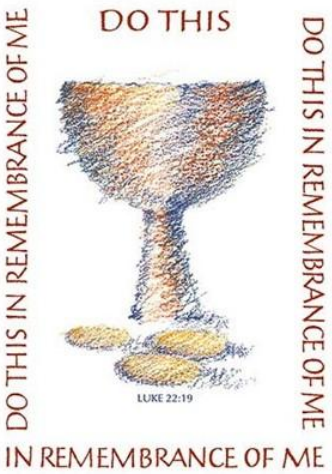
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Will Dulin, Pastor
A NALC Congregation



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

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 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.

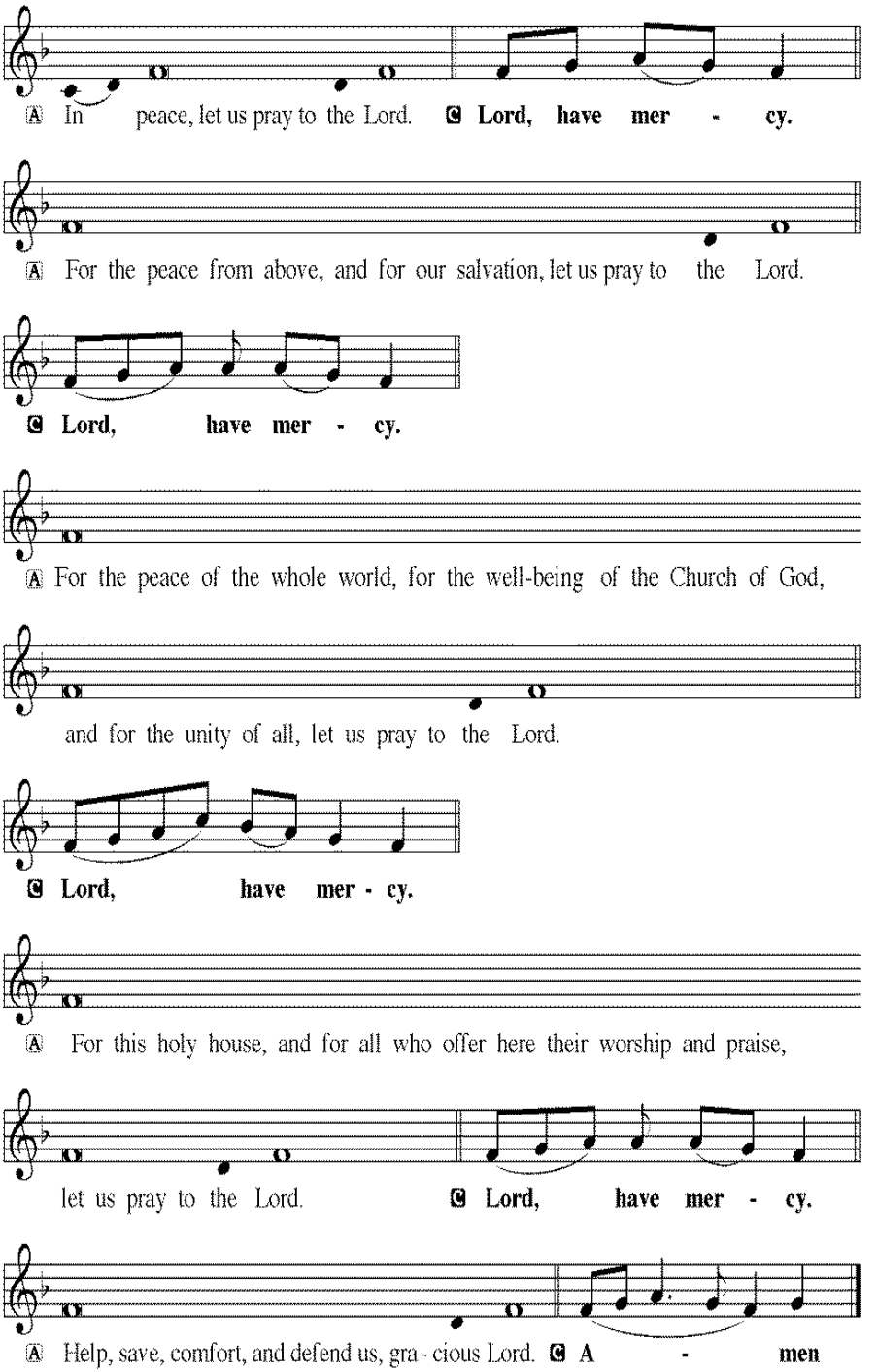
P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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
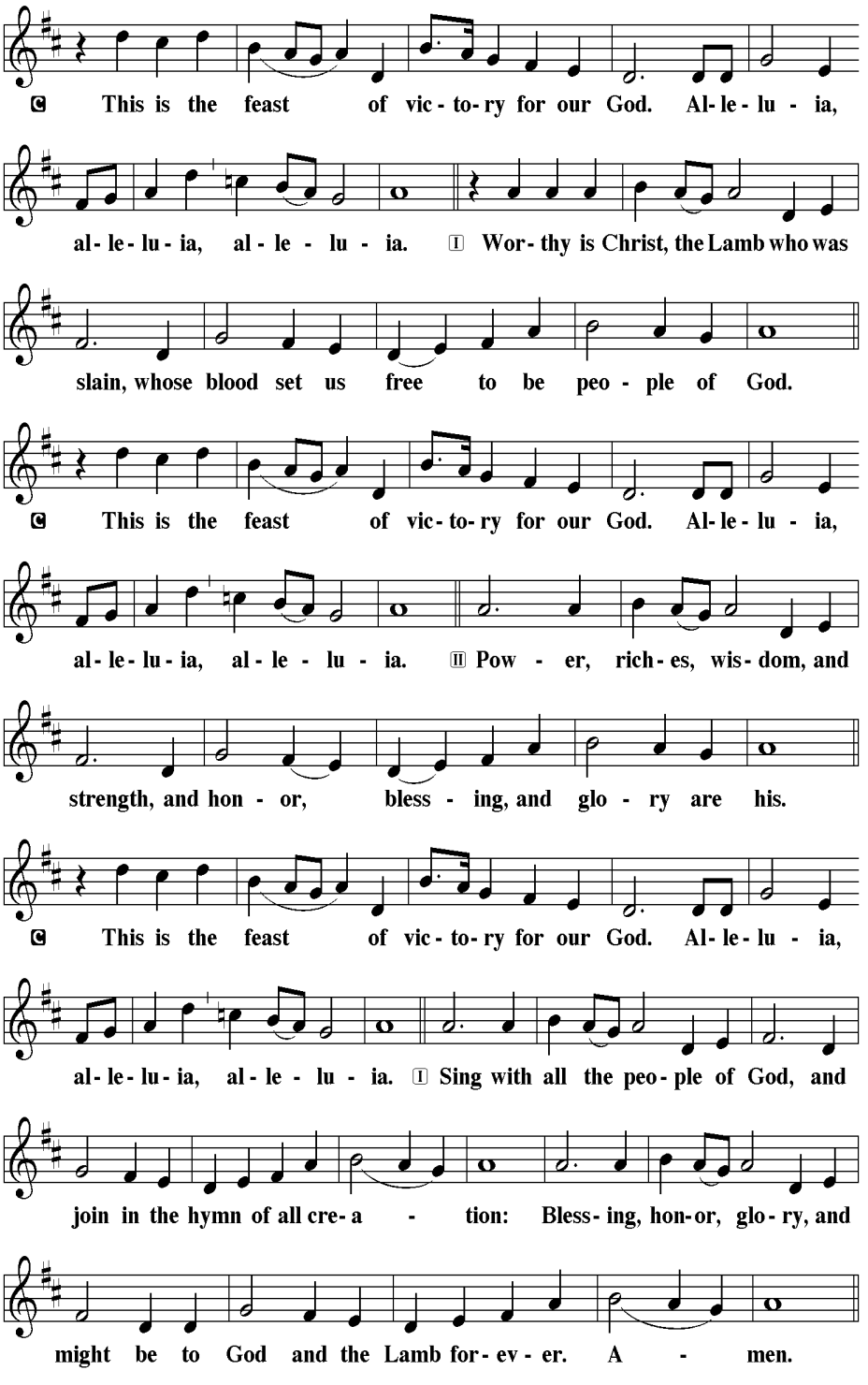
* OPENING HYMN ***"For All The Saints"*** **LBW 174**
(vs 1-4)

