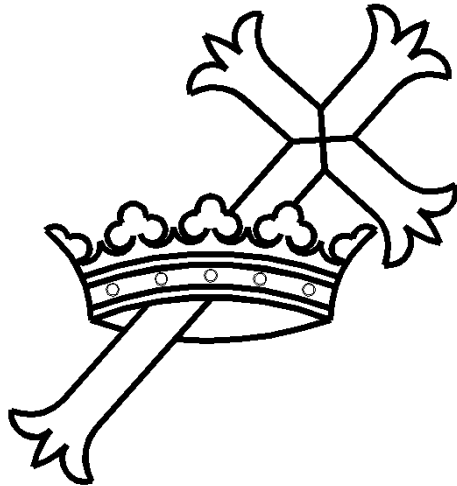


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
January 30, 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     ***“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”***     **LBW 543**

\*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.**

\*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,  
**you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your son our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 71: 1-11**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame!

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;**

**incline your ear to me, and save me!**

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,

to which I may continually come;

you have given the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> **Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;**

**you are he who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

<sup>7</sup> I have been as a portent to many,

but you are my strong refuge.

<sup>8</sup> **My mouth is filled with your praise,**

**and with your glory all the day.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

forsake me not when my strength is spent.

<sup>10</sup> **For my enemies speak concerning me;**

**those who watch for my life consult together**

<sup>11</sup> and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him,  
for there is none to deliver him."

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31B – 13:13 (ESV)**

And I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>13</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to

be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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 4th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 4: 31-44 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup> and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup> And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no

harm. <sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. <sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup> And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup> but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” <sup>44</sup> And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer”*

**LBW 343**

\* Affirmation of Baptism

**LBW 198**

And Welcoming of New Members

GIVING 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

*“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

**LBW 260**

\*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 by the congregation.

With joy and thanksgiving we receive and welcome 4 new members today. Daniel and Amanda Holder and their children Caydee and Mason, are received by transfer and affirmation of the faith. We welcome them into the fellowship of Cross of Christ! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**Blood Drive** at Rimer Fire Dept., today January 30<sup>th</sup> , 1 PM to 5:30 PM with American Red Cross.

The **2022 Altar flower calendar** has been placed in the mailroom. Please add the person’s name and in memory or honor of and reason ei: birthday, anniversary, etc.

**CSI Youth** members are invited to attend a Bowling/Christmas/Valentines Party!

Where: Stars and Strikes

When: Febuary 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

Who: you and a friend/boyfriend/parent

Youth member and one friend will be paid for by CSI. RSVP by 1/30 to Kristi

Parents and/or congregation members are welcome to join (\$28/person includes dinner, unlimited soft drinks, 1 bumper cars, bowling for 2 hrs and a \$10 arcade voucher). If you would like to join and just bowl, please let Kristi know.



**January 30, 2022**

*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; Doug Bell (Health and Safety in Beijing, China for the Olympics until the end of February); Kevin Blackburn; Kelly Caudle; Susan Caudle (Kidney Stone); Matt and Kristi Drye; John Faggart; Candice Horton; Roger & Linda Horton; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Gail Leonard; Heather, Jerry Reynolds and newborn son Jack; Katelyn Strube and newborn Greta; John Trull; Dot Weast

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Walter Nagel (Grandfather of Niki Sverko)  
Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;  
Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger;  
David Leonard; Ensley Morgan; Diane and Steve Parker; Susan Starling;  
Connie Walters; Ben Weast

**General Prayer Concerns**

Those impacted by COVID

**Cross of Christ Shut-In**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

**Today – January 30, 2022**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

Isaiah 6: 1-13  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 14: 12b- 20  
St. Luke 5: 1-11

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