

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 †

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2025

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: 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.

C: Amen

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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

P: 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.

C: Amen

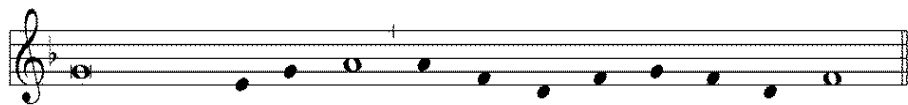
* OPENING HYMN *“Beautiful Saviour”* LBW 518

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: 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 - might - y 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



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1–14 (ESV)

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah

laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 27:1– 14 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

**³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

**⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.**

**⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!**

⁸ You have said, “Seek my face.”

My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

⁹ Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path

because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:21–29 (ESV)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature

in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Word of God for the people of God!

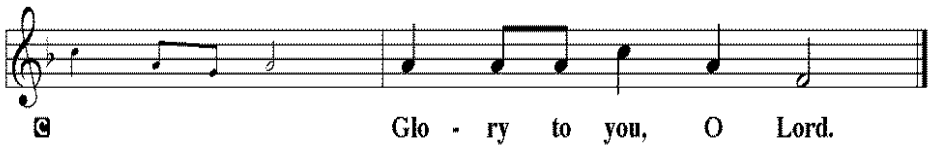
C: Thanks be to God!

***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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

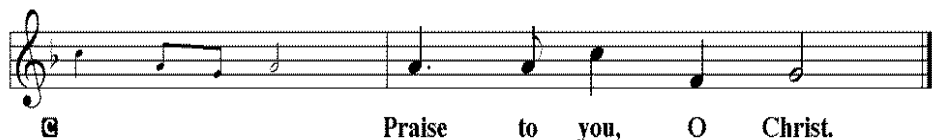


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 10:38–42 (ESV)**

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON *“John 12:21”* Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN *“Jesus Savior Pilot Me”* LBW 334

***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.

DEDICATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY BANNER

*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

P: 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.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN “*Blessed Assurance*” WOV 699**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Tamara Gray’s 66th birthday by Dylan, Ashleigh and Corbin Ennis.

The new **Holy Trinity Chancel Banner** is being dedicated today and given through gifting to the George and Frances Pless Memorial funds.

Newsletter articles for August are due **TODAY**.

Noah (Prayer Shawl Group) will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Extra Sunday School materials will be available for congregation members to pick up after services on **7/20 and 7/27** in the back hallway behind the sanctuary on tables for their personal use. If you would like to have any of the material for your home library, come check out the selection available. Boxes and bags are available for you as well.

The PBnJ Youth Group will be assembling **Cancer Care Packs** at their August meeting. We need Ink Pens, Individual Packs of Kleenex, Gripper Socks, Hand Sanitizer, Hard Candy, Chapstick, Lotion, and Word Searches. The link below gives the exact amount of each item we need. Thank you in advance for your support. Please give your items to Meredith by **August 3rd**. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4AA9AA2BA6FB6-57474446-cancer>

We are now taking orders for Cross of Christ Church shirts! Order forms have been placed in your church mailbox. Orders are due by **August 17th**. Please see Ashleigh Ennis if you have any questions.

Baby Bottles: Cross of Christ is helping with a fundraiser for Cabarrus Women’s Center by collecting coins, paper money or checks in the baby bottles. **This will run through the August 19th monthly breakfast.** You may turn in your bottles full or empty to Tracy Drye anytime through then. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity. Tracy Drye



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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

Family of Kay Barbee

Leonard Campbell; Karen Faggart; Chris Goodman; Dorothy Goodman;
Harry Goodman; Norman 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; Pastor Gene Bost; Trent Bowers;
LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain; Pastor Randall Cauble; Luke Cranford;
David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth;
Barbara Hamilton; Tanja Harward (Sister of Kelly Caudle – Surgery July 25th); Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston;
Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan;
Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers;
Jacob Rodgers (Susan Caudle's friends son – motorcycle accident in TN, currently in the trauma center); Steve Sifford; Nick Smith;
Susan Starling; Veronica Williams; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

* All those impacted by the major natural disaster in Texas

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

Today July 20, 2025

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Service for Kay Barbee	visitation 1-2:45
	Service at 3PM

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice

MON: 6:30PM NOAH Prayer Shawl

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18: 17-33

Psalm 138: 1-8

Colossians 2: 6-19

St Luke 11: 1-13

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