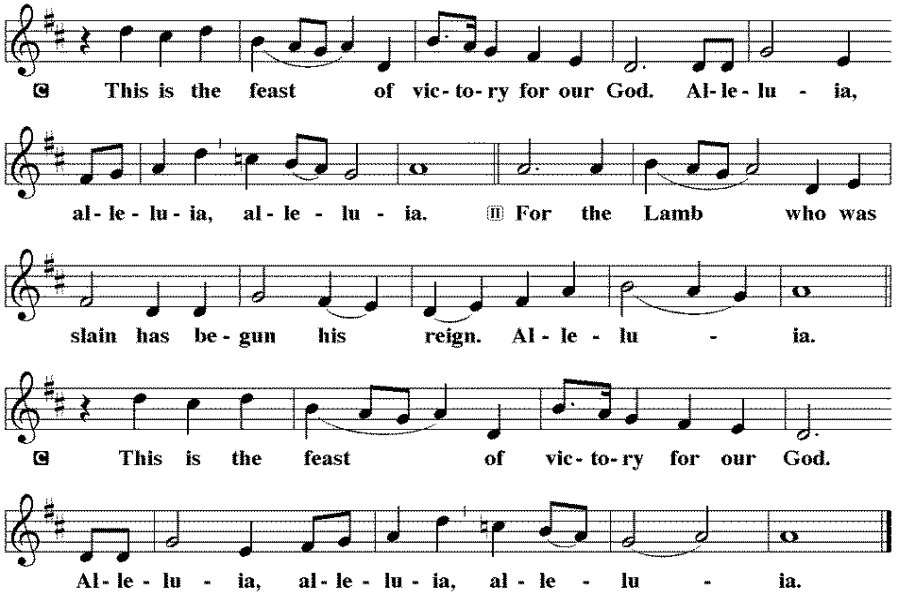
*APOSTOLIC GREETING
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*KYRIE
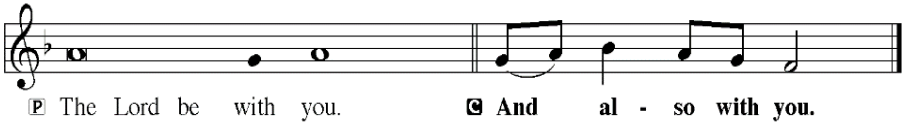

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - 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"*





*SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which 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.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DULIN

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 2-17 (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!
C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 149 (ESV) **READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**
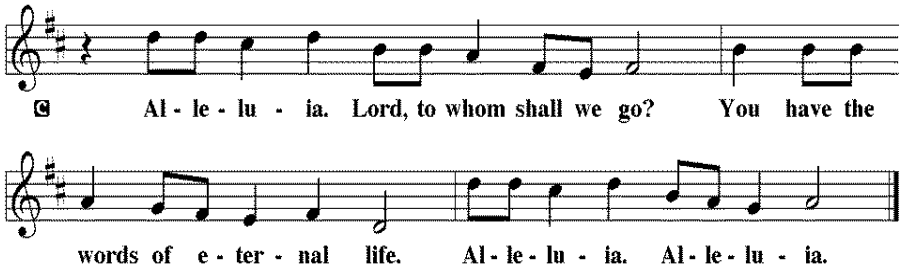
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

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!

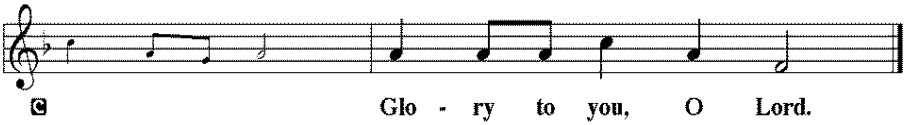
SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3 (ESV)
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



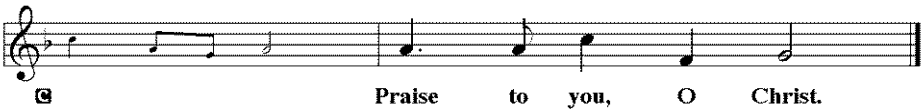
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



