

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

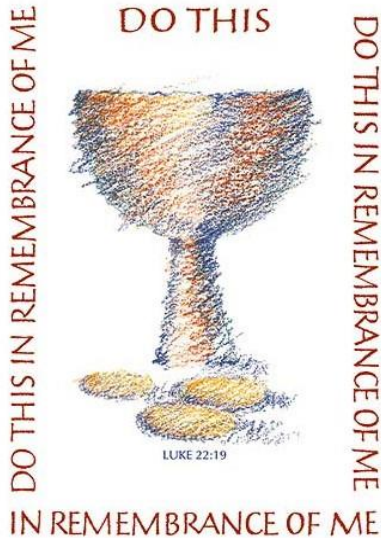
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The Rev. Marty Ramey, Interim Pastor

A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins and repent, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

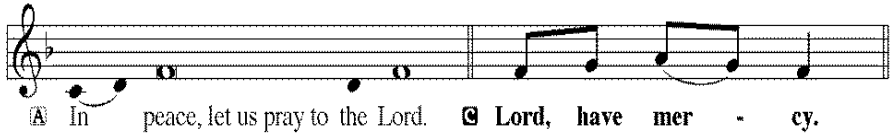
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LBW 229**

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

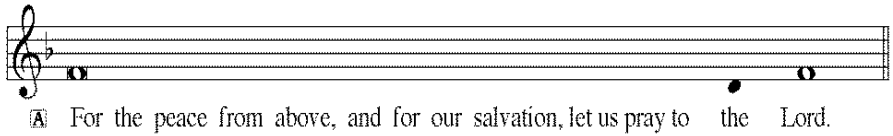
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

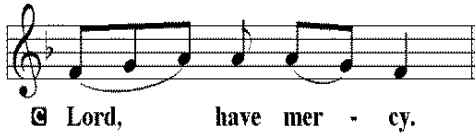
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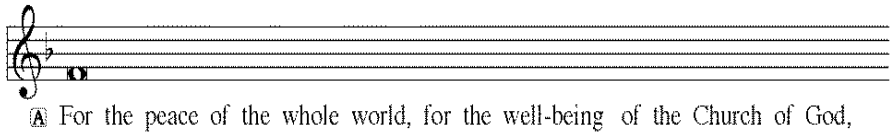
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



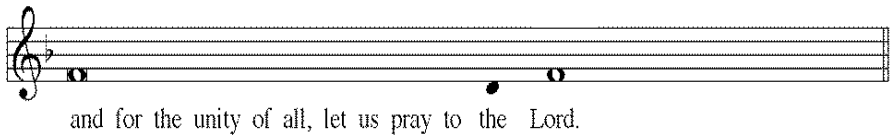
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



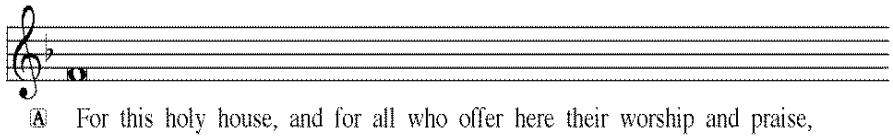
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



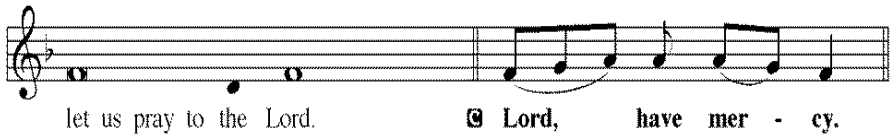
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



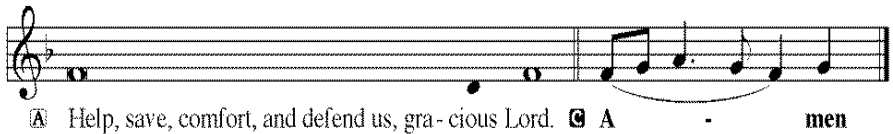
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

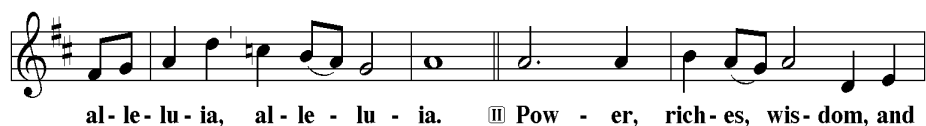


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"



☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*SALUTATION

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast
 in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them
 against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Revelations 14: 6-7 (ESV)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ **Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: Romans 3: 19-28 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human

being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

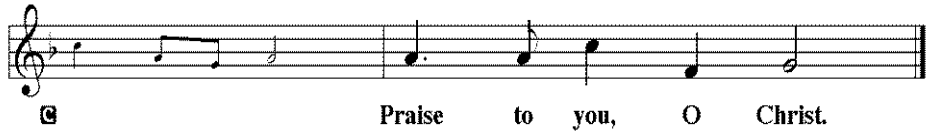
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 8: 31-36 (ESV)**

