



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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

Second Sunday In Lent
March 16, 2025

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

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

LBW 479

*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.

*LENTEN KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

[B] 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.

[B] 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. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. [B] A - men

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

[B] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, look upon the desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 26: 8-15 (ESV)

⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!" ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 4

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

4 Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

5 Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

7 You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3: 17- 4:1 (ESV)

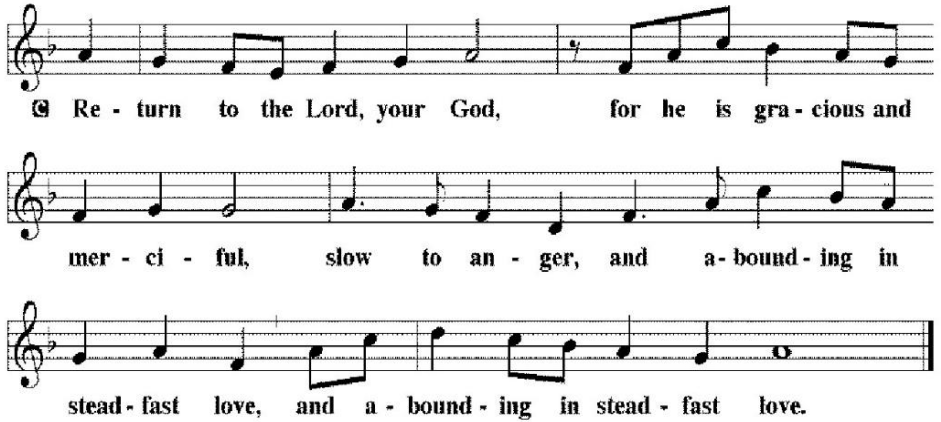
¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The Word of God for the people of God!

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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 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 13: 31-35 (ESV)

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“*Mother Hen*”

PASTOR MARTY RAMEY

*SERMON HYMN

“*There Is A Green Hill Far Away*”

LBW 114

***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

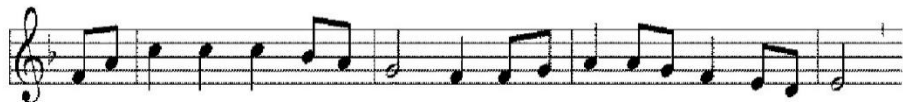
*THE OFFERTORY



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**

*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 Memory of JB Faggart on his birthday by Jane Faggart and family.

We wish to thank Leonard Campbell for serving as our Accompanist today.

NOAH (Prayer Shawl) will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 PM.

Easter Lilies and Geraniums will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, the cost is \$13.00 for Lillies and \$15.00 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 **April 6th**.

We are excited to announce a new church cookbook has been approved. Woo-hoo! But now we need your help! Please submit up to 4 recipes per person. Categories can include but are not limited to: side dishes, crock pot, air fryer, desserts, etc. Your favorite dishes or a throwback to a classic. We can't wait to see what you submit! Please submit recipes by **April 27th to Kristi or Gail**.

Wednesday Night Lenten Study: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

A Bible Study on the Meaning of Christ's Sacrifice

March 12th: Lamb of God – The Cross as Atonement

March 19th: A Ransom for Many – The Cross as Redemption

March 26th: See What Love – The Cross as Demonstration

April 2nd: The Happy Exchange – The Cross as Investment

April 9th: Father Forgive Them – The Cross as Reconciliation and Victory

Weekly Offering Report For:	<u>Week No: 10</u>	<u>Date: March 9, 2025</u>
2025 Weekly Needs:	\$3,989.43	YTD Budget Needs: \$39,894.30
<u>Last Week</u>		

General Tithes Received \$3,160.00 YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$35,859.00

Last week (Deficit) (\$829.43) YTD (Deficit) (\$4,035.30)



March 16, 2025

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 at 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

Kay Barbee; Joey Barrier (Testing); Chuck Drye; Dorothy Goodman; Harry 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; Atlas Baucom; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain; Bill Carpenter; Pastor Randall Cauble; Luke Cranford; Brynn Fesler; Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; Marty Gandy (Mother of David Gandy – fell and broke her ankle & had to have surgery); David Goforth; Lee Goforth; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston; Melanie Hudson; Jane Jansen; Natalie Justice; Melissa Krumbien; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams (Co-worker of Gail Leonard – Kidney failure testing for kidney replacement or will need dialysis); Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Recent flood victims

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

Today – March 16, 2025

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

THIS WEEK

MON 6:30 PM NOAH Prayer Shawl

WED: 7:00 PM Lenten service
(in the Parish Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday In Lent

Ezekiel 33: 7-20

Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

St Luke 13: 1-9

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