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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026

(* *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

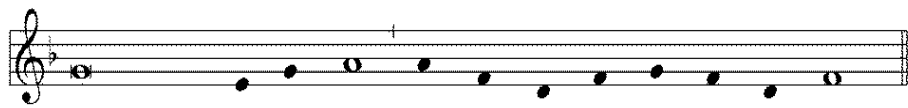
* OPENING HYMN *“Love Divine”* LBW 315

*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 DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8 (ESV)

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:57-64 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸ **I entreat your favor with all my heart;**

be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹ When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰ **I hasten and do not delay**

to keep your commandments.

⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

**⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.**

**⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.**

**⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!**

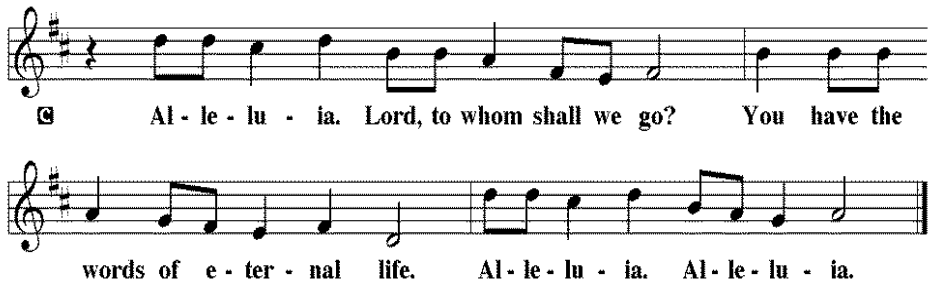
SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-27 (ESV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

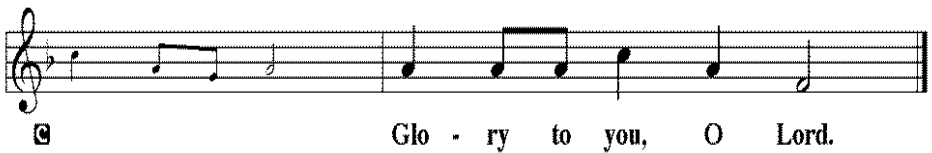
The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



*THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43 (ESV)

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'" ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of

the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON

PASTOR GEORGE RHYNE

*SERMON HYMN ***“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*** **LBW 492**

***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.

*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 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW 343**

***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 67th birthday from Dylan, Ashleigh and Corbin Ennis.

We would like to thank Pastor Rhyne for leading our service today.

August Newsletter Articles are **Due** today.

There will be a short **Congregation Meeting** following the service regarding **two items**: Approval of church paving project and the replacement of the church boiler. A vote will take place **August 2nd** during the service.

Prayer Shawl meets tomorrow night at 6:30 PM.



July 19, 2026

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... 1 Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Wayne Peck; Carl Pless, Jr.

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

Shut-Ins

Bob and Joann Barrier; Brenda Barrier; Norman Goodman; Nell Hatley; John Trull.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of David Preddy

Carolyn Campbell (Sister-in-law of Leonard & Belinda Campbell – Gallbladder surgery scheduled for Friday); Bill Dickens (Friend of Keith and Cathy Smith & Community neighbor – surgery to remove 2 hernias); Josh Fabricius (Georgia Burn Center – Plane crash survivor); April Funderburke; Lee Gorforth; Cathy Heminger (Friend of Richard and Jodie Strube – stage 4 pancreatic cancer with chemo started); Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; Alicia McQueen; Jameson Nichols (Grandson of Keith & Cathy Smith – another dental surgery); Hayden Polakowski (Georgia Burn Center - Plane crash survivor); Eric Starling; Susan Starling; Ruthie O'Brien; Daniel Pless; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Bob Wilson; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians:

Melanie Corn, Robert Dernbach, Lucas Safrit

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

- Ongoing Iran war impacts
- Areas impacted by recent earthquakes

Praise List:

- **Marsha Johnson** – appreciated all the phone calls, cards, visits, and love sent to me while I was sick and in the hospital. I am much better now and especially grateful for your prayers.
- **Rand Yost** – This is the first time I have been home since May 24!!!! I am so thankful for all the prayers, cards, and all other kindnesses shown to me during the 2 hospitalizations and 2 rehabs. God's blessings to all of you! Please continue your prayers as I recover at home.

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

Today July 19, 2026

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM

Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

Congregational Meeting After Service TODAY

This Week

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

MON: 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalm 125:1-5

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

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