***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 Pastor Will Dulin

*SERMON HYMN ***"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*** **LBW 526**
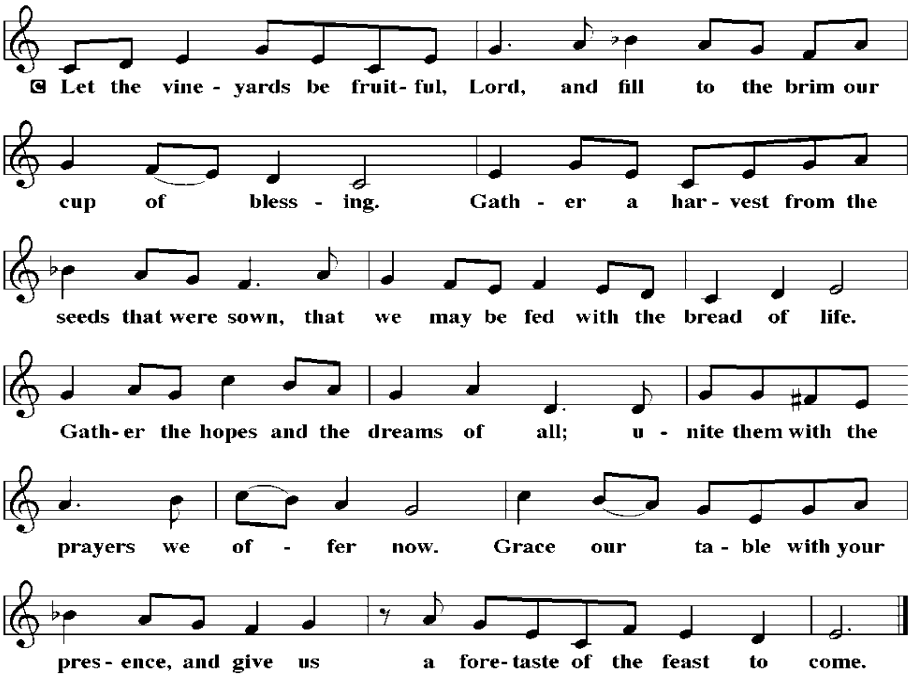
*NICENE CREED

C: 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

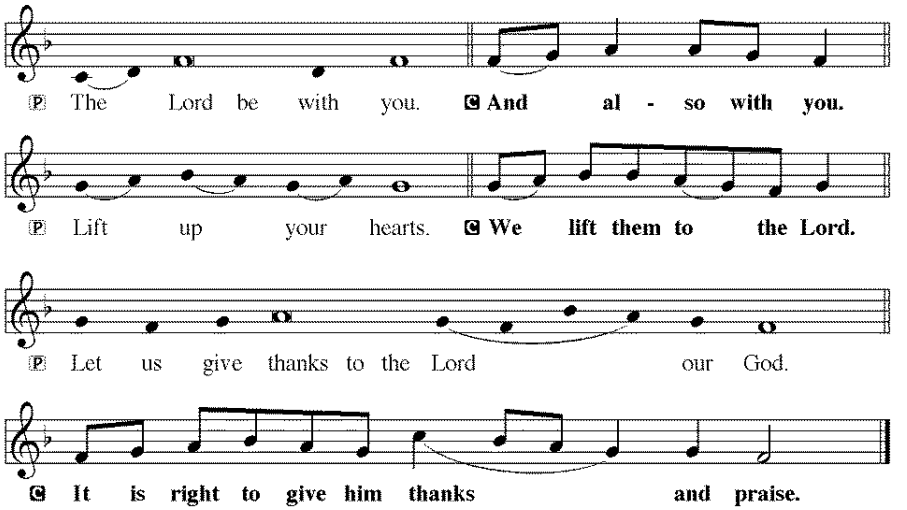


*OFFERTORY PRAYER

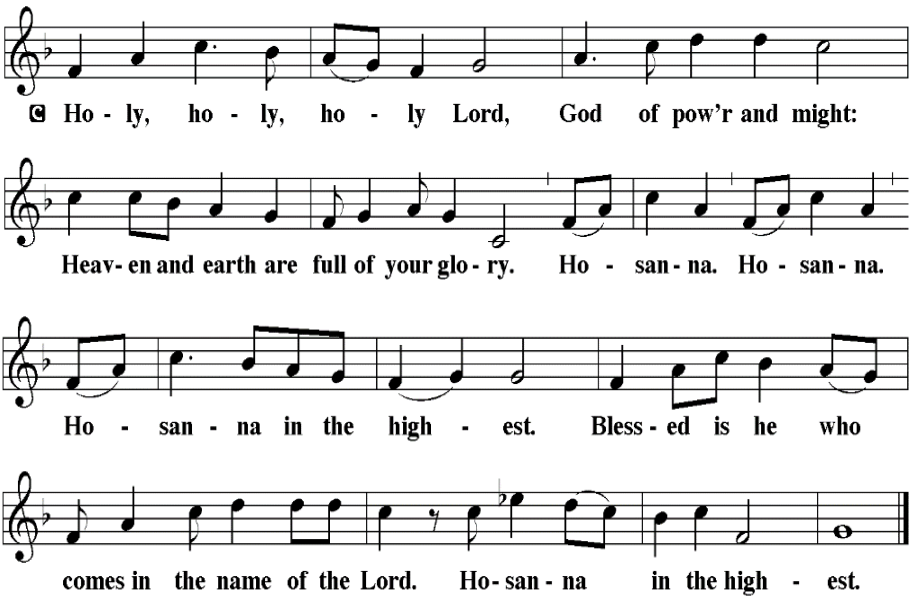
P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: 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



P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Eucharistic Prayer & 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.

