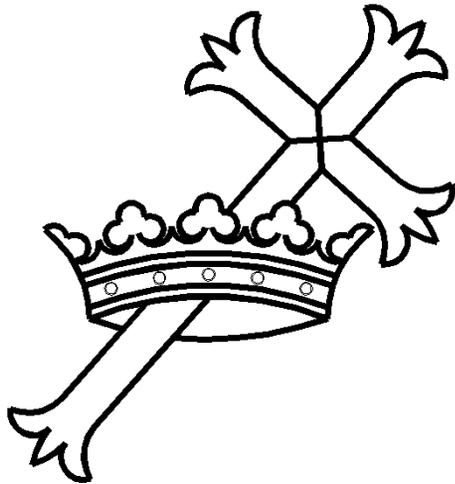


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Seventh Sunday Of Easter
May 22, 2022*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (WOV PG. 10)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*OPENING HYMN **“The Church’s One Foundation” LBW 369**

*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 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory Be To The Father"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God, from whom all good things come:
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: ACTS 16: 9-15 (ESV)

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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

PSALM 67 READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us,
² **that your way may be known on earth,
 your saving power among all nations.**
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!
⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations upon earth.**
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!
⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase;
 God, our God, shall bless us.**
⁷ God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear him!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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Thanks be to God!

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 16: 23-33 (ESV)**

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

* SERMON HYMN

“Here I Am ”

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***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

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we
 offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
 and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
 The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in peace.
Amen

*SENDING HYMN *“Eternal Father, Strong To Save”* **LBW 462**

*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 honor of Brianna Drye's Graduation and Delana Drye's 14th birthday by Cayle, Tracy and Robbie.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

The **PBnJ** and **CSI Youth** groups will meet **TODAY** at 3:30 PM.

Newsletter articles are due **TODAY**.

Today is the **One Blood Drive 11AM – 3:30PM**. There are appointment times still available. 1 unit and help up to 3 people. Help save a life with your donation. Thank you.

ATTENTION: High School and College Graduates:

It's that time of year again. If you are graduating from High School or College this spring, please submit your information to Meredith. **Graduates will be recognized Sunday, May 29th during service.**

The **Rite of Confirmation** will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5th** with a meal served following service. We will be recognizing all New Members of the last 2 years and the Confirmands of the past 2 years. Ham, green beans, potato salad, rolls and of course cake is the menu. Please plan on being with us to celebrate all of these.

You're Invited to join CSI Youth on **June 5th!** T-shirt Tie Dye Party following Pentecost lunch. Order a t-shirt to dye for \$13. Shirts will say "Chosen, 1 Peter 5:9". Place your order with Kristi or Gail by May 22nd. Extra forms in mailroom. (Both youth groups will receive a shirt please send in your sizes) Everything to dye will be provided. No experience, no worries we will help you!!

The Outreach Committee is also sponsoring a food drive **for Rowan Helping Ministries**. Drive will start **next Sunday and go thru June 19th**. Boxes will be down front at the doors for your donations. Tracey Drye is the lead person. There is an urgent need from them for these items:

All canned vegetables; any canned meats :spam, chicken, tuna, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, etc; any canned beans or dry beans; canned tomatoes; ravioli & spaghetti; canned soups; chili; mac & cheese; rice; potatoes etc; breakfast foods- cereals, pop tarts, muffin mix, etc.; condiments. Thank you for again being generous to those in need. Jesus said in the book of John, " Feed my sheep".

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a community **Free Fish fry** on **June 25th 5 PM to 7 PM** or until we run out. Fish, french fries, hush puppies, slaw and homemade pound cake is the menu. **EAT IN ONLY.**



May 22, 2022

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... 1 Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Wayne Furr; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube (Early prostate cancer, treatment plan to be determined); John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Deloris "Dee" (Cottingham) Cruse (former Cross of Christ Lutheran Church member)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr (in Hospice Care); Dave Goff; Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Sharon Blackwelder Measmer (Friend of Leonard and Belinda Campbell - Recovery from Breast Cancer surgery); Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Lucas Troutman (Family friend of Belinda Campbell – Lucas is undergoing testing for a concern with his spleen); Connie Walters

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

Praise List

- Melissa and Hudson Troutman – They appreciate the prayers offered up as they continue their recovery from COVID
- Bob Yost - thanks everyone for the prayers during his recovery.

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

Today – May 22, 2022

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Blood Drive	11- 3:30 PM
PBnJ/ CSI Youth Meeting	3:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 12-26

Psalm 133

Revelation 22: 1-6, 12-20

St. John 17: 20-26

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