



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

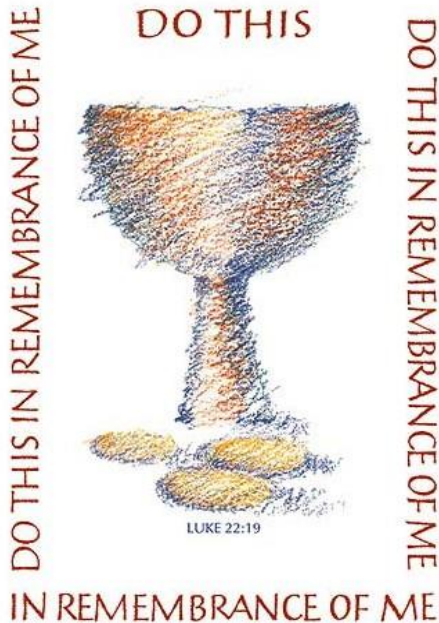
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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 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 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 **“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus” LBW 389**

*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 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I 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.

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

II 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.

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 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.

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God,

we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9 (ESV)

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹ “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119: 129-136

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ **The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.**

¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6: 10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Mark 7: 14-23 (ESV)

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“What’s Eating You?”

PASTOR MARTY RAMEY

*SERMON HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

LBW 501

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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.**

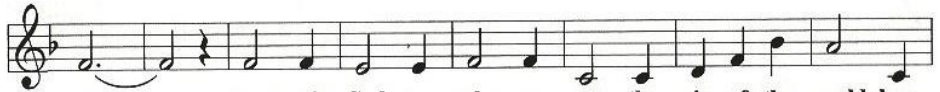
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 740 & 709

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 "I Love To Tell The Story" LBW 390

*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.

Retreat deposit of **\$50** to the **Women's Retreat, October 4-6**, is due **TODAY**. Please see Gail or Kristi.

Remember to email Prayer List updates
to **PrayerCCLC@gmail.com** by **Tuesday 5pm**.

Wednesday Night Bible study is at 7pm.

Monetary donations for the Fall Car Show are being accepted through 9/8/2024. Please place your donation in an envelope and note "Fall Car Show". Also, if you can volunteer during the day, please email Belinda Campbell (belindacclc@gmail.com).

On **Sunday, September 15th** there will be an interest meeting immediately after church to gauge interest in holding a "Carols" type service on Saturday, December 7th that engages all ages of singing voices at Cross of Christ. If you have an interest in singing in a choir (children and adults) with the service followed possibly by cookies and punch, please meet at the front of the church. Any questions prior to the interest meeting can be directed to Leonard Campbell.

The Soldiers of Cross of Christ would like to give a big thank you to everyone that came to Mt Mitchell's ice cream social to support us. It was a great evening of worship in song with brothers and sister in Christ with our neighboring Church. We were told 75 attended with 20 plus from our congregation. God is so good.

When Pastor David Nuottila learned of the love offering Cross of Christ received for the Congo Mission, he wrote: "This is wonderful news. I am so thankful that the folks at Cross of Christ are participating in our mission work. If they would like to have a presentation given to the congregation I would be happy to come and share information, pictures and video of the work we do with the help of congregations who partner with us. To God be the glory!"

Weekly Offering Report For: Week No: 34 Date: August 25, 2024			
2024 Weekly Needs: \$3,758.54		YTD Budget Needs: \$127,790.36	
Last Week			
Gen. Tithes Received \$3,193.00		YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$125,746.55	
Last week (Deficit)	(\$565.54)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$2,043.81)



September 1, 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.

Contact Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell to request additions or changes.

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; 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

Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford; 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; Sally and Phillip Teeter; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison

Praise List:

*Samantha Strube - Nathan and I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers over the loss of our son Avery. It's one day at a time for us.

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

Today – September 1, 2024

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM

This Week

MON	<i>Happy Labor Day- be safe</i>
TUES	7-8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross Practice
WED	7PM Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2: 1-10, 14-18

St. Mark 7: 24-37

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