ethan, Keilah, Micah, and Eleyana, the House Church, "Apprenticeship to Jesus," serving Grand Canyon University, Phoenix

Do you have a prayer request that you would like to submit? Our Thursday prayer group will be praying for all submissions at our weekly meetings. Kindly submit your prayers to Deacon Linda via email – llstokes1@me.com, or call at 928-259- 6620, or fill out a form found in your bulletin during our worship service. All prayers are kept confidential.



CtR Prayer Project

Romans 12:5-So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

The enemy of God (Satan) must be having a heyday with this pandemic. People in lockdown. Weddings and funerals postponed. Churches worshipping through live streaming. No passing the Peace, coffee hour, or house calls. Elbow taps instead of hugs. Communion limited to just wafers and no wine, or the use of pre-packaged kits. That's how it was this past Spring before we headed to the mountains, and my hubby and I were participating, but there was definitely something lacking. Before I was able to put my finger on what that something was, we headed off to the cooler part of Arizona, where we were able to attend worship services in the open air, in a grassy patch under the pine trees. And there wasn't a single case of Covid-19 on the Rim during the four months we were there. During the monsoon season, it usually rains up there every day, but with worship at 10am and the rains in the afternoon, we weren't inconvenienced at all. We just distanced ourselves by placing our lawn chairs far enough apart to keep us safe. Now we're back at our home church, happy to be worshipping in person, but still missing something. What is it? I now know that it's the oneness we share in Christ. It's the closeness we feel when we're able to touch, hug, and interact with each other and feel the community and love within the Body of Christ. And it's the mystical presence of Christ we experience each time we drink from the common Communion cup. The pre-packaged Communion, with the pill-sized wafer securely nestled between the plastic cup of juice and the plastic tab on top is better than nothing at all, but it misses the mark when it comes to reminding us of the Last Supper, when Christ first instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Eucharist is meant to be a time of thanksgiving. Christ instructed His

disciples to eat His Body and drink His Blood in thanksgiving for His sacrifice, once for all, on the Cross. That sacrifice led to our salvation, and we owe Him a debt of gratitude for taking our punishment for sins upon Himself. The cup not only reminds us of His Crucifixion, but also of the anticipated Marriage of the Lamb to His Bride, the Church. We take Communion in remembrance of Him, to keep His memory fresh in our minds as we await His return . Now Covid-19 is even threatening to rob us of the Christian community we enjoy at Thanksgiving and Christmas: Limit the number of family members we invite. Eat outside. Try to limit our talking and singing. Don't distribute leftovers. Separate the old folks from the younger set, or better yet, tell the elderly to stay home this year. Oh, yes, Satan has us right where he wants us---as distanced from each other as he can get us; but he can't distance us from our Lord, because our God lives in us, and we in Him. Will the habit of distancing ourselves continue when the pandemic is over? Each of us must decide for ourselves, but I hope and pray it won't.

Praying in One Accord-It is difficult to be in one accord with the Body of Christ when we must distance ourselves during a pandemic.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, Your Word tells us You are present in the breaking of the bread; You Yourself are the Living Bread. As we worship in strange new ways, keep us ever mindful of You and our purpose for worshiping with one another. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Heavenly Father, thank You for keeping us one with You, as the world and this pandemic call for distancing and less interaction; thank You for reminding us that in spite of inconveniences and challenges, we still have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in Christ. Amen.

The Judgment of the Sheep and the Goats Matthew 25:31-46

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*Poinsettia Altar
Flowers for
Christmas Eve*

From: _____

*Indicate in Memory of or
Thanksgiving for:*

Amount of donation: _____

Suggested donation is \$ 15

*Thank you for supporting the Altar Guild
with your offering.*