



Making disciples who make disciples
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

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Next Parish Council Meeting

December 16 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 – Thanksgiving

This week marked Thanksgiving, a national holiday that is entirely religious in origin and purpose, despite secular protestations.

We've probably all heard the fanciful tales of the "First Thanksgiving," in which the Pilgrims were starving until Squanto and his buddies brought over some maize (corn), turkey, and side dishes, after which they watched Ye Olde Detroit Lions lose to the New England Patriots—or some variation thereof.

The truth about our nation's first Thanksgiving is more complex, but the focus was always about thanking God for his providence, even in the midst of adversity.

It's easy for us to thank God for wonderful things that happen to us. We see sports stars and celebrities thanking God for victories or awards (and it's great when they do that), but we never hear about an athlete thanking God for a torn meniscus in the second quarter, or an actor for being passed over for an academy award.

Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, shows us a different perspective in which that idea of thankfulness, even during rough times, should be common for us.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be made known to all people. The Lord is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. —
Philippians 4:4–7 (LEB)*

One thing we need to remember when reading this letter is that Paul wrote it while in a Roman prison. Imagine you're in the Yuma jail awaiting trial because you don't have bail money, and you match the description of a fugitive. You haven't done anything wrong, but you're in jail anyway. Would you be rejoicing? Probably not, but that's exactly what Paul tells us to do. The trials and tribulations in our lives can strengthen our faith, or they can destroy it if we allow ourselves to lose hope.

Being a Christian doesn't protect us against life's hardships; it enables us to endure them. We will definitely have hardships as Christians—that's promised to us. "Pick up your cross and follow me" is not a description of lifelong ease.

The Thanksgiving we offered on Thursday was for everything God has allowed for us, and to us. Paul's statement regarding thankfulness includes an admonition against worrying. Anxiety is worry. If you are anxious about something, you're worrying. Changing the name doesn't change the behavior. Worrying doesn't change anything, but prayer does—most importantly, it changes us. That's why Jesus and Paul tell us to pray instead of worrying. By the way, doing what Jesus specifically tells us not to do is sin. There's no exemption for parents

about their children, or pending medical procedures, or term papers.

An attitude of thankfulness, however, carries over into all other aspects of our lives and personality. Thankful people are more enjoyable to be around. Curmudgeonry isn't a spiritual gift, and people who complain a lot would hardly be described as "thankful." Thankfulness yields a pleasant disposition.

We will go through the difficulties in our lives regardless of our attitude toward them. Our opinion of events does nothing to alter them. We can be dejected or rejoice. Paul tells us to choose the latter, because God's grace will see us through the difficult times. He will never forsake us.

For that we should be thankful

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



Readings for November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Those Who Serve Sunday

Altar Guild ~ Mary Sue Houston
Ushers ~ Jim Slater & Chuck Warner
Lessons ~ Al Manning
Prayers ~ Dorothy Warner
Chalice ~ Jeffrey Polston & Mary Sue Houston

CTR Prayer Project

2 Kings 2:9-When they had crossed over [the Jordan on dry ground], Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

I find it interesting that both Moses and Elijah died and were taken up to heaven in unusual ways. Moses was buried by God where nobody could find his body, and Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind. Unlike famous kings of Israel, including King David, these two prophets of God have no fancy tombs here on earth, where men may visit and pay homage to them. But we haven't heard the last of them in the Pentateuch. Matthew 17 tell us that they were present at the Transfiguration, when Christ's face shown like the sun and His garments were as white as light. And many believe that the two witnesses in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 11, are Moses and Elijah, sent to prophecy in Jerusalem for 1260 days near the time of Christ's Second Coming. Both of these men were filled with the Holy Spirit of God. We might even say they were filled to overflowing. Have you ever known anyone who seemed to have an abundance of Christ's Spirit? I have. I've wished I could be more like my friend, who always seems to say and do the right thing. Aaron and Miriam wished they could be more like Moses, and in this passage from 2 Kings, we find Elisha asking for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. I've had people ask me to pray for their specific needs. I tell them they have the Holy Spirit living in them and can ask God themselves. They tell me no, they prefer to have someone with a "direct line" do it. I happen to believe that we all have a direct line. I believe that it isn't about how much of God's Spirit we have in us; it is about how much of His Spirit we have surrendered to. It's about how we release God's Spirit within us and allow Him to take control of all the parts of our being. I remember writing a devotion for our women's group at church many years ago, in which I shared that I used to only allow the Spirit of God in me to occupy my baby toe. But now, each morning I surrender all that I am, all that I have, and all that Christ's Spirit and I will be doing together

that day. If we are Christians, we have committed our lives to Him. He is our Head. Our old self has died and it is Christ who is now living in us. What good is it to have the pilot of our plane sitting in the Coach Section with us? It's time to invite the Pilot to take His rightful seat in the cockpit of our lives.

Praying in One Accord-The Holy Spirit of God indwells all believers. If we want to be in one accord with our Lord and our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must surrender our will to that of the Holy One living in us.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, we want You to be the Pilot of our lives and the Head of Your Church; help us surrender our entire being to You daily. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Almighty Father, You have given all power and authority in heaven and on earth to Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; thank You for sending Your Spirit to live in each of us and enable us to love, serve, and obey Him. Amen.



Do you have a prayer request that you would like to submit?

Our Thursday morning 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.

Noisy Offering is Back!

The Noisy Offering Can will be in the back of the church every Sunday. Your Noisy Offerings will be totaled each month and delivered to the selected charity.



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.



Poinsettia Orders

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 29 1st Sunday of Advent
11:30a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 1
6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Psalms
9:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares – CtR Library
1 – 3 p.m. Bible Study at Dorothy Warner's home

Wednesday, December 2
2:00 p.m. Bible Study - Pauline Letters
5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Thursday, December 3
10 a.m. – Noon Women's Prayer Group - CtR Library

Sunday, December 6 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent
11:30 a.m. Worship Service



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 Pat Galloway, 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 Arizona

The Rev. Austin and Mary Mansfield, Christ the Redeemer, Yuma, AZ

Deacon Linda Stokes and Everett Whitacre, Christ the Redeemer, Yuma, AZ

Deacon John and Carol Jordan, Desert Oasis Fellowship, Las Vegas

Be on the Alert!

Mark 13:24-37



*Poinsettia Altar
Flowers for
Christmas Eve*

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Suggested donation is \$ 15

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