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# ***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 †*

***Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost***  
***November 17, 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**

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, 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**

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

\*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 to God"



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



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - mighty 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:



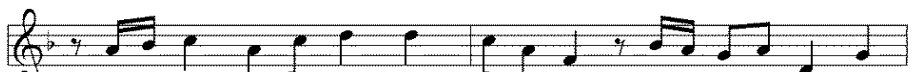
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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,

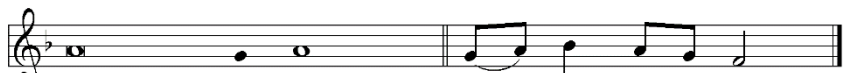


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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. Lord God,  
so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always  
keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be  
stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the  
world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

## CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### **FIRST READING DANIEL: 12: 1-3 (ESV)**

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your  
people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since  
there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be  
delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And  
many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to  
everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those  
who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those  
who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM 16 (ESV)**

### **READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

<sup>3</sup> **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.**

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> **The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

- <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup> **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.**
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.
- <sup>11</sup> **You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10: 11-25 (ESV)**

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup> then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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 13th chapter.

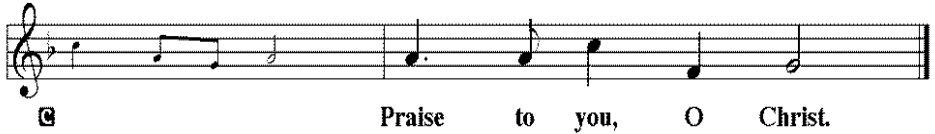
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MARK 13: 1-13 (ESV)**

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup> And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup> “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that

hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



**Sermon**      “*Ready, Set, Don't Go Yet*”      **Pastor Marty Ramey**

\*SERMON HYMN      “*Blessed Assurance*”      **WOV 699**

**\*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**

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”***

**WOV 771**

**\*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 memory of Elmer and Efford Bost by Nell Hatley and the Bost Family.

**Today** and **next Sunday** we will be taking up a love offering for funeral flowers.

Singing in the Season practice is **today** 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm.

The **NOAH** (Prayer Shawl) Group will meet tomorrow night at 6:30.

Newsletter articles are due **NEXT** week.

**Sharing Shepherds:** Nicole Hurst and I, Pastor Ramey, co-leaders of the Sharing Shepherds ministry, thank you so much for the offerings and support of this ministry. If you have “adopted” a child, please have all gifts to the church by **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions, please let Pastor Ramey know. Again, thanks and many blessings!

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring the Toys for Tots this year. The boxes will be at the back of the sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys through Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. Just think of the smiles on the children’s faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

The **2025** Altar Flower Calendar is in the mailroom.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to place one or several in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let Meredith know by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost this year is \$9.50. Money should be placed in the offering plate and information about plants should be given to Meredith. Thank you!

**Practice Schedule for the Singing in the Season:**

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 pm until 5 pm practice

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2 pm until 5 pm practice

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 7 pm until 8:30 pm practice

<b>Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 45</u>    <u>Date: November 10, 2024</u></b>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$169,134.30
<b><u>Last Week</u></b>			
General Tithes Received	\$3,535.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$162,159.91
Last week (Deficit)	(223.54)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$6,974.39)



November 17, 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](mailto:prayerccl@gmail.com) by Tuesday 5PM.*

*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; Phyllis Campbell; Chuck Drye; Robin Drye; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Tom Harkins; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Jerry Pless; Jodie Strube; John & Linda Trull; Dot West  
Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Prospective pastors see our profile and consider a call here.

### **Friends of Cross of Christ**

Pastor Charles Barrier; Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain (friend of Chris and Suzanne Bost – he is currently at Chapel Hill burn center); 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; Melissa Krumbien; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; 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 (Okinawa, Japan)

### **General Prayer Concerns**

All those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

### **Praise List:**

Hank Vaughn Morris (Newborn Grandson of Keith & Cathy Smith) – Hank is still in the NICU for the foreseeable future due to dialysis for kidney issues. He is no longer considered critical since his respiratory issues have improved. Our family would like to thank everyone for the much-needed prayers!

Brandon Lewis – he and the kids are doing well and appreciate the prayers

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

**Today November 17, 2024**

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM  
Family Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Singing in the Season Practice 3:30-5:00 PM

**This Week**

**MON:** 6:30 PM NOAH Prayer Shawl Meeting  
**MON:** 7-8:30 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes  
10:00 AM Family Worship Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Christ Is King Sunday*  
Isaiah 51: 4-6  
Psalm 93  
Revelations 1:4b-8  
St. Mark 13: 24-37