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say,

‘You will become free?’”³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON

“Fried Chicken”

Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LBW 369

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



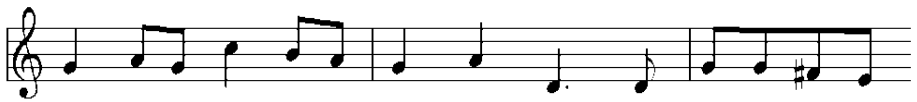
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

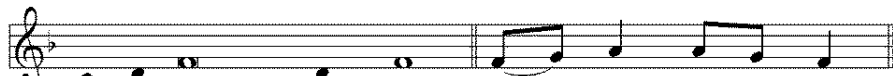
Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first give

us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

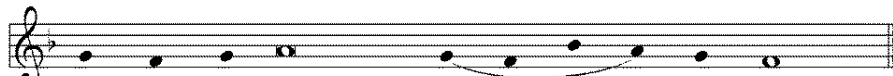
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



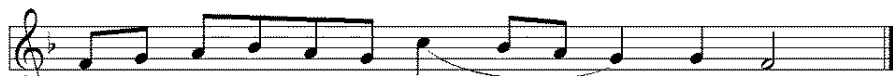
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*THE EUCHARISTIC PREFACE

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 740 & 709

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *“Thank the Lord”*

☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen

***CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High The Cross" LBW 377**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Meditation for Extinguishing Candle Susan Caudle.

POSTLUDE (Please stand as you are able)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Holden and Dixie's birthday by their family.

Today, we welcome Justin Harrison, Caden and Hadley Pless to the Lord's Table as they have completed instruction in First Communion. They will come forward with their families first to receive Holy Communion.

A **Love Offering** will be collected today for **Western NC**.

Time change is THIS Saturday night. Please remember to move your clocks **BACK 1 hr**—don't be late for church!

BBQ Pre-orders are due this **FRIDAY November 1** to Kristi Drye or Gail Leonard

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting to be held on **Nov. 3, 2024** before service. The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov.10, 2024** following service. If you have questions, please visit with a member of the Church Council. May God continue to bless us at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church! These are the nomination names: Sharon Duncan, Wayne Peck, Larry Barbee, Will Drye, Ashleigh Ennis and Chris Bost

Wednesday Night Bible Study is at **7pm**.

Our next **Blood Drive** with One Blood is during our next monthly breakfast on **November 16th**. With all the chaos and destruction going on, lifesaving blood is needed. 1 unit can help save up to 3 people in need. Please prayerfully consider this live saving gift. And eat iron enriched food. See Jodie if you need help signing up.

“Soldiers of Cross of Christ had a hymn sing with Coltrane Life Center attendees last Friday 10.18.24. It was well received by them as they joined in with us on their favorite hymns. On **Friday Dec 6, 2024** we will be singing Christmas hymns and carols with them and would love to have anyone that wanted to come and sing with us to also come. A reminder will be in the future bulletins”

Practice schedule for the December **Singing in the Season:**

- Nov 3rd - Immediately after the service
- Nov 10th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
- Nov 17th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
- Nov 24th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
- Dec 1st - 2 pm until 5 pm Practice
- Dec 5th (Thursday) 7 pm until 8:30 pm Practice

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 42</u> <u>Date: October 20, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$157,858.68
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$2,565.36	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$150,336.91
Last week (Deficit)	(\$1,193.18)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$7,521.77)



October 27, 2024

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List.

Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayercccl@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Kay Barbee; Phyllis Campbell (Surgery recovery from fistula placement); Chuck Drye; Robin Drye; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Tom Harkins; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Cross of Christ Video – “Who are we?” – prep activities; 4) Prospective pastors see our profile and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Pastor Charles Barrier (Son of Ronnie and Brenda Barrier – testing to determine best method of treatment for stage 4 lung cancer); Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford; Brynn Fesler; Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; David Goforth; Liz Hallman; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston (Friend of Carl Pless, Jr – Congestive Heart Failure); Faye Huneycutt; Jane Jansen; Clare Justice (Fiancee of Caleb Campbell – Recovery from right wrist surgery); Melissa Krumbien; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Gabby Monty; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Vaughn Morris (Newborn Grandson of Keith & Cathy Smith – NICU in critical condition); Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Mickey Rogers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Phillip Teeter; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison

General Prayer Concerns:

· All those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

**** Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, card, or email along with your prayers**

Today October 27, 2024

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service 10:00 AM

This Week

MON - 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice
WED - 7 PM Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Next Sunday's Readings

All Saints' Sunday
Revelations 7: 2-17
Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-13
St. Matthew 5: 1-12

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