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# *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 †*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 15, 2024*

OUR ACCOMPANIST *“It Is Well With My Soul”* MRS. YVONNE YOST  
& SUSAN CAUDLE

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 you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”* LBW 499

\*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 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 written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

\*SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,  
**you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity.  
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have  
promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-10 (ESV)**

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.  
6 I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.  
7 But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
8 He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.  
9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.  
10 Who among you fears the LORD  
and obeys the voice of his servant?  
Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 116: 1-9 (ESV) READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
2 **Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**  
3 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
4 **Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

<sup>8</sup> **For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

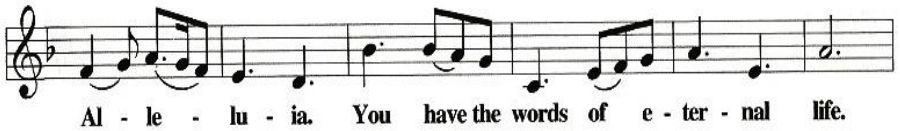
### **SECOND READING: James 3: 1-12 (ESV)**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. Mark 9: 14-29 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who

believes.”<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out<sup>l</sup> and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”<sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.<sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR TODD COOK

\*SERMON HYMN      *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*      **LBW 439**

**\*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



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      *“Beautiful Savior”*    LBW 518**

**\*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 Reece and Janie Kluttz birthdays by their family.

We would like to thank Pastor Todd Cook from Millers Lutheran Church for leading our worship service today.

The **NOAH (Prayer Shawl) Group** will meet tomorrow night from **6:00** to 8:00 PM. They will be working blankets for Sharing Shepherds. **\*\*Note the early Start Time\*\***

The time is here...IT'S the car/bike show this **Sat Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 7AM till 1:30 PM!!** Come out and enjoy a wonderful country breakfast from **7-10 am** (ending time for breakfast this week only). Walk around and see some fabulous vintage cars, trucks and bikes in our parking lot. Hot dogs/hamburgers begin at **11-1pm**. Hope to see you all Saturday.

Please remember to have your Uncut, no icing pound cakes and brownies to the Parish Hall by **Friday** for the car show.

**New email for the church prayer list** is: prayercccl@gmail.com. Please submit **additions/updates** by **Tuesday 5PM**.

<b>Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 36</u>      <u>Date: Sept 8, 2024</u></b>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$135,307.44
<b><u>Last Week</u></b>			
General Tithes Received	\$2,905.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$131,616.55
Last week (Deficit)	(\$853.54)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$3,690.89)



**September 15, 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 [prayercclc@gmail.com](mailto:prayercclc@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 & Harry Goodman; Tom Harkins; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube (Lumbar surgery on 9/19/24); 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; 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; 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 15, 2024**

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

**This Week**

**MON**    7-8:30 PM    Soldiers of the Cross Practice  
              6-8 PM        Noah Prayer Shawl  
**WED**    7PM                Bible Study  
**SAT**     7-10 AM        Breakfast Fundraiser  
              7-1:30PM      Car/Bike Show  
              11-1PM        Lunch

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Psalm 54

James 3: 13- 4: 10

St. Mark 9: 30-37

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