

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

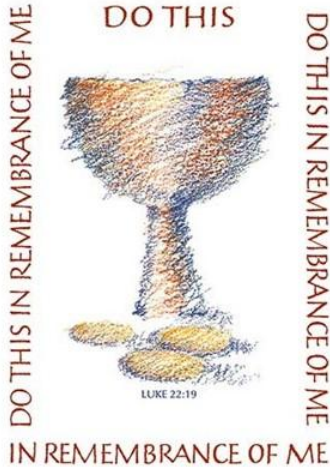
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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Transfiguration Of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

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

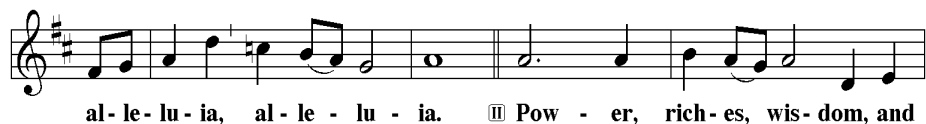
* OPENING HYMN *“Beautiful Savior”* **LBW 518**

*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: "This is the Feast"



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*SALUTATION

① The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 13: 1-12**(ESV)**

“If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ ³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. ⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. ⁶ “If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which neither you nor your fathers have known, ⁷ some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, ⁸ you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. ⁹ But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. ¹⁰ You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹¹ And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you. ¹² “If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to dwell there,

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 99 (ESV) READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

**⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.**

**⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to
them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

**⁹Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 3: 1-6 (ESV)

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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. Luke, the 9th chapter.

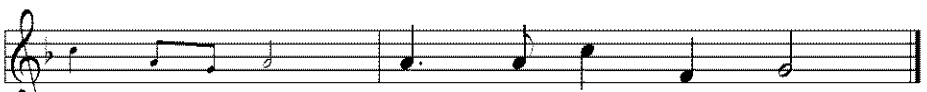


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 9: 28-36 (ESV)**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN “*Immortal, Invisible*”

LBW 526

*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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your




pres - ence, 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 give 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

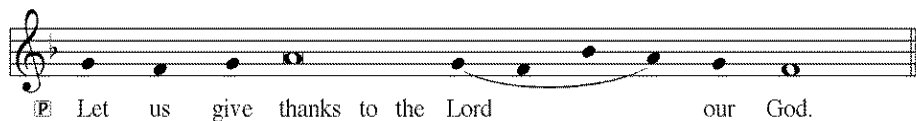
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



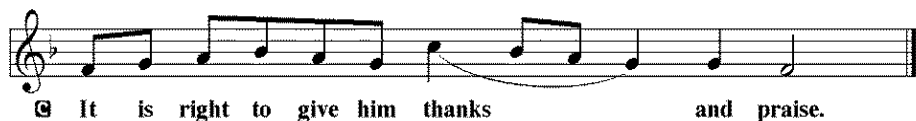
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ 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'r and might:



♩ Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



♩ 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.

***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.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

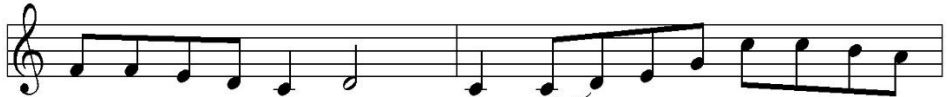
Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *“Lord, now let your servant”*

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

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 *“Blessing and Honor ”* **LBW 525**

*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.

Council Meeting today after service at 11:00 AM.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal is this **Tues at 6PM.**

Ash Wednesday Service is at 7pm **this Wednesday** with communion.

Mid-week Lenten services: March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd , and 9th
7:00 p.m.

Why Did Jesus Have to Die? A Bible Study on the Meaning of Christ’s
Sacrifice By the Rev. Steven E. King, NALC/LCMC Pastor, Mebane,
NC – CEO of Sola Publishing

Week 1: Lamb of God – The Cross as Atonement

Week 2: A Ransom for Many – The Cross as Redemption

Week 3: See What Love – The Cross as Demonstration

Week 4: The Happy Exchange – The Cross as Investment

Week 5: Father Forgive Them – The Cross as Reconciliation and Victory

Daylight Savings starts **THIS** Saturday, so move your clocks ahead 1 HOUR by midnight.

Our blood drive with One Blood is approaching fast. It's during our monthly breakfast on **March 15th, 8am till 1pm**. Please eat iron enriched foods and hydrate so you can donate. Please see Jodie Strube and she can get you signed up. If you know of someone that would like to donate let Jodie know. 1 donation can help up to 3 people...It's a life saver! Many thanks from those that will receive this blessing.

FLOOD RELIEF The flooding in McDowell County, West Virginia, has been devastating. It is not getting the news coverage, but we have been in touch with one of the school counselors in Welch where the Sharing Shepherds ministry is involved. She said there are numerous power outages, many roads closed, and at least 3 deaths. We are working with the NALC Disaster Relief organization to get resources to that area. There will be an offering plate in the mailroom at the front of the church for anyone who is able to provide help.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 8</u> <u>Date: February 23, 2025</u>			
2025 Weekly Needs:	\$3,989.43	YTD Budget Needs:	\$31,915.44
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$5,545.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$27,789.00
Last week Above Needs	\$1,555.57	YTD (Deficit)	(\$4,126.44)



March 2, 2025

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 prayercccl@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; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman;
Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; John Trull; Linda Trull

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee;
3) Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Pastor Charles Barrier; Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost;
LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain; Bill Carpenter (Tom Harkins Brother-in-Law
– Carotid Artery surgery in NY on March 1); Pastor Randall Cauble;
Luke Cranford; Brynn Fesler; Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; David Goforth;
Lee Goforth; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston;
Melanie Hudson; Jane Jansen; Natalie Justice; Melissa Krumbien;
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris;
Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Phillip Teeter;
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Recent flood victims

Praise List:

* Robin Drye – Thank you for your many prayers for my shoulder surgery, healing and physical therapy to be successful. Your prayers were heard and I have recovered well.

* Tom Harkins – Appreciated all the prayers.

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

Today March 2, 2025

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

This Week

MON: 7 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice
TUES: 6PM Shrove (Fat) Tues Pancake Meal
WED: 7PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service
SAT Midnight: ***MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR***

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 91: 1-13

Romans 10: 8-13

St. Luke 4: 1-13