

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 †

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 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.

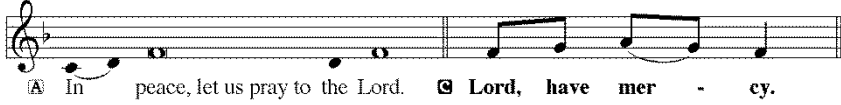
Amen

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

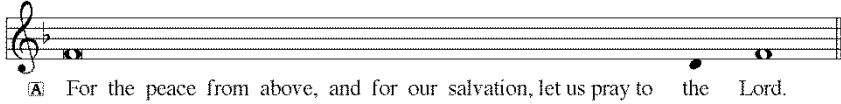
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



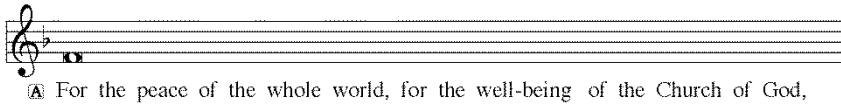
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



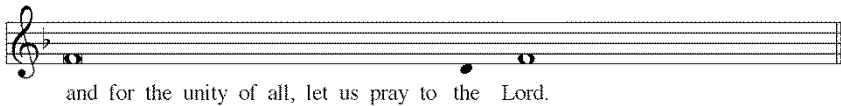
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



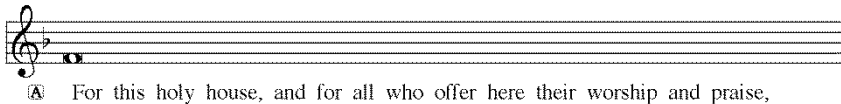
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



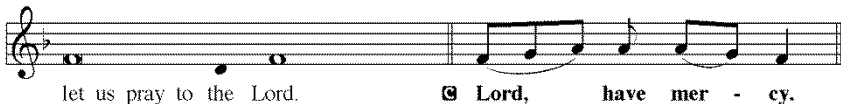
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



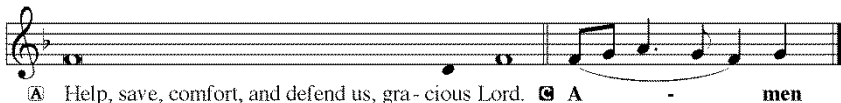
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

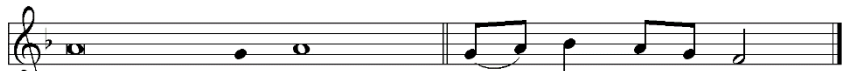


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you.

♩ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love,

you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Numbers 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (ESV)

⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” ¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 104: 27-35 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

²⁷ These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ **When you give it to them, they gather it up;**

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die

and return to their dust.

³⁰ **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,**

and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works,

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,**

who touches the mountains and they smoke!

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

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

³⁴ **May my meditation be pleasing to him,**

for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: JAMES 5: 1- 20 (ESV)

5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. ⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the

Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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. Mark, the 9th chapter.

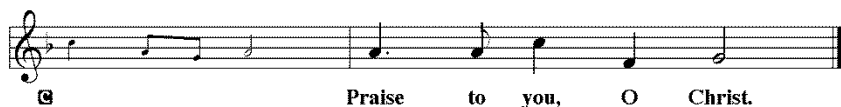
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MARK 9: 38-50 (ESV)**

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will

be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN *“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”* **LBW 479**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

ANTHEM *“WHEN MEN PRAY”* SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



☒ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*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 “Crown Him With Many Crowns” LBW 170**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation for Extinguishing Candles by Susan Caudle.

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

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The **Altar Flowers** are given by the Webb family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jacob Webb, who is celebrating his 30th birthday in heaven. He is forever loved and missed by his family and friends.

All Sexton bids are due on **TODAY September 29th**. Please include a list of supplies needed and be descriptive. Give to council president James Bailey in a sealed envelope. This includes outdoor maintenance, main church building, parish hall and Fisher Administration building.

The Serving Sheppard’s program will have a Love Offering accepted on **October 6, 2024**.

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

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

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.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 38</u> <u>Date: September 22, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$142,824.52
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$3,240.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$137,821.55
Last week (Deficit)	(\$518.54)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$5,002.97)



September 29, 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 prayerccl@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; Chuck Drye; Robin Drye; Dorothy Goodman;
Harry Goodman; Tom Harkins (Surgery 10/2/2024); Doris Kluttz;
Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube (Lumbar surgery 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

Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford;
Brynn Fesler; 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

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

Today September 29, 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

8:30 AM Executive Council Meeting
9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Holy Communion Worship Service
11:00 Am Church Council Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2: 18-25

Psalm 128

Hebrews 2: 1-18

St Mark 10: 2-16

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