

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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Let us pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Suggested Bible readings for the last week of the Church year:

- M Zechariah 10:1-12; Galatians 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30.
- T Zechariah 11:4-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43.
- W Zechariah 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10.
- Th Zechariah 13:1-9; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27.
- F Zechariah 14:1-11; Romans 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40.
- S Zechariah 14:12-21; Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 19:41-48.

Next Sunday's Texts- First Sunday of Advent

## Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Hebrew Scriptures, righteousness is not so much a moral virtue as the fulfillment of the responsibilities of a relationship among people or with God. God acts righteously in speaking against Israel's faithlessness and in working salvation for them. "The Lord is our righteousness" – serves as a sign that the Lord is even now working salvation for the people.

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

From Timothy, Paul hears about the faithful congregation in Thessalonica and is moved to express his thanks to God. He prays that the congregation may grow in love and holiness until "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints."

## Luke 21:25-36

When God brings the creation to fulfillment, there will be dismay, perplexity, fright, and shaking heavens. But with this vision also come words of assurance: for the faithful, it will be a time not to cower in fear, but to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

## **Brief reflection on the readings for Sunday:**

Like an expectant mother, the church in Advent prepares for an arrival: we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth and look forward to Christ's coming again at the end of history. But here and now—in scripture and preaching, in water and bread and wine—God comes to us.

### **Let us pray...**

*For those in need of healing and comfort:* Members: Sue Hough, Helga Furnes, Peg Wesche, Bob Wesche, Linda Pleva, Arlene Juliano and Sarah Mora.

Friends of the Congregation: Marilyn Marquis, friend of the Leones, reoccurrence of cancer; Jerry Otten, friend of the Hollerans, surgery for gangrene; Karen Watts, Debra Finney's sister, surgery, Dec 1; Pastor Andy Ballentine, (Glenn and Rae Carlson's pastor); Sue Hough, recovering at home; Faye Holmes, (mother of Sue Hough) cancer reoccurrence; Margaret (friend of the Schiess' and Tim Carlsons), lung cancer; Andy, father of a member, prostate cancer; Kenneth Volek, relative of Arlene Juliano; Mary Curtis, friend of Trudi Black's, breast cancer; Christine Lawrence, friend of Eileen Remlin's, breast cancer; Joy Kotrch, (Ken Furnes' cousin), pancreatic cancer; Ty Bordenet, (friend of Eric Dreher's daughter), seriously injured in a motorcycle accident; Raymond Plouffe, husband of Lynn Heim's co-worker; Victor Poklemba, brother of Helen Steinnagel, brain cancer; Jean McKinnon (metastasized breast cancer) and her husband Alex (friends of the Jacksons); Bill Giarla (friend of Billie Flaherty), Lou Gehrig's disease; Frank, prostate cancer; Edward Szugla, Alex Szulga, Gertrude Heim, Lynn Bernardini, Larry Belotti.

*For peace with justice for all peoples of the Middle East.*

### **Happenings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church this week and beyond:**

Monday, November 27	King Solomon	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 28	The Use and Means of Grace - Adult Forum Why we worship the way we do.	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 30	Bell Choir Senior Choir	6:45 PM 7:30 PM
Friday, Dec 1	World AIDS Day	
Friday-Saturday, Dec 2	Pastor Away for Synod Council Meeting	
Sunday, December 3	First Sunday of Advent Services at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:15 AM	

**Shepherd's Pantry** supplies non-perishable food items for the Monroe Food Pantry. The requested items for the month of November are: stuffing and potatoes (fresh, canned or boxes of instant mashed potatoes) December food items needed are: hot chocolate mix, mustard, canned mushrooms, canned olives.

The Youth Group is conducting a **cell phone drive** to donate to the battered women's shelter. This drive will run through the end of December. Thank you for your support.

The Youth Group is also collecting hats, mittens, and gloves for the Salvation Army. A box for your donations is located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Almighty God, be with all AIDS victims and their caregivers. Help us all to become advocates for those afflicted with this disease, and supporters of programs which will prevent the spread of this deadly virus, through Jesus Christ, the great healer, Amen. ***Pastor Bryan A. Leone***