

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

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

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 you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Worship The King"

LBW 548

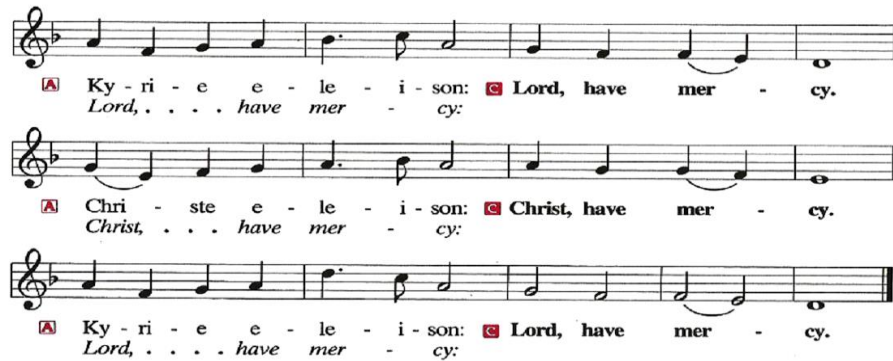
verses 1-4

* 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

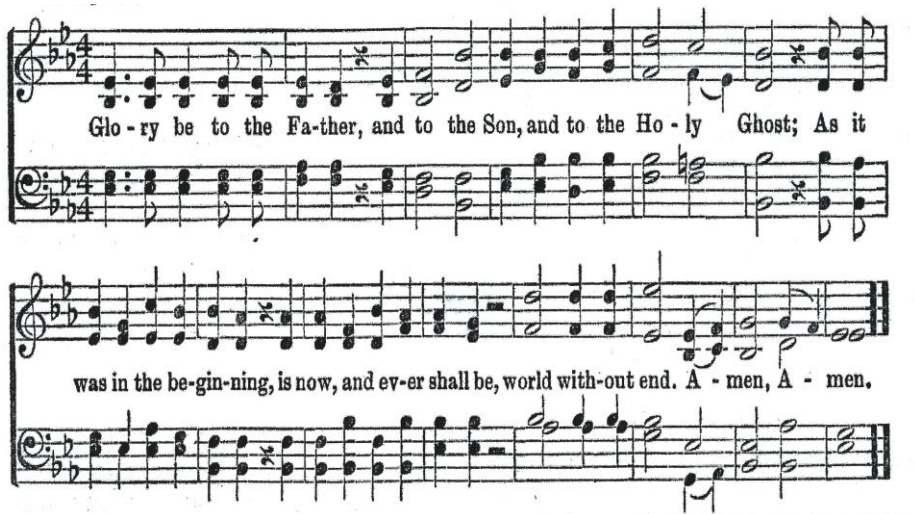


Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
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*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. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation:

Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3: 13-18 (ESV)

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

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

PSALM 46

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ **Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 13-20 (ESV)

³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of God for the people of God!
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. Luke, the 23rd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 23: 27-43 (ESV)**

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

"Come Thou Almighty King"

LBW 522

*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

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, 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**

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** *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* **LBW 170**
(verses 1-4)

***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 Elmer and Efford Bost by their family.

November Newsletter articles are due **Today**.

Our Christmas tree will arrive on **Friday November 25th at 4pm**. Strong men, we need your help! If you are willing to help get the tree into the church we will be here ready with it at 4pm. Please let Kristi know if you are planning to assist ASAP. This process does not take long we just need the strength!!

Join us in decorating our Christmon Tree on **Saturday November 26th at 10 AM**. The more hands the faster it goes! Have kids, bring them along too we always need help. If you can attend, please let Kristi know ASAP.

The congregation is invited to a baby shower for Matt and Kristi Drye on **December 3rd, 2-4pm** in the Parish Hall. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart.

The **Annual Congregational Christmas Party** will be **December 4th** after the worship service. We will also be recognized newly baptized members and new members. Menu is spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert along with door prizes too. Please plan to come out and enjoy the fellowship.

Funeral Meals: Due to the busy schedules of many in our congregation and due to the Covid pandemic, the Bereavement Committee has decided it would be best to cater future funeral meals. We are asking all members of the congregation to please donate money to the bereavement fund to offset the cost. You can designate the money to go to the bereavement fund on the envelope. With everyone's help we can continue to best serve these grieving families.

THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE

Planned Practice Schedule

Sunday, November 20	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 23	NO PRACTICE
Sunday, November 27	NO PRACTICE
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 4	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 11	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 – 7:30
Thursday, December 15	6:00 – 8:00 (DRESS REHEARSAL)
Saturday, December 17	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #1)
Sunday, December 18	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #2)



November 20, 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

Marilyn Barringer; Coy Edgison; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Linda Horton (surgery recovery); Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube; Geneva Amanda Sverko; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Pastor Steve Rhodes

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; Ronnie Boger; LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Terry Earnhardt; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart (Brain cancer has returned – Surgery at Baptist Hospital on 11/22/2022); Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimming; Mary Kunze; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson; Brian Seagraves; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
All were impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

Praise List:

Ronnie Barrier – Appreciates all the congregation's prayers during the recent surgery and recovery.

Geneva Amanda Sverko - The family appreciates all of the prayers and support during her hospital stay and recovery from RSV.

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

Today – November 20, 2022

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM
Family Worship Service 10:00 AM
PLAY PRACTICE 4-5:30 PM

This Week

WED: NO Children Play Practice
THURS: Happy Thanksgiving

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Holy Communion Service
NO Children Play Practice

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday In Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
St. Luke 21: 25-36

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