

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 8, 2024

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* **LBW 551**

*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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: “*Glory Be To The Father*”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

(ESV)

Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 146 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ **Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ **who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ **The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

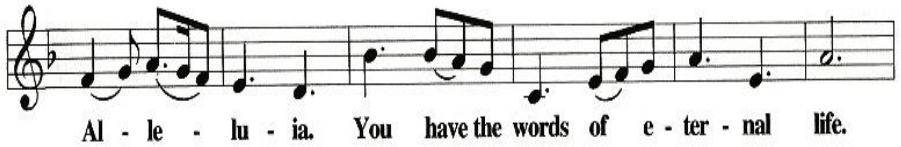
SECOND READING: James 2: 1-10, 14-18 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 7: (24-30) 31-37 (ESV)**

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his

tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Kibbles and Bits”

Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN

“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LBW 480

* AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

LBW 198

AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*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**

*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

*SENDING HYMN *“Eternal Father, Strong To Save”* **LBW 467**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (**Please stand as you are able**)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the Congregation.

The **PBnJ Youth** will meet this afternoon at **3:30**.

WELCOME! We welcome into the congregation of Cross of Christ, **Jeremy and Kaleena Tripp**. They are the parents of Poppy, who was baptized here in July, and the daughter and son-in-law of Wayne and Julie Peck. Jeremy and Kaleena will become members of Cross of Christ in the Affirmation of Baptism during worship today. Welcome to the family!

Reminder **today** is the last day for Car, Truck and Bike show donations, please place them in the offering plate and mark as **Car Show Donations**.

Every **Monday 7:00 pm** Soldiers of Cross of Christ Practice.

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

On Sunday, **September 15th** there will be an interest meeting immediately after church to gauge interest in holding a "Carols" type service on Saturday, December 7th that engages all ages of singing voices at Cross of Christ. If you have an interest in singing in a choir (children and adults) with the service followed possibly by cookies and punch, please meet at the front of the church. Any questions prior to the interest meeting can be directed to Leonard Campbell

New Prayer List Process - Requests to add a person or group are to be sent to the **PrayerCCLC@gmail.com** by 5pm Tuesday.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 35</u> <u>Date: September 1, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$131,548.90
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$2,965.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$128,711.55
Last week (Deficit)	(\$793.54)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$2,837.35)



September 08, 2024

A little reminder about our prayer list.

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

Prayer List Email: PrayerCCLC@gmail.com to request additions or changes.

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; 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

Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford;
Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; David Goforth; Liz Hallman; Tanja Harward; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Faye Huneycutt; Jane Jansen; Melissa Krumbien; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Gabby Monty; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Mickey Rogers;
Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Sally and Phillip Teeter; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young..

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison

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

Today - September 08, 2024

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
PBnJ Meeting	3:30 PM

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 Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50: 4-10

Psalm 116: 1-9

James 3: 1-12

St. Mark 9: 14-29

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