



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 †

*All Saints Sunday
November 3, 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.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN *“For All The Saints”* LBW 174 (vs 1-4)

*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] 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.

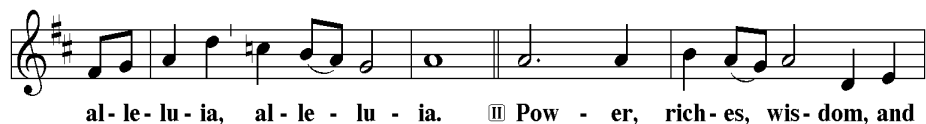
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"



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

*SALUTATION

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,
 whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our
 Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and
 commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those
 who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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: Revelation 7: (2-8) 9-17 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal
 of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had
 been given power to harm earth and sea,³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or
 the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their
 foreheads."⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from
 every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM 149 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

² **Let Israel be glad in his Maker;**

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

**5 Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.**

**6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

**7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,**

**8 to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

**9 to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones.**

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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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. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 5: 1-12 (ESV)**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

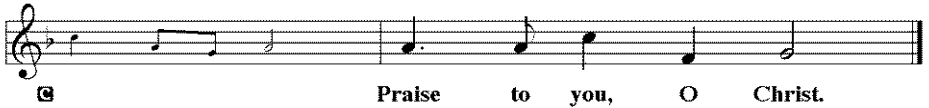
⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON ***“BE-Attitudes”***

Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN ***“When Peace Like A River”***

LBW 346

(Add Chorus)

*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**

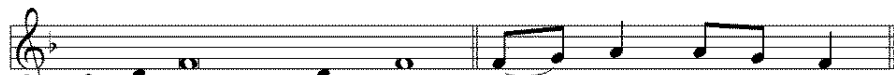
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

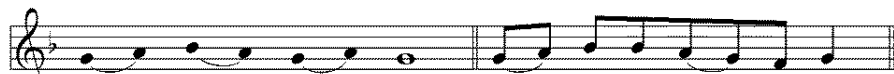
Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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



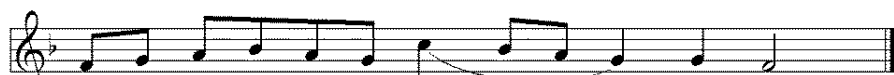
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ 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.

*THE EUCHARISTIC PREFACE

*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.

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 the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. 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**

*“**THINE IS THE GLORY**”*

LBW 145

***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 Alma Blackwelder’s birthday by Ann Benson.

On **All Saints Sunday**, we celebrate the eternal hope we have in Christ and remember with thanksgiving: Frances Pless, John Faggart and Patricia Loggans.

On **October 27, 2024** three young persons celebrated First Communion, Justin Harrison, Caden Pless, and Hadley Pless.

Council Meeting today after service at 11:00 AM.

Singing in the Season practice today after service.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service to view the final video showcasing who we are at Cross of Christ. It will soon be placed on our church profile on the NALC site.

The **PbnJ Youth Group** will be assembling **Cancer Care Packs** as part of their November meeting. If you would like to donate items we are in need of: Socks with Grips, Small Lotions, Small Hand Santizers, Hard Candy, Chapsticks, Ink Pens, Word Searches and Individual Packs of Kleenex. You can give your items to Meredith Harrison or place them in the box in the mailroom. We would like to have the items by **TODAY**. The **Pbnj** youth group will meet **next Sunday** at 3:30. Thank you in advance.

BIBLE STUDY During the upcoming holiday season activities, there will be no Wednesday evening Bible study for the remainder of the year. Bible study will resume in January.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting is **TODAY** before service. The **Second** Congregational Meeting will be held on **Nov. 10, 2024**, following service. If you have questions, please visit with a member of the Church Council. May God continue to bless us at Cross Of Christ Lutheran Church! The nomination names are: Sharon Duncan, Wayne Peck, Larry Barbee, Will Drye, Ashleigh Ennis and Chris Bost.

Our next **Blood Drive** with One Blood is during our next monthly breakfast on **November 16th**. With all the chaos and destruction going on, life saving blood is very needed. 1 unit can help save up to 3 people in need. Please prayerfully consider this live saving gift. And eat iron enriched food. See Jodie if you need help signing up.

If you have any changes on addresses, phone numbers, or email address for the **CCLC 2024 / 2025 Annual Yearbook**, please get those changes to the Historical Comm, Rhonda Drye or Jodie Strube. Committee chairs, event leaders, group leaders please start preparing your year end summaries. Any questions, please contact us.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22nd. 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 15th . 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 December Singing in the Season:

Nov 3rd - Immediately after the service
Nov 10th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
Nov 17th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
Nov 24th - 3:30 pm until 5 pm Practice
Dec 1st - 2 pm until 5 pm Practice
Dec 5th (Thursday) 7 pm until 8:30 pm Practice

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 43</u> <u>Date: October 27, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$161,617.22
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$4,361.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$154,697.91
Last week Above Needs	\$602.46	YTD (Deficit)	(\$6,919.31)



November 3, 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 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; Phyllis Campbell; Chuck Drye; Robin Drye;
Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Tom Harkins; Doris Kluttz;
Frank Kluttz; Jerry Pless (cataract surgery 11/4); Jodie Strube (Ablation procedure on 11/1/24); 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?” – publication on NALC website;
4) Prospective pastors see our profile and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Pastor Charles Barrier (Son of Ronnie and Brenda Barrier – placement of chemotherapy port and treatment plan determination); Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; 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;
Hank Vaughn Morris (Newborn Grandson of Keith & Cathy Smith – NICU); 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

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

Today November 3, 2024

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM
Singing In the Season Practice	11:00 AM
Parish Hall Video	11:00 AM

This Week

MON - 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Family Worship Service
3:30 PM PBnJ Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17: 8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 24-28

St. Mark 12: 38-44

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