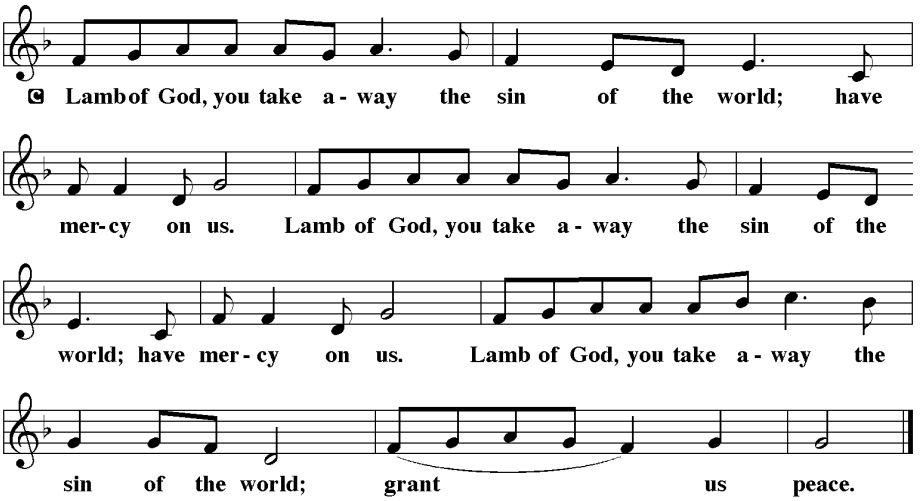
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C: 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



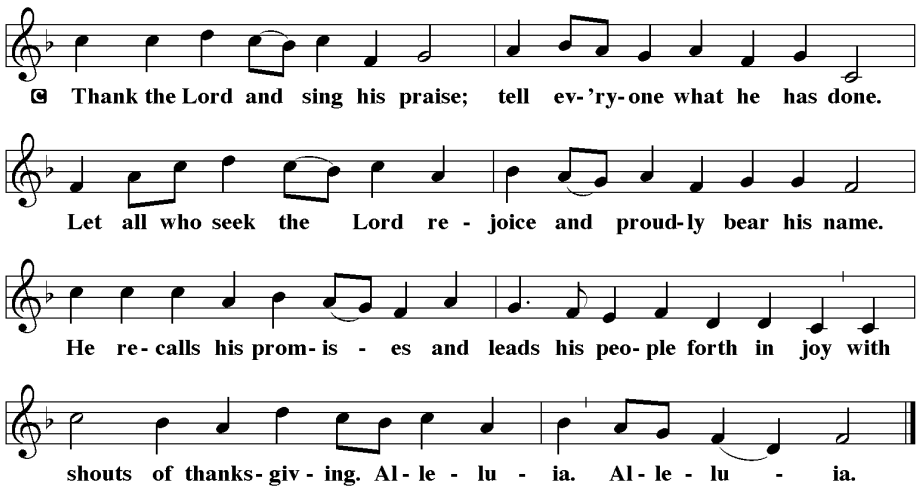
COMMUNION HYMNS **WOV 740 & 709**

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

C: 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 "***I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry*** (BLUE)**WOV 770**

*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 memory of Alma Blackwelder's birthday by Ann Benson, Mary Catherine, Joe, Ann Safrit and Cabot Grew.

On **All Saints Sunday**, we celebrate the eternal hope we have in Christ and remember with thanksgiving: Harry Goodman.

We welcome today Corbin Ennis, Ella Miller, Holden Preston, Poppy Tripp for their first communion. This class was taught by Pastor George Rhyne who is helping with communion today.

Council Meeting today after congregational meeting at 11:00 AM.

