
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 †

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 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 us, forgive us all our 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 *“Blessed Assurance”* **WOV 699**

*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"

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God,
**you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle.
Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to
order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11: 18-20

(ESV)

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 54 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

O God, save me by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

² **O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.

⁴ **Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

⁵ He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

⁶ **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3: 13 – 4:10 (ESV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **4** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9: 30-37 (ESV)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know,³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN

"I was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

WOV 770

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 “Go My Children, With My Blessing” WOV 721**

***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 and in honor of Samantha and Nathan Bojko 4th wedding anniversary.

October Newsletter Articles are Due **Today**

WORSHIP FORMAT CHANGE Beginning next Sunday, September 29th, Cross of Christ will be using the liturgy in Setting 1 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Worship and Music Committee proposed this change, and Church Council agreed. The liturgical format in the LBW follows the tradition of the church in using direct scriptural texts and references to connect us to our biblical foundation as we offer our thanks and praise to God.

At some point in the near future, **Pastor Marty** would like to offer a short course on the origin of the parts of the liturgy for those who might be interested. Time and date will be arranged later.

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

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

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: 37</u> <u>Date: September 15, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs: \$3,758.54		YTD Budget Needs: \$139,065.98	
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received \$2,965.00		YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$134,581.55	
Last week (Deficit) (\$793.54)		YTD (Deficit) (\$4,484.43)	



September 022, 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... 1 Timothy 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 (Lumbar surgery on 9/19/24 & recovery);
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

Family of Pauline Corriher (Sister of Harry and Norman Goodman)
Family of Sally Teeter (Gail Leonard's Father-in-Laws Sister)
Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford;
Brynn Fesler (Daughter of Pastor Marty Ramey); Wanda Floyd;
David Gandy; David Goforth; Liz Hallman; 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; Phillip Teeter; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison

Praise List:

Tonja Harward – Sister of Kelly Caudle – wants to thank the church for all their prayers. She is recovering well from the surgery and hospital stay.

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

Today - September 22, 2024

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship 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 Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 104: 27-35

James 5: (1-12) 13-20

St. Mark 9: 38-50

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