

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 †

Twenty-First After Pentecost

October 13, 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.

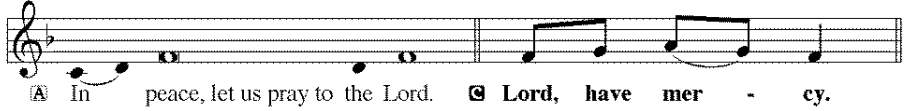
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING

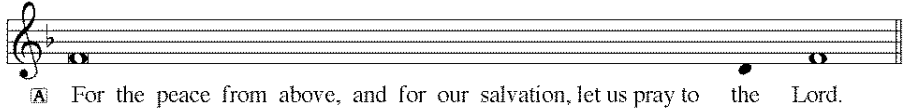
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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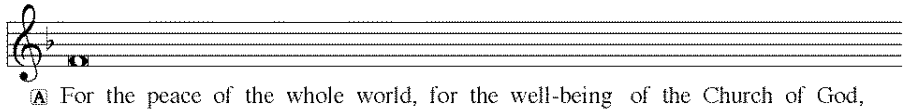
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



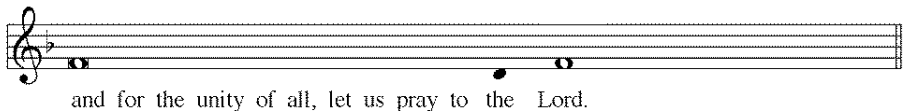
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



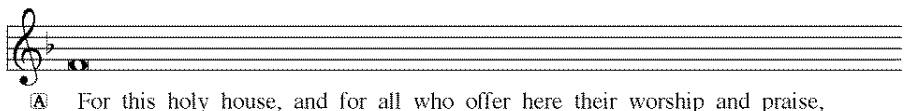
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



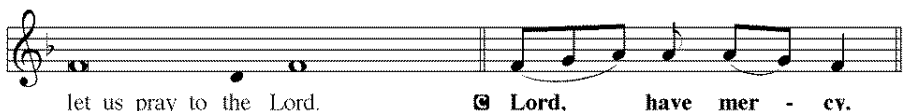
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

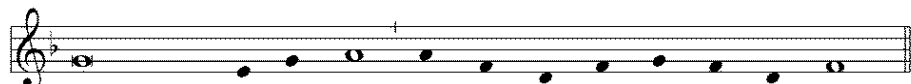


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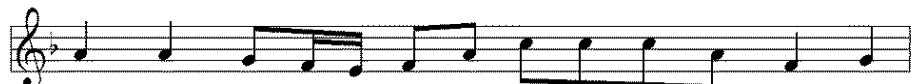


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*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. Almighty God,
source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every
day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 (ESV)

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to
the earth! ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.
¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.
¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 90: 12-17 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ **Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!**

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.


¹⁷ **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 3: 12-19 (ESV)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

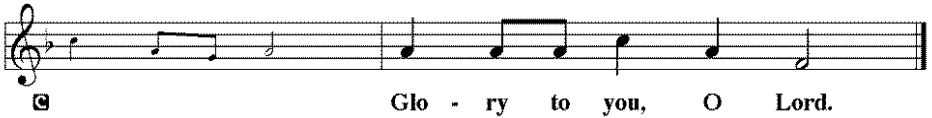
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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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 10th chapter.

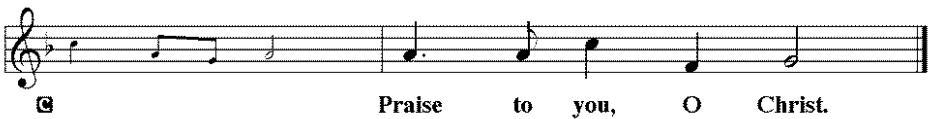


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MARK 10: 17-22 (ESV)**

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Let the Church Run”

Pastor Marty Ramey

***SERMON HYMN “Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind” LBW 506**

***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

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

“O God Our Help” LBW 320

*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.

Today is **Pastor Appreciation Day** and we would like to Thank Pastor Marty Ramsey for being our Interim Pastor during this time of transition at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have an interim pastor here and are thankful for all your support of our congregation.

The **PBnJ** meets today at 3:30 PM.

No Singing in the Season practice Today

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

Trunk or Treat is on October 26th 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Food - Games - Trunks for Tricking or Treating

Prizes for Best Trunk and Best Little Ones Costume

Judging @ 6:30 p.m.

Petting Zoo and Hay Rides

Please let Merdith know if you will be setting up a “trunk” or would like to help with games and or food on the inside. Also, we are in need of small prizes and candy for the games that will be on the inside.

November 9th, 3 PM -7 PM is the 24th Annual Youth BBQ. More details to come. If you would like to help, please let Gail or Kristi know.

BLOOD DRIVE: November 16, 2024 with One Blood will be held during the monthly breakfast again. Please eat lots of iron enriched foods. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 40</u> <u>Date: October 6, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$150,341.60
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$4,060.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$144,501.55
Last week Above Needs	\$301.46	YTD (Deficit)	(\$5,840.05)



October 13, 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 prayerccle@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 recovery); 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

Family of Pastor Harvey Blume

Pastor Charles Barrier (Son of Ronnie and Brenda Barrier – additional testing next week on a tumor found in his lung and a lymph node to determine treatment plan); 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

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 13, 2024

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM

Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

No Singing in the Season practice Today

THIS WEEK

MON: 7PM Soldiers of the Cross Practice

WED: 7PM Bible Study

SAT: 7 AM -11 AM Breakfast Fundraiser

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 5: 10-20

Psalm 119: 9-16

Hebrews 4: 1-16

St Mark 10: 23-31

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