Fall Festival is TODAY- 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting **TODAY Nov. 1, 2026,** before service. The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov. 8, 2026,** following service. May God continue to bless us at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church! These are the nomination names: Betty Archer, Melvin Bost, Susan Caudle, Rusty Drye, Roy Gray, Emily Pless, and Kalena Tripp. The current members who are coming **off** Council at the end of this year are: Kim Aldridge, Heather Bell, Chris Pless and Henry Pless. **The following individuals are NOT eligible for nomination due to their family association with current Council members:** Larry and Sharon Barbee, Joey and Lisa Barrier, Chris and Suzanne Bost, Leonard and Belinda Campbell, Matt and Kristi Drye, Sharon Duncan, Ashleigh and Dylan Ennis, Kim Aldridge, Heather Bell, Chris Pless, and Henry Pless.

Nov 8th there is a brief meeting with all Worship & Music and subgroups after congregational meeting.

The **PBnJ Youth Group** will be meeting **NEXT** Sunday, November 8th at 3:30 PM.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring **Toys for Tots** this year. The boxes will be at the back of the sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys through November 29th**. Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity. A box will also be at the November monthly breakfast.

2026-2027 Cross of Christ Annual Yearbook – It's that time of year! Committee chairs, event leaders and group leaders, start preparing your year-end reports for the yearbook. Please send reports to the historical committee, to Emily Pless, emily_2414@yahoo.com. Please put COC yearbook in the subject line. Also, the current contact list is posted in the mailroom. Please check your info and let us know if you have any changes to your address, phone number, or email address.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 20th. 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 6th. The cost this year is $10.50. Money should be placed in the offering plate and information about plants should be given to Meredith. Thank you!

During November, Cross of Christ will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Mt. Pleasant Food Ministries. These items will provide much needed nourishment for families in the Mt. Pleasant school district.

Suggested Items include:

• Canned meats (chicken, luncheon meat, tuna, beef stew, chili
• Canned fruit (mandarin oranges, pineapple, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, applesauce)
• Canned beans (black, green, pintos, refried, lima, baked, navy, pork n beans, black eyed peas, sweet peas, etc.)
• Canned vegetables (carrots, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, corn, greens etc.)
• Canned potatoes (white or sweet)
• Canned soups (tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable, cream of, chunky soups)
• Canned pasta • Dry beans • Jello/pudding instant • Oatmeal • Grits
• Rice 1lb • Egg noodles • Spaghetti noodles • Pasta • Boxed Mac and cheese • Jiffy mix • Juice 64oz • Pancake mix • Pancake syrup • Corn Meal 2 lbs.
• Flour 2 lbs. • Sugar 2 lbs. • Cereal • Crackers • Peanut butter • Jelly

November Stewardship Awareness -

excerpt from theNALC.org - The Indescribable Joy of Giving

• God is the first Giver (John 3:16). God gives first and shows us how to give.
• God's grace and his love for us inspire us to give (2 Corinthians 8 and John 3:16).• God has planted in each of us a need to give — a need to give to God and a need to give to others (2 Corinthians 8:5). • God's love for us compelled His Son to redeem us, like the Macedonian churches whose joy for Jesus removed the obstacles and produced a generosity beyond their means.• We are most complete and most fulfilled when we give.

Oh Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you for the mystery of the depth of your unbounded love. You withhold nothing from us. Fill us with your love that our cups might truly overflow. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayer Request

November 1, 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… 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Brenda Barrier (Brain surgery scheduled on 11/18/26 for shunt placement); Amanda Faggert; Wayne Peck; Carl Pless, Jr.; Richard Strube; Rand Yost

Shut-Ins

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

Friends of Cross of Christ

Lauren Banks; Constance and Baby Dulin; Josh Fabricius; April Funderburke; Shirley Furr; Lee Gorforth; Brandy Harkins (Daughter of Tom & Joyce Harkins); Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; Gloria Mann; Alicia McQueen; Hayden Polakowski; Eric Starling; Susan Starling; Andrew Stirewalt; Ruthie O'Brien; Daniel Pless; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Bob Wilson; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians: Cody Carpenter, Melanie Corn, Shane Honig, James Price, Kyle Page

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Ongoing Iran war impacts

Praise List:

- Chris Goodman – Thank you for all the prayers for Chris. We most certainly felt them! Chris is doing really well and is back at work. The Goodman Family
- Gabby Monty – We & Gabby are thankful for the prayers. She is home & recovering well. Grace & Peace, Cathy Smith

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

Today November 1, 2026

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5: 18-24
Psalm 70: 1-5
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
St. Matthew 25: 1-13

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