



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 †

First Sunday In Lent

February 26, 2023

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 you and, for his sake, God forgives you all your 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

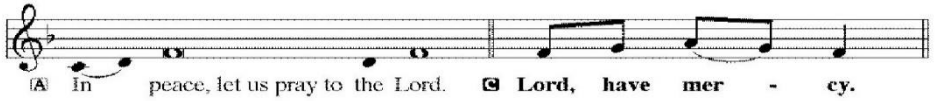
* OPENING HYMN ***“Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LBW 301***

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

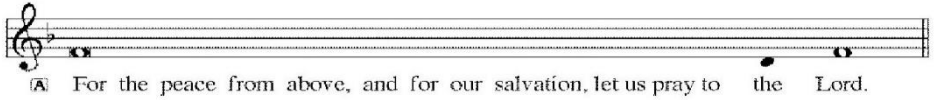
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

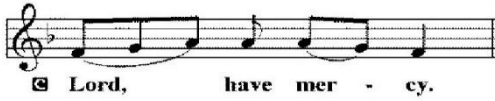
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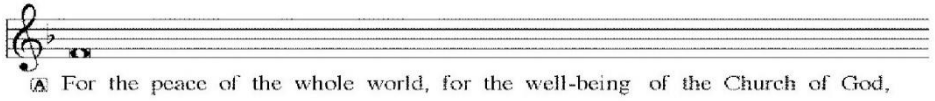
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



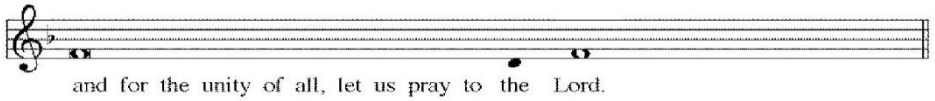
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



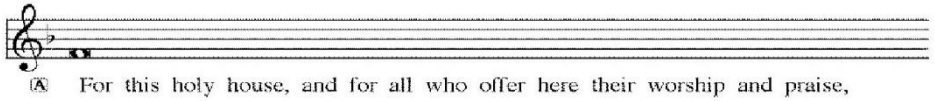
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



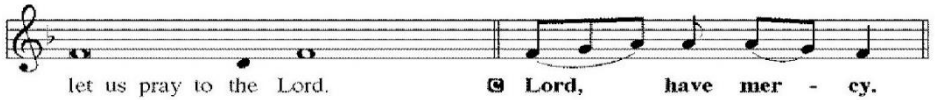
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



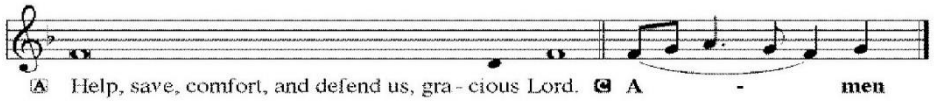
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY



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

Let us pray. Holy God,
you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26: 1-11(ESV)

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 91: 1-13

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**² I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

**³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**4 He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

**5 You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,**

**6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

**7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

**8 You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

**9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—**

**10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

**12 On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

**13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

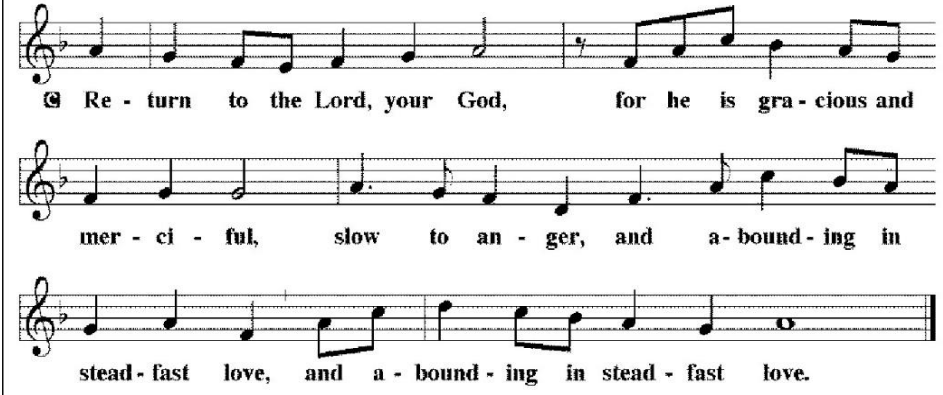
SECOND READING: ROMANS 10: 8B-13 (ESV)

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 4: 1-13 (ESV)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.” ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

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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**

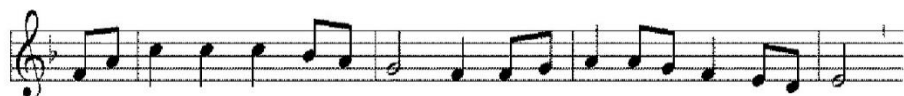
*THE OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*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

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 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* **LBW 503**

*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 Happy birthday to Leonard Campbell and Earlene Cox by their family.

Easter Lilies and Geraniums will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, the cost is \$14 for Lillies and \$16.00 for Geraniums. Please place money in an envelope with how many and which flower you are ordering on it and place the envelope in the offering plate. Please give your information about who you would like to put the flowers in honor or memory of to Meredith Harrison by **March 26th.**

2023 Lenten Study: 6 Marks of Christian Discipleship

Second Mark: Wednesday, March 1

Third Mark: Wednesday, March 8

Fourth Mark: Wednesday, March 15

Fifth Mark: Wednesday, March 22

Sixth Mark: Wednesday, March 29

**All Service Times are at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.*



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:00 AM

Thursday April 6 Maundy Thursday/Living Last Supper 7:00 PM

Friday April 7 Good Friday Service 7:00 PM

Sunday April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM

Sunday April 9 Easter Morning Breakfast 7:30 AM

Sunday April 9 Easter Holy Communion **9:00 AM**



February 26, 2023

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 Pastor Allison or 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

Amanda Faggart (Surgery recovery); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

David Buckland (Friends son of Meredith Harrison – Leukemia); Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Chip Krimminger; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan; Steve Parker; Shelley Potts (Niece of Kelly Caudle – motorcycle accident recovery); Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Candace Yates (Daughter of Sharon Duncan's Cousin – Returned to the US – treatment for diagnosed lung cancer to be planned); Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
Those impacted by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Praise List

*Shelley Potts (Niece of Kelly Caudle) – mass on her esophagus was found to be nothing more than inflammation in her throat. No cancer, no mass! Thank you for the prayers.

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

Today – February 26, 2023

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

This Week

WED: 7:00 PM Lenten Service

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday In Lent

Jeremiah 26: 8-15

Psalm 4

Philippians 3:17- 4:1

St. Luke 13: 